# 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.

***17th Sunday after Pentecost, October 2, 2022, 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, Waving Hello

Prelude*: My Tribute*.……...………….……………...……..........................................…A. Crouch

\*Gathering Hymn: “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” ……………………………….......#883

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

\*Kyrie……………………………………………………………………………….…….page 138

\*Canticle of Praise (“This is the feast…”)………….………….….….……………...…...page 140

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

First Bible Reading: Habbakuk 1:1-4, 2-4  
 1The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. 2O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? 3Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. 4So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous - therefore judgment comes forth perverted.  
 2:1I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. 2Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.  
3For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. 4Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

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

Psalm 37:1-9 (Congregational responses in bold)

1Do not be provoked by **|** evildoers;  
  do not be jealous of those **|** who do wrong.  
 2**For they shall soon wither | like the grass,**  
  **and like the green grass | fade away.**  
 3Put your trust in the Lord**|** and do good;  
  dwell in the land and **|** find safe pasture.  
 4**Take delight | in the Lord,**  
  **who shall give you your | heart’s desire.**  
 5Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust **|** in the Lord,  
  and see what **|** God will do.  
 6**The Lord will make your vindication as clear | as the light**  
  **and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.**  
 7Be still before the Lord and wait **|** patiently.  
  Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in **|** evil schemes.  
 8**Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;**  
  **do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.**  
 9For evildoers shall **|** be cut off,  
  but those who hope in the Lord shall pos- **|** sess the land.

Second Bible Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

1Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, 2To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 3I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 4Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 5I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. 6For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; 7for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.  
 8Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, 9who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, 12and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. 13Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 14Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. 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 17:5-6 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

5The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” 6The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.” L: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”...…………..….................……………....#759

\*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**

Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving……………………………………………………………..………….p. 144

Proper Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy………………………………………………………………………...…p. 144

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer…………………………………………………………………...………..page 145

Distribution of Communion (please come up the center aisle beginning with the front pews)

\*Post-Communion Blessing

\*Communion Sending Prayer

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

\*Sending Hymn: “On What Has Now Been Sown” ……………………...……………..…....#550

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

Postlude – *Send Forth, O God, Thy Light and Truth*……………………………………..G. Fink

**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!

**Invitation to Communion:** Everyone is invited to receive communion today by coming up the center aisle beginning with the front pews, taking an empty glass for wine or a pre-filled glass with white grape juice. You may kneel or stand at the communion rail. Please hold out your hands to receive the bread from the pastor (if you want a gluten-free wafer, please tell the pastor). Then, receive and drink the wine poured into your glass from the Communion Assistant. If you have opted for a pre-filled glass of grape juice, you may drink it when the Communion Assistant comes to you. Please return to your seats by either outside aisle. If you would prefer to have communion in your pew, please inform an usher.

**Adult Forum Today:** At 9:00 a.m. today in the Fellowship Hall downstairs, we will have the first Adult Forum of the Fall. The topic, led by Pastor Peter, is “Widows in the Bible”. This Forum was rescheduled from September.

**Everyone Invited to Assemble School Kits Today: I**mmediately following the 10:15 a.m. service today, everyone from the congregation is invited to help assemble School Kits. The school kits will be sent through Lutheran World Relief to children in countries in the Developing World. Everyone is invited! The kit assembly will take place in the sanctuary. A big thank you to everyone who so generously contributed supplies for the kits!

**Next Sunday is Homecoming 290!** All present and past participants of Muddy Creek Lutheran Church are invited to a Homecoming Celebration next Sunday, October 9 at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services. This is part of this year’s 290th anniversary of Muddy Creek (founded in 1732). We will also celebrate “Harvest Home” as part of the Homecoming. We will have special refreshments, name tags and a chancel display as we welcome everyone back home. Please pass on word of the invitation to any former Muddy Creek members you know!

**Thank You to Everyone for Bringing in Food for the Harvest Home Display:** Thank you to everyone for bringing in canned goods and other food for the Harvest Home Display at the Homecoming next week. All the collected food will be given to Peter’s Porch, a food bank we help support at Faith United Lutheran Church in Denver. A special thank you to Jeanette Leid for arranging the display.

**Can You Help Tie Prayers on to Prayer Squares 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. 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!

**Thank You to MGS**, the trailer manufacturing business next to the church whom we allow to park in our parking lot. They have generously re-paved half of the lower parking lot for us, and have paid for everything. They will re-pave the other half of the lot next year. Thank you, MGS!

**Choir Rehearsals** are now twice a month on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The next rehearsal is this Thursday Oct. 6, and the choir will sing in church on Oct. 9 for the Homecoming.

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

**The Altar Flowers Today** are given by Audrey and Roger Noll.

**In our Prayers**: Gloria Aseli, Lesia Aungst, Dorothy Beam, Lydia Bearinger, the family of Walter Buohl who passed away, the Dalo family, the family of Sister Phyllis Enck who passed away, Cindy Frankhouser, 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, the Riggle family, Millie Shober, Walt Siegel, Lucy Snader, Janet Sweigart, Becky Thunberg, Harold Weinhold, Michael Weinhold, the family of Gerald Wingenroth who passed away.

**Attendance and Giving:**

Attendance Sept. 25: 8:00 a.m. – 22, 10:15 a.m. – 39

Received through end of August: $105,630.58 Expenses thru August: $137,389.21

Received on Sept. 25: $3,546.55 Received Sept. to date: $13,173.65

Air Conditioning Fund Total as of Sept. 25 (donations still gratefully accepted): $7,993.10

**Worship Helpers Today:**

Bread Baker: Marliese Smith 8 a.m. Communion Assistant: Scott Strickland

10:15 a.m. Communion Assistant and Acolyte:

10:15 a.m. Lay Reader: Hollie Kemper 10:15 a.m. Cantor: Greg Gehman

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

**Worship Helpers Next Sunday (Oct. 9):**

10:15 a.m. Acolyte: 10:15 a.m. Lay Reader: Jill Youndt

10:15 a.m. Cantor: Hollie Kemper 10:15 a.m. Money Counters: David and June Sloat