

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.

20th Sunday After Pentecost, October 6, 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

*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: “All are Welcome”#641

- 1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions: (Refrain)
Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
- 2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God’s children dare to seek to dream God’s reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God’s grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain)
- 3. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain)
- 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone

to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)

5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and love and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)

*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 ("This is the feast...").....page 140

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, allelulia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
(Refrain)

2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. (Refrain)

3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory,
and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)

4. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)

*Prayer of the Day L: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts
before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes
only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: **Amen**

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

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8 (Congregational responses in bold)

¹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: Hebrew 1:1-4, 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

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 10:13-16 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the

disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Children’s Message
Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: “Now We Join in Celebration”#462

1. Now we join in celebration at our Savior’s invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.

2. Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calv’ry, of your living self, our vict’ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav’nly gladness.

3. Lord, we share in this communion as one fam’ly of God’s children,
reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.

*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**

Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving.....page 144

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

L: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Proper Preface

Holy, Holy, Holypage 144

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

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.

Distribution of Communion/ Participating from home

(Note for online followers – Prefilled grape juice and wafer kits are available from Pastor Peter at any time for use at home as you follow along with Communion from home. Just email, call, or talk to Pastor Peter to get some. Or, if you wish, you may use wine/grape juice and bread from your home.)

*Post Communion Blessing

*Communion Sending Prayer

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

*Sending Song: “Jesus Loves Me!”#595

1. Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;

little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong. (Refrain)

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gate to open wide;

he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. (Refrain)

3. Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;

when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. (Refrain)

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

Postlude

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.

Offering to Muddy Creek or Disaster Relief may be contributed online through the church website, melchurch.org, “Give Online” button on the home page.

Sign Up to Repackage Food at Blessings of Hope on Mon. Oct. 21: Muddy Creek's Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a volunteer opportunity on Mon. Oct. 21 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. We will repackage food at the Blessings of Hope warehouse, 500 Becker Rd., Leola (actually Brownstown/Oregon). If you are interested, please sign up on the clipboard under the mailboxes or contact Pastor Peter. Our group size is limited to 25 people, so please sign up now! We will meet at the warehouse at 6:15 p.m.! Come volunteer!

Jesus 'n Me Playgroup Today: "Thank you God for Pets": You are invited to bring your family pets to the Jesus 'n Me Playgroup today at 9:00 a.m. in the church nursery. All preschoolers, toddlers and babies and their parents and grandparents are invited. We will celebrate the many animal friends God has given us and sing songs such as "God made the fish", and other favorites. Jesus 'n Me will now normally be held on the first Sunday of each month (please note the change). On Nov. 3, we'll celebrate Thanksgiving with "Thank You God for Food."

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

Our Monthly Food Collection For Peter's Porch is Today (the first Sunday of the month). Food items may be placed in any of the marked bins in the entrances. Peter's Porch is our local food pantry, operated out of Faith United Lutheran Church in Denver. Food is distributed and a free hot breakfast is served from 8-10 a.m. on the first Sunday of every month. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pastor Peter or Faith United Church.

Dave Emrhein to Present on "Medical Ethics" at Oct. 20th Adult Forum: On Sunday, October 20th 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!

Sign Up for the Upcoming Disaster Relief Mission Trip on April 6-12, 2025! Planning Meeting is on Sunday, Nov. 3 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. 3 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.

If You Would Like to Donate to Mason Sheaffer's Eagle Scout Project to Upgrade Muddy Creek's Playground, you may do so by going to his GoFundMe page at <https://gofund.me/543e2b2f>, or you may scan the following QR code. Any extra funds will be given back to the church as a donation. Thank you so much, Mason!

Scan to donate



The Altar Flowers Today are given by Brad and Doris Rauch in honor of Waltraut Wegner's (Doris's mom) 89th birthday.

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.

You are Invited to the Property Committee Meeting on Wed. October 23: Everyone is invited to a reorganizational meeting of the Property Committee on Wed. Oct. 23 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 Oct. 23!

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. 10 (singing in church on Sun. Oct. 13)

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, Addison Butch Ebbert, Charlie Fisher, Sara and Ken Frazer, Molly Fritz, Helen Martin, the Martin family, Katie McCalicher, Charles Moyer, Paul Moyer, George Nagle, Doug Rauch, Tom and Audrey Riggle, Joanne Saylor, Mary Ann Seidel, Susan Siegel, Donald Steinmetz, Becky Thunberg

Worship Helpers Today:

8:00 am Communion Assistant - Judy Dengler

10:15 am Communion Assistant and Acolyte - Kelby Weaver

10:15 am Lay Reader – Hollie Kemper

10:15 am Cantor - Greg Gehman

10:15 am Money Counters - Brad and Doris Rauch Bread Baker - Marliese Smith

10:15 AM Worship Helpers Next Sunday, Oct. 13:

Acolyte - Lay Reader - Jill Youndt

Cantor - Hollie Kemper Money Counters - Brenda Berger, Judy Nichol, Audrey Noll