

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.

Reformation Sunday, October 27, 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: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*.....M. Luther
*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: “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”#504

- 1. A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
- 2. No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord.
God’s only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.
- 3. Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat’ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.
Let this world’s tyrant rage; in battle we’ll engage! His might is doomed to fail;
God’s judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.

4. God's word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!

*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**

Choir Anthem: "*I'll Walk With God*".....N. Brodsky

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46 (Congregational responses in bold)

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.**

⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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: John 8:31-36 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

Children’s Message

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word".....#517

1. Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who by deceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from your Son and bring to naught all he has done.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are Lord of lords alone; defend your holy church, that we may sing your praise eternally.
3. O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth; support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

*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 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 response)

*Sending Song: "The Church of Christ, In Every Age".....#729

1. The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change, but Spirit led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.
2. Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never lie before they die.
3. Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.
4. For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.
5. We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord; to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.

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

Postlude: *Hail to the Brightness*.....L. Mason
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 Judy Dengler and Karen Oglesby. 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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Today is Reformation Sunday, when we celebrate the founding of the Lutheran denomination and Martin Luther's Reformation of the Roman Catholic Church which began when he posted his 95 Theses on the church door at Wittenburg, Germany, on October 31, 1517 and sent them in a letter to the Archbishop of Mainz. Welcome to worship!

Next Sunday, Nov. 3, is All Saints Sunday. At both worship services, you are invited to a special remembrance of those who have passed away since last All Saints Day, as well as remembering any of your loved ones or friends who passed away in any year by lighting individual candles at your place in the pews.

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

Dedication of the Playground is Next Sunday at Noon. You are invited to a dedication of our newly renovated playground in the Grove next Sunday at noon. We are deeply grateful to Mason Sheaffer for renovating the playground as his Eagle Scout Project. Mason and his team completely replaced two new swingsets, added a new slide, added a captain's wheel and telescope to the Ark, renovated the playground benches, cleaned all the woodwork, replaced borders, weeded and trimmed, and replaced all the mulch. Thank you, Mason!

Jesus 'n Me Playgroup is Next Sunday at 9 A.M. All parents and grandparents with preschoolers, toddlers or babies are invited to come next Sunday to the Jesus 'n Me Playgroup at 9:00 a.m. in the nursery. The theme is "Thank You God for Food" as we celebrate Thanksgiving. Friends are invited.

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

Pack and Take for Muddy Creek Shut-Ins, Older Members is Nov. 10. Following both services on Sunday, Nov. 10, everyone is invited to pack loaves of pumpkin bread and an apple into gifts bags, decorate the bags, and then take one or several bags to deliver to shut-ins and

older members from Muddy Creek (addresses provided) to make their Thanksgiving season a little more special!

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, mclchurch.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 North Carolina in person (see 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. Potentially, participants will go to North Carolina to help with rebuilding after the recent hurricanes.

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 Kathleen Ebling to commemorate Reformation Sunday.

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.

Cemetery Veteran’s Wreath Donations. During November, containers will be provided by the Muddy Creek Cemetery Board for donations to the veteran’s wreath fund for those who would like to contribute. Checks can be made out to Muddy Creek Lutheran Church, and marked with “Cemetery Veteran’s Wreath Donation”. A current list of veterans and the cemetery plot locations will be available near the donation containers.

If you would like to volunteer to help tie the bows on to the wreaths, please come on December 14 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a brief ceremony at the cemetery flagpole and the local scouts placing the wreaths on the veterans’ graves. Contact Judy Nichol, 717-484-1447, jnichol@windstream.net, if you are able to help with this project.

Local AGO Chapter Organ Recital on Nov. 10 at 4:00 P.M. The Lancaster Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) invites you to the Richard E. Fritsch Memorial Organ Recital to be played by Dr. Robert C. Horton. Selections by Franz Liszt and Jehan Alain plus an improvisation on a given melody. The concert will be held at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 750 Greenfield Road, Lancaster.

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. 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, Addison Butch Ebbert, Charlie Fisher, Sara and Ken Frazer, Molly Fritz, Carolyn Kramer, 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. 20: 8:00 a.m. - 18, 10:15 a.m. - 50, Online views (includes livestream) - 24

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

Thank you!)

Expenses through Sept.: \$146,313.00

Received on Oct. 20: \$2,148.58

Received Oct. to date: \$12,818.88

10:15 AM Worship Helpers Today:

Acolyte -

Lay Reader - Brad Rauch

Cantor - David Sensenig

Money Counters - Linda Gerhart, Hollie Kemper

Worship Helpers Next Sunday, Nov. 3:

8:00 am Communion Assistant - Karen Oglesby

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

10:15 am Lay Reader – Fred Hainley

10:15 am Cantor - Gail Bare

10:15 am Money Counters - June and Neal Leid

Bread Baker - Marliese Smith



Place completed form, with money attached, in the marked box on the table under the mailboxes (if using a check, note: poinsettias.)

Deadline for orders is Sunday, December 8, 2024

Cost is \$7.50 (Red or White plant, 5 buds each)

I desire # of plants: Red _____ and/or White _____.

*Everyone is responsible to pick-up the plants they order.
Flowers can be picked up after the Christmas Eve services, or anytime following.*

Plants will be placed in the church by December 22.

If you would like your poinsettia “in honor of” or “in memory of” included in the bulletin, please list below (please print clearly). Please note: Please complete a separate form for each poinsettia purchased (for instance, Do not list “in Honor of” and “in Memory of” on the same form.)

Purchaser’s Name _____

In Honor of _____

By _____

(optional)

In Memory of _____

By _____

(optional)

If you wish to order poinsettias without your name being listed in the bulletin, check here _____



