

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

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The 10:15 a.m. service will be livestreamed and posted today on our YouTube channel and our website.

The Baptism of Our Lord, January 7, 2024, 10:15 a.m. - Online Edition

** = Please stand as you are able All congregational responses are in bold*

Welcome to Muddy Creek!

Announcements, Waving Hello

Prelude: *Deep River*.....arr. J. Raney

*Confession and Forgivenesspages 94 – 96

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

L: Most merciful God, C: **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. C: **Amen**

*Gathering Hymn: “Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death”.....#452

1. Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light; so learn his love, its length and breadth, its fullness, depth, and height.
 2. To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear release, to give the Spirit’s unity, the very bond of peace.
 3. There is one body and one hope, one Spirit and one call, one Lord, one faith and one baptism, one God who made us all.
 4. Then walk in love as Christ as loved, who died that he might save; with kind and gentle hearts forgive as God in Christ forgave.
 5. For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife.
- Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

*Greeting L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: **And also with you**.....page 203

*Kyrie.....page 203

1. Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word, it saves us from despair.

2. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us in your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

*Canticle of Praise ("Come, let us join...").....page 204

1. Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
2. "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be exalted thus!"
"Worthy the Lamb", our lips reply, "for he was slain for us!"
3. Jesus is worthy to receive honor and pow'r divine;
And blessings, more than we can give, be, Lord, forever thine.
4. Let all creation join in one to bless the sacred name
of God who sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb.

*Prayer of the Day

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 (Congregational responses in bold)

¹Ascribe to the ¹LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo-¹ry and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory ¹due God's name;**
worship the LORD in the beau-¹ty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of ¹glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the ¹mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow-¹erful voice;**
the voice of the LORD is a ¹voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the ¹cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce-¹dars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip ¹like a calf,**
and Mount Hermon like a ¹young wild ox.

⁷The voice ¹of the LORD
bursts forth in ¹lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD ¹shakes the wilderness;**
the LORD shakes the wilder-¹ness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the ¹forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are ¹crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned a-¹bove the flood;**
the LORD sits enthroned as king for-¹evermore.

¹O LORD, give strength ¹ to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- ¹ ings of peace.

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

*Gospel Acclamation:page 205
(**Alleluia. Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**)

*Gospel: Mark 1:4-11 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

L: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: “Baptized in Water”#456

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God’s praise we sing.
2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God’s praise we sing.
3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God’s children, Joyfully now God’s praise we sing.

Reception of Richard Yerger into Membership.....p. 234

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended to heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

L: People of God, do you promise to support this brother and pray for him in his life in Christ? If so, please say, “We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.” C: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

L: Let us rejoice with this brother in Christ. C: **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*Thanksgiving for Offering C: **We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be; All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**
(Offering to Muddy Creek or Disaster Relief may be contributed online through the church website, mclchurch.org, “Give Online” button on the home page.)

*Hymn #752 (“**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.**”)

*Prayers of the Church P: Lord, in your mercy C: **Hear our prayer**

Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving.....p. 206

L: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.** L: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.** L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy.....p. 207

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might, heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer.....page 208

Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution of Communion

(Note for online followers – Prefilled grape juice and wafer kits are available from the table under the mailboxes for use at home as you follow along with Communion. Or, feel free to use your own wine/juice and bread from home.)

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Communion Sending Prayer

*Blessing C: **Amen** (sung response)

*Sending Song: "Remember and Rejoice".....#454

1. Remember and rejoice, renewed by floods of grace.
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ, that time cannot erase.
2. In life, in death, we trust in God's most holy name,
forever traced by water sign, and sealed by Spirit flame.
3. We pledge ourselves anew to flee the lures of hell,
to cling to Christ's community, in justice, peace, to dwell.
4. God, bless us by your grace; remind us of your care.
Renewing Spirit, fill us now, inspire our work, our prayer.
5. Remember and rejoice, renewed by floods of grace.
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ, that time cannot erase.

*Dismissal P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord! C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *On Our Way Rejoicing*..... F. Havergal

Announcements

Welcome to everyone, especially all visitors and guests! If you are visiting today, it would be really appreciated if you would fill out the yellow card in your pew and put it in the offering box or give it to the pastor. Welcome!

Invitation to Communion for Online Participants:

You are invited to participate in Holy Communion as you follow along online. If you would like to pick up prefilled home communion kits of wafers and grape juice in order to participate online in Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month, please contact Pastor Peter or pick them up yourself from the box on the table under the church mailboxes. Or, feel free to use your own wine/juice and bread from home.

Offering may be contributed online through the church website (mclchurch.org) "Give Online" button on the home page.

Today We Rejoice to Receive Richard Yerger as a Member of Muddy Creek. Welcome Rich!

Food Collection for Peter's Porch: Today (the first Sunday of the month), we are collecting food for our local food pantry, Peter's Porch. Food may be placed in any of the marked collection bins in the entrances.

The 2023 Giving Statements and 2024 Offering Envelopes are in the Church Mailboxes:

For those who use offering envelopes to contribute to Muddy Creek, don't forget to check your church mailboxes for your 2023 giving statement and 2024 envelopes. If you did not receive a 2023 giving statement but would like one, please contact Nedra Bearinger. Reminder: Your mailbox is below your name.

Disaster Relief Mission Trip to Port Charlotte, FL, April 28 - May 4. The Planning Meeting Scheduled for Today at 2 PM at Luther Acres Has Been Canceled Due to the Weather:

Interested in participating in the upcoming Disaster Relief Mission Trip to Port Charlotte (Ft. Myers area), Florida on April 28 - May 4, 2024? This area was devastated by Hurricane Ian in

September of 2022, and our mission trip participants will be fixing houses that were flooded. A group from local Lutheran congregations, including Muddy Creek, will be flying down to Fort Myers with mission trip organizer Pastor Glenn Beard. The participants will be staying in two bunkhouses at Wintergarden Presbyterian Church in Port Charlotte. Because of the sleeping accommodations, the group will be limited in size to 16 women and 16 men. So sign up early if you are interested! The roster will be finalized in early February. If you are interested in going on the trip, email Pastor Beard at GBeard@luthercare.org to get forms to register. The planning meeting scheduled for today at Luther Acres has been canceled due to the weather.

The Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup is next Sunday, Jan. 14 at 9 a.m. in the nursery. The theme is “Praise Parade”! All families with young children (babies, toddlers, preschoolers) invited.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 4 immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service. Please come out to help us achieve our needed quorum. A Congregational Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall will follow the meeting. Everyone is invited!

The Altar Flowers Today are given in memory of Nancy Brendle by Pat Brendle and Kim Eshleman.

The Sign Up for Flower Sponsorships on Sundays is on the table outside Pastor Peter’s office. If you wish, you may sponsor flowers in honor or in memory of someone. Cost is \$45.

In our Prayers: Linnny Ansel, Gloria Aseli, Dorothy Beam, Tom Carretta, Anne Kinnamon, Joyce Keith, Bill Lausch, the Martin family, Helen Martin, Katie McCalicher, Mary Miller, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, Paul Moyer, Betty Ramsey, Tom and Audrey Riggle, Joanne Saylor, the Saylor family, the family of Grace Schanz who died on Tuesday, Becky Thunberg, Jim Weber, Sev Yerger

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance Dec. 31, 9:00 a.m. – 55, Online Views – 34

Received through end of Nov.: \$160,956.40

Expenses thru Nov.: \$188,716.29

Received on Dec. 31: \$1,212,75

Received Dec. to date: \$25,162.19

Worship Helpers Today:

Bread Baker - Marliese Smith, 8:00 am Communion Assistant - Scott Strickland

10:15 am Communion Assistant and Acolyte - Mason Sheaffer

10:15 am Lay Reader – Brad Rauch 10:15 am Cantor - Hollie Kemper

10:15 am Money Counters - Brenda Berger, Judy Nichol, Audrey Noll

10:15 A.M. Worship Helpers Next Sunday, Jan. 14th:

Acolyte - Sophia Dimitris

Lay Reader - Fred Hainley

Cantor - Pastor Peter

Money Counters - Ray and Susan Sweigart