

**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.**

*20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, Oct. 23, 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: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*.....arr. H. DeCou

Confession and Forgiveness .....pages 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: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” .....#588

1. There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, like the wideness of the sea;  
There’s a kindness in His justice, which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heav’n.  
There is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgment giv’n.
2. There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;  
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in His blood.  
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.
3. For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make this love too narrow by the false limits of our own;  
And we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.

4. 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all;  
greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall.  
Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word,  
and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

\*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: Jeremiah 14:7-9

<sup>7</sup>Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. <sup>8</sup>O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night?

<sup>9</sup>Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

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

Psalm 84:1-7 (Congregational responses in bold)

<sup>1</sup>How dear to me <sup>1</sup>is your dwelling,

O <sup>1</sup>LORD of hosts!

<sup>2</sup>**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts <sup>1</sup>of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the <sup>1</sup>living God.**

<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may <sup>1</sup>lay her young,  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king <sup>1</sup>and my God.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who dwell <sup>1</sup>in your house!**

**They will always be <sup>1</sup>praising you.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are the people whose strength <sup>1</sup>is in you,  
whose hearts are set on the <sup>1</sup>pilgrims' way.

**<sup>6</sup>Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a | place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.**

<sup>7</sup>They will climb from | height to height,  
and the God of gods will be | seen in Zion.

Second Bible Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So, I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 18:9-14 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:<sup>10</sup>“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

Children's Message  
Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day: “Lord, Teach us How to Pray Aright”.....#745

1. Lord, teach us how to pray aright, with reverence and with fear;  
Though dust and ashes in your sight, we may, we must, draw near.
2. We perish if we cease from prayer; oh, grant us pow'r to pray.  
And, when to meet thee we prepare, Lord, meet us on our way.
3. Give deep humility; the sense of godly sorrow give;  
a strong desire, with confidence, to hear your voice and live.
4. Faith in the only sacrifice that can for sin atone,  
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes on Christ, on Christ alone;

5. Give these, and then thy will be done; thus strengthened with all might,  
we, through your Spirit and your Son, shall pray, and pray aright.

\*Thanksgiving for Offering

Baptism of Eloise Grace Kunkle.....page 227

L: People of God, do you promise to support Eloise and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: **We do.**

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 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.**

L: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: Let us welcome our newly baptized sister.

C: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share; join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

\*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 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: "Lead Me, Guide Me" .....#768

Refrain: Lead me, guide me, along the way; for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain)
2. Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.  
I am putting all my trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain)

3. I am lost if you take your hand from me. I am blind without thy light to see.  
Lord, just always let me thy servant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain)

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

Postlude – *My Hope is in the Lord*.....N. Clayton

### 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!

**At the 10:15 A.M. Service Today, We Welcome in Baptism Eloise Grace Kunkle**, daughter of Kristin and Bryan Kunkle and little sister of Madeline Kunkle. Sponsors are Eric Hein and Amanda O'Rourke. Welcome, Elly!

**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!

\*Please pick up Christmas cards to write a note on and sign for a soldier, and return the cards back to the church. Please do not seal the envelopes.

\*Pictures of stockings are available for kids to color and return.

\*Monetary donations to cover the cost of shipping: You may purchase a die-cut stocking for \$5 to write a note on for a soldier, or you may write a check to: Keystone Military Families (include in note section: Stockings for Soldiers). You may put your check or donation in an envelope labeled "c/o Judy Dengler" and put it in her church mailbox.

\*The deadline to complete prayer squares, cards or donations is Sunday, Nov. 6. The prayer squares will be dedicated at the church services on Sunday, Nov. 13.

**Jesus 'n Me Playgroup is Today:** Today 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 a craft as we celebrate our pet friends!

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

**Following the Service Online:**

\*The 10:15 a.m. service is livestreamed online on our Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube channel.

\*The service is then posted on our YouTube Channel, our church website, and our Facebook page.

\*To follow along, 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**. Past and present bulletins can also be found under the “Bulletins” tab on the website.

\*Offering may be given online with the “Give Online” button 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.

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

**In our Prayers:** Gloria Aseli, Lesia Aungst, Dorothy Beam, Clark Bearinger, the Dalo family, 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, Walt Siegel, Lucy Snader, Janet Sweigart, Becky Thunberg, Harold Weinhold, Michael Weinhold.

**Attendance and Giving:**

Attendance Oct. 16: 8:00 a.m. – 21, 10:15 a.m. – 33, Online (YouTube and Facebook) - 35

Received through end of Sept.: \$125,371.75      Expenses thru Sept.: \$151,304.78

Received on Oct. 16: \$1,068.55      Received Oct. to date: \$6,957.65

Air Conditioning Fund Total as of Oct. 16 (donations still gratefully accepted): \$9,163.10

**Worship Helpers Today:**

10:15 a.m. Acolyte: Sophia Dimitris      10:15 a.m. Lay Reader: Brenda Berger

10:15 a.m. Cantor: Gail Bare      10:15 a.m. Money Counters: Lori and Mike Martin

**Worship Helpers Next Sunday (Oct. 30):**

10:15 a.m. Acolyte:      10:15 a.m. Lay Reader: Lynn Breidenstein

10:15 a.m. Cantor: Greg Gehman

10:15 a.m. Money Counters: Linda and Tim Fritz, David Sensenig