

**Muddy Creek Lutheran Church**  
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**Celebrating 290 Years!**

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

*19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, Oct. 16, 2022, 10:15 a.m., Online Version*

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

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

Announcements, Waving Hello

Prelude: *And Can It Be?*.....T. Campbell

\*Gathering Hymn: "O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate" .....#722

- 1. O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain.  
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain.  
The heart of God, the heart of Christ, combined in perfect rhyme,  
to write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.
  
- 2. As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
so may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find.  
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,  
and help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.
  
- 3. O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,  
that joined by faith with your great heart become love's open doors.  
We are your body risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.
  
- 4. O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall,  
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all:  
come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways,  
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!

\*Greeting C: **And also with you** .....page 138

\*Kyrie.....page 138

- L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- L: Help, save comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.**

\*Canticle of Praise .....page 139

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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

First Bible Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

<sup>22</sup>The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 121 (Congregational responses in bold)

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes | to the hills;

from where is my | help to come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes | from the LORD,**  
**the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your | foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**  
**will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD watches | over you;  
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;

<sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike | you by day,**  
**nor the | moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you | from all evil  
and will | keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,**  
**from this time forth for- | evermore.**

Second Bible Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to

instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

\*Gospel Acclamation: .....page 142  
(**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia**)

\*Gospel: Luke 18:1-8 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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

Children’s Message

Sermon

Thanksgiving for Offerings

\*Hymn of the Day: “Let Justice Flow Like Streams”.....#717

1. Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure,  
enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.
2. Let righteousness roll on as other’s care we heed,  
an ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed.
3. So may God’s plumb line straight, define our measure true,  
and justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.

\*Apostles’ Creed.....page 105

\*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 145

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

\*Sending Hymn: “We Are Called” .....#720

1. Come, live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

2. Come, open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless, so hatred and blindness will be no more.  
We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other, as sisters and brothers united in love.  
We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

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

Postlude – *Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus*.....G. Webb

### **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!

**Don't Miss All Saints Sunday on November 6<sup>th</sup>!** At both services on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to come and remember all loved ones in your life who have passed away (in any year) with a special candle lighting ceremony in the pews. We will also toll the chimes and specially remember all those from Muddy Creek who passed away since All Saints Day last year, and celebrate Holy Communion. Don't miss this moving service! (Note: This is also the Sunday that clocks change back one hour.)

#### **Can You Help Tie Prayers on to Prayer Squares or Sign Cards for Stockings for Soldiers?**

If you are able to help, please pick up a bag of 100 prayers squares and tags from under the mailboxes, tie the laminated prayers on, and return them so that we can send them to deployed Pennsylvania military personnel through the Stockings for Soldiers program. Please see Judy Dengler if you have any questions. In the past five years, our congregation has made and sent nearly 20,000 prayer squares! Also, please pick up Christmas cards to write a note on and sign for a soldier, and return the cards back to the church.

**Jesus 'n Me Playgroup is Next Sunday:** Next Sunday, Oct. 23, at 9:00 a.m. in the nursery, all babies/toddlers/preschoolers and their parents/caregivers are invited to the Jesus 'n Me Playgroup. You are invited to bring along your pets from home, if that works for you, because the theme is "Thank You God For Pets"! We'll have songs, stories, and craft as we celebrate our pet friends!

**Choir Rehearsals** are twice a month on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The next rehearsal is this Thursday Oct. 20, and the choir will sing in church on Oct. 23. Everyone invited to sing!

**For Those Who Follow the Service Online at Any Time:** A special online edition (including words of the hymns and liturgy) of the 10:15 a.m. bulletin is now available on the home page of the church website, [mclchurch.org](http://mclchurch.org). These bulletins will be then cached under the “What’s Happening” tab so that they may be used in conjunction with any previous services that are stored on our Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube channel. To give offering online, you may use the “Give Online” icon on our website homepage. To obtain home communion sets of grape juice and wafers that you may use to receive communion as you follow along with any communion service, please contact Pastor Peter.

**There are no Prayer Shawl Knitting Gatherings** during the month of October.

**In our Prayers:** Gloria Aseli, Lesia Aungst, Dorothy Beam, the Dalo family, the family of Bill Gehman at his death (cousin of Joyce Litzenberger), Elaine Gehman, Fred Hainley, Alex Harding, Darla Heckman, Pat Kagarise, Tina Lavrenchuk, the Martin family, Sandy Miles, Mary Miller, David Moodhart, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, Paul Moyer, George Nagle, Betty Ramsey, Bev Rightnour, the Riggle family, the family of Millie Shober at her death last Sunday, Walt Siegel, Lucy Snader, Janet Sweigart, Becky Thunberg, Jim and Mary Ann Weber, Harold Weinhold, Michael Weinhold.

**Attendance and Giving:**

Attendance Oct. 9: 8:00 a.m. – 23, 10:15 a.m. – 57, Online (YouTube and Facebook) - 61  
 Received through end of Sept.: \$125,371.75      Expenses thru Sept.: \$151,304.78  
 Received on Oct. 9: \$3,452.55      Received Oct. to date: \$5,889.10  
 Air Conditioning Fund Total as of Oct. 9 (donations still gratefully accepted): \$9,148.10

**Worship Helpers Today:**

10:15 a.m. Acolyte: Mason Sheaffer      10:15 a.m. Lay Reader:  
 10:15 a.m. Cantor: Pastor Peter      10:15 a.m. Money Counters: Jim Weber, Jane Wenger

**Worship Helpers Next Sunday (Oct. 23):**

10:15 a.m. Acolyte: Sophia Dimitris      10:15 a.m. Lay Reader:  
 10:15 a.m. Cantor: Gail Bare      10:15 a.m. Money Counters: Lori and Mike Martin