

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.

Reformation Sunday, Oct. 30, 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: *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 overpow'r 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 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 Praisepage 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: *Sing Ye Joyfully*.....D. Besig

First Bible 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 ref- | uge 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 city 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 Bible 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: “Amazing Grace”#779

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound - that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

*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 may be contributed online through the church website, mclchurch.org, “Give Online”
button on the home page.)

*Apostles' Creed.....page 105
**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.**

*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: “Built on a Rock”#652

1. Built on a rock the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, bells still are chiming and calling -
calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.
2. Surely, in temples made with hands God the Most High is not dwelling -
high in the heav'ns his temple stands, all earthly temples excelling,
Yet God who dwells in heav'n above deigns to abide with us in love,
making our bodies his temple.
3. Christ builds a house of living stones: we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones, granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face, he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.
4. Yet in this house, an earthly frame, Jesus the children is blessing;
hither we come to praise his name, faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent, making with us his covenant,
granting his children the kingdom.
5. Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear your Word, who here this promise is bringing:
"I know my own, my own know me; you, not the world, my face shall see;
my peace I leave with you. Amen."

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

Postlude – *Hail to the Brightness*.....L. Mason

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!

Next Sunday is All Saints Day! At both services on Sunday next Sunday, 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.)

Nov. 6th Food Collection for Peter's Porch: On All Saint's Sunday, Nov. 6th, which is the first Sunday of the month, we will collect food for our local food pantry, Peter's Porch. Donations can be placed in the bins in the sanctuary entrances.

Pack and Take for Muddy Creek Shut-Ins, Older Members on Nov. 13: Following both services on Sunday, Nov. 13, 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 (address provided) to make their Thanksgiving season a little more special!

Congregational Meeting Will Be Sunday, Dec. 4: The Congregational Meeting to approve the 2023 Budget and elect people to serve on Church Council and the Cemetery Board will be held on Sunday, December 4, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service. Please come out so that we may have a quorum. There is no Budget Hearing beforehand this year. If you have any questions about the budget prior to the meeting, please contact Scott Strickland. Copies of the budget will be made available under the church mailboxes.

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.

Adult Forum on “The Book of James” – Sun. Nov. 13, 9 a.m.: On Sunday, November 13 at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Peter will lead an Adult Forum on “The Book of James”. All are invited.

Following the Service Online:

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

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) - 38
 Received through end of Sept.: \$125,371.75 Expenses thru Sept.: \$151,304.78
 Received on Oct. 16: \$2,276.55 Received Oct. to date: \$9,234.20
 Air Conditioning Fund Total as of Oct. 16 (donations still gratefully accepted): \$9,868.10

Worship Helpers Today:

10:15 a.m. Acolyte: Grace Youndt 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

Worship Helpers Next Sunday (Nov. 6, All Saints Day, Clocks Change):

Money Counters – Gail and Ted Bare
 Communion Assistant: 8:00 a.m. - Scott Strickland Bread Baker – Marliese Smith
 Communion Assistant: 10:15 a.m. – Kelby Weaver Acolyte: 10:15 a.m. – Zach Sheaffer
 10:15 a.m. Lay Reader – Will Wood 10:15 a.m. Cantor – Hollie Kemper