

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.

22nd Sunday After Pentecost, October 20, 2024, 10:15 a.m. - Online Edition

* = Please stand as you are able All congregational responses are in **bold**
(Young Families: There are two “activity boxes” for children located under the ushers’ bench at the rear of the sanctuary.)

Welcome to Muddy Creek!
Announcements, Good Morning/Waving Hello
Prelude: *O Word of God Incarnate*.....German Hymnbook
*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: “Let All Things Now Living”#881
1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days,
God’s banners are o’er us, God’s light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.
2. God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: “To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”

*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 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: **Amen.**

*Canticle of Praise (“Glory to God in the highest...”).....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**

Special Music: “*That Beautiful Name*”arr. T. Smith
performed by Greg Gehman on the piano

First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;

because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

Psalm 91:9-16 (Congregational responses in bold)

⁹Because you have made the ¹LORD your refuge,

and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation**

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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: Mark 10:35-45 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them,

and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.” L: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message
Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”#659

1. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav’lers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I’ll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we’ve seen this journey through.

5. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

*The Apostles’ Creed

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 into 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.

*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**

*Lord’s Prayer.....page 145

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.

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

*Sending Song: “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”#551

1. The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus’ name

to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

2. We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free; where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

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

Postlude: *We've a Story to Tell to The Nations*.....H. E. Nichol
Immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service, you are invited to stay in the sanctuary for a time of fellowship and refreshments, courtesy today of Sandy Schutter and Kathleen Ebling. Thanks!

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!

Notes for Online Participants:

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

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Sunday School for all preschoolers to Grade 6 continues today and every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Sunday School room.

Dave Emrhein to Present on "Medical Ethics" at Today's Adult Forum: Today at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Dave Emrhein will present on the topic of "Medical Ethics". Dave, a long-time participant at Muddy Creek, is a medical ethicist at a hospital. We are honored that he is willing to share about his work and about the fascinating and unique challenges posed by everyday medical situations in terms of ethical considerations. Come to the Adult Forum! Everyone is invited!

You are Invited to the Property Committee Meeting this Wed. October 23: Everyone is invited to a reorganizational meeting of the Property Committee this Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to the many people who already volunteered to serve on the Property Committee and to the numerous people who volunteered to help with property tasks through the survey and at the Volunteer Fair. We appreciate it so much! All interested people are invited to come on Wednesday!

The Blessings of Hope Food-Packing Volunteer Outing is tomorrow evening, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Please meet at 6:15 p.m. at the warehouse at 500 Becker Road in Brownstown/Oregon. Wear

your Muddy Creek T-Shirts! Thanks to the 26 people who signed up to come to this serving event which is sponsored by our Social Ministry Committee.

Upcoming Worship:

Next Sunday, Oct. 27 - Reformation Sunday

Sunday, Nov. 3 - All Saints Sunday (special remembrance of those who have passed away)

Don't forget to move your clocks back one hour as this is when Daylight Savings Time ends!

To Contribute to Hurricane Milton and Hurricane Helene Relief Efforts through Lutheran Disaster Response, please designate a specific offering contribution as "Hurricane Disaster Relief", or else go to the homepage on the church website, melchurch.org, click on the "Give Securely Online" button, and then select "Lutheran U.S. Disaster Response". You may also volunteer to help with Hurricane Relief in Florida in person (see the next announcement below).

Sign Up for the Upcoming Disaster Relief Mission Trip on April 6-12, 2025! Planning Meeting is on Sunday, Nov. 10 (Please Note Change of Date) at 2 pm at Luther Acres: If you are interested in participating in the upcoming Disaster Relief Mission Trip, April 6-12, 2025, please come to the planning meeting on Sunday, Nov. 10 (please note change of date) at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Luther Acres, 600 E. Main St in Lititz (the Community Room is on St. John's Circle - follow the signs), or contact Pastor Glenn Beard at GBeard@luthercare.org. The participants of this yearly mission trip come from local Lutheran (and a few other) churches in Lancaster County and in our synod.

Benefit Breakfast for the Disaster Relief Response Team: On Saturday, November 16th, the Kitchen Crew at Swamp Lutheran Church, 275 Swamp Church Road, Reinholds, will be hosting a buffet breakfast from 7-10 a.m. All donations from the breakfast will support the work and ministry of the Lower Susquehanna Synod Disaster Response Team.

The Altar Flowers Today are given by Nedra Bearinger in honor of all October anniversaries.

The Sign Up for Altar Flower Sponsorships 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.

Upcoming Choir Practice Schedule: You are invited to come practice with the choir on selected Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the choir loft in the sanctuary. Upcoming practices are:

Thurs. Oct. 24 (singing in church on Sun. Oct. 27 - Reformation Sunday)

Thurs. Nov. 7 (singing in church on Sun. Nov. 10)

Thurs. Nov. 21 (singing in church on Sun. Nov. 24)

In Our Prayers: Gloria Aseli, Linny Ansel, Dorothy Beam, Marilyn Brugger, Addison Butch Ebbert, Charlie Fisher, Sara and Ken Frazer, Molly Fritz, the Martin family, Katie McCalicher, Charles Moyer, Paul Moyer, George Nagle, Tom and Audrey Riggle, Joanne Saylor, Mary Ann Seidel, Donald Steinmetz, Becky Thunberg

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance Oct. 13: 8:00 a.m. - 20, 10:15 a.m. - 50, Online views (includes livestream) - 20

Received through end of September: \$179,268.48 (includes a Qualified Charitable Distribution - Thank you!)

Expenses through Sept.: \$146,313.00

Received on Oct. 13: \$1,773.05

Received Oct. to date: \$10,670.30

10:15 AM Worship Helpers Today:

Acolyte - Grace Youndt

Lay Reader - Joe Sanchez

Cantor - Pastor Peter

Money Counters - Ray and Susan Sweigart

10:15 AM Worship Helpers Next Sunday, Oct. 27:

Acolyte -

Lay Reader - Brad Rauch

Cantor - David Sensenig

Money Counters - Linda Gerhart, Hollie Kemper