

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 Facebook Page.

The Baptism of Our Lord, January 8, 2023, 10:15 a.m.

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

Welcome to Muddy Creek! Masks are currently optional for worship.

Announcements, Dedication of Prayer Shawls, Waving Hello

Prelude – *On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry*.....M. Archer

*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.**

*Opening Hymn: “Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God”.....#458

1. Praise and thanksgiving be to God our maker, source of all blessing, prodigal creator.

Baptized and made your own, now we come before you, and we adore you.

2. Not our own holiness, nor that we have striven brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have given. Baptized and set apart, strengthen us, O Savior, with grace and favor.

3. Come, Holy Spirit, come in visitation; you are the truth, our hope, and our salvation.

Baptize with joy and pow’r, give, O Dove descending, life never ending.

4. Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; one Lord, one faith, one source of ev’ry merit.

Here now renew your church through this symbol given; grant peace from heaven.

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.**

*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 Praisepage 204

1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
2. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high.

*Prayer of the Day **C: Amen**

Choir Anthem – *With Joy You Shall Draw Water*.....M. Haugen

First Bible Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

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

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

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

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

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

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

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

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

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Bible Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." 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: Matthew 3:13-17 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." L: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message
Sermon

*Hymn: “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.

*Apostles’ Creed.....p. 105

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 God 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.**

*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**

*Lord’s Prayer.....page 208

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

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

*Sending Hymn: “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 – *High in the Heavens, Eternal God*.....M. Sinzheimer

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 plate or give it to the pastor. Welcome!

Today in Worship We are Dedicating Prayer Shawls: Please take one or more for anyone you know who might benefit from the warm embrace of God and our prayers. The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group will resume meeting at Yvonne Weaver’s house in the month of March on the 2nd and the 4th Tuesday evenings of each month at 6:30 p.m. All are invited.

The Adult Forum is today at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Pastor Peter will lead a study on “Proverbs vs. Ecclesiastes”. Everyone is invited!

Disaster Relief Mission Trip to Houston, Texas April 16-22, 2023. Anyone interested in going on the trip is invited to come to the planning meeting next Sunday, January 15th at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Luther Acres, 250 St. Luke Drive, Lititz. Spots are filling up quickly. Pastor Glenn Beard, the trip organizer, can take 40 people, and more than 10 have already signed up. If you are interested in going on the trip, email Pastor Beard at GBeard@luthercare.org to get forms to register, or come to the meeting. The cost is \$150 (talk to Pastor Peter if you would like a subsidy for the cost), payable to the “North Lancaster Conference Dean’s Fund”. Pastor Peter and a group from Muddy Creek will be joining together with others from local Lutheran congregations to go on this Mission Trip.

Don’t Forget to Check Your Mailboxes Today before you leave for offering envelopes, cards and notes.

The Next Choir Practice on Thursday Nights at 6:30 p.m. is Thursday, Jan. 26 (the choir will sing on Jan. 29). All are invited to come sing in the choir!

The Next Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup for little ones and their parents will be on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 9:00 a.m. in the nursery. The theme is “Are Tigers Ticklish?”

Annual Congregational Meeting and Luncheon on Jan. 29: Mark your calendars for the Annual Congregational Meeting, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service on January 29! Please come out to help us get our quorum of 40 people for the meeting to discuss the work of our congregation. We will also have a Congregational Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the meeting. Committee Reports for the Bulletin of Reports are due to Pastor Peter by January 8.

Altar Flower Sponsorships in 2023: We are now using a new florist for our altar flowers, since our old florist, Roxanne's, went out of business. The new florist is Denise Beavens of Schaefferstown, with her florist company, Designs by Denise. The cost for altar flower sponsorships has increased slightly to \$45 per Sunday. Bulletin sponsorships are also available for \$15. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers or bulletins on any Sunday (they can also be given in honor or memory of someone), please sign up in the binder outside Pastor Peter's office. Payment can be given to Muddy Creek Lutheran Church.

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

The Bulletins Today are also given in memory of Nancy Brendle by Pat Brendle and Kim Eshleman.

In our Prayers: Gloria Aseli, Lesia Aungst, Dorothy Beam, Curtis and Faith Beck, Elsie Becker, Alex Harding, Pat Kagarise, Tina Lavrenchuk, the Martin family, Mary Miller, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, George Nagle, Betty Ramsey, the Riggle family, Walt Siegel, Lucy Snader, Becky Thunberg, Harold Weinhold, Michael Weinhold.

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance Jan. 1: 9:00 a.m. – 39, YouTube and Facebook – 60

Received through end of Nov.: \$148,931.63 Expenses thru Nov.: \$188,947.67

Received on Jan. 1: \$1,944.55

Received Jan. to date: \$1,944.55

The Air Conditioning Fund is Now Closed: Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to it! Due to your generosity, we were able to collect a total of \$11,513.10 towards the cost of Air Conditioning Project. Contributions for future projects may now be given to the Improvement Fund.

Worship Helpers Today:

10:15 a.m. Acolyte: Zach Sheaffer

10:15 a.m. Lay Reader: Will Wood

10:15 a.m. Cantor: Pastor Peter

10:15 a.m. Money Counters: Linda Gerhart, Hollie Kemper

Worship Helpers Next Sunday, Jan. 15:

10:15 a.m. Acolyte: Cannon Youndt

10:15 a.m. Lay Reader: Doris Rauch

10:15 a.m. Cantor: David Sensenig

10:15 a.m. Money Counters: June and Neal Leid