

# 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.

**25th Sunday After Pentecost, November 10, 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: *We Gather Together to Ask the Lord’s Blessing*.....Netherlands Melody

\*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: “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” .....#694

- 1. Sing to the Lord of harvest your songs of love and praise;  
with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise;  
by him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;  
sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.
- 2. God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring,  
the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.  
God fills them with his fullness, all things with large increase,  
and crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.
- 3. Bring to this sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave,  
the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall,  
and with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.

\*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: “*Gather Us In*”.....M. Haugen

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

<sup>8</sup> The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, <sup>9</sup>“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup> So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup> As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup> But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” <sup>13</sup> Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup> For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” <sup>15</sup> She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup> The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146 (Congregational responses in bold)

<sup>1</sup> Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> **I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>3</sup> Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

- <sup>4</sup> **When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,  
and in that day | their thoughts perish.**
- <sup>5</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;
- <sup>6</sup> **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;  
who keeps promis- | es forever;**
- <sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the | captive free.
- <sup>8</sup> **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;  
the LORD | loves the righteous.**
- <sup>9</sup> The LORD cares | for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.
- <sup>10</sup> **The LORD shall | reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

<sup>24</sup> Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup> Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup> for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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 12:38-44 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup> As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” L: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message  
Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day: “We Are an Offering” (repeat once).....#692  
 We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.  
 Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.  
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
 We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering. (Repeat all)

\*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: “Praise and Thanksgiving”.....#689

1. Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.  
 2. God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.  
 3. Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom’s guiding teach us to share one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.  
 4. Then will your blessing reach every people, freely confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.

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

Postlude: *For the Beauty of the Earth*.....C. Kocher  
 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 Carolyn Kramer. 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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**Pack and Take for Muddy Creek Shut-Ins, Older Members is Today!** Following both services today, 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 (addresses provided) to deliver to shut-ins and older members (age 85 and over) from Muddy Creek to make their Thanksgiving season a little more special!

**Adult Forum on "Pilgrimages" Next Sunday:** Next Sunday, Nov. 17, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, guest presenter Chad Shober will lead a forum today about pilgrimages. Chad, for whom pilgrimage is a spiritual practice, has been on many pilgrimages all over the world. Pictures of some of his pilgrimages will also be shown. Welcome Chad!

**Planning Meeting for the Upcoming Disaster Relief Trip is Today 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 today 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](mailto: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:** This Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Local AGO Chapter Organ Recital Today 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.

**Volunteers Needed on Saturday, Nov. 30 to Decorate the Church:** Volunteers are needed on Saturday morning, at 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 30 to help decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Also at that time, help is needed with setting up the Christmas trees (thank you once again this year to the Weber/Dimitris family for donating the trees), with attaching the pew candle holders and filling the candles, and with setting up the outdoor Nativity scene.

**Advance Copies of the 2025 Budget** are available on the table under the mailboxes. The Congregational Budget and Elections Meeting will be on Sunday, Dec. 15, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. worship service.

**The Altar Flowers Today** are presented by the Kramer family to the Glory of God in honor of the 20th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Robert Kramer.

**Congratulations** to Pastor Bob Kramer on the 20th anniversary of his ordination!

**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.

**A Free Community Thanksgiving Meal** is available on the day of Thanksgiving (Nov. 28) from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Ephrata Business Center, 400 W. Main St, Ephrata. This meal is sponsored by the Cocalico and Ephrata ministeriums. See the November newsletter for details.

**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 practice is: Thurs. Nov. 21 (singing in church on Sun. Nov. 24)

**In Our Prayers:** Gloria Aseli, Linny Ansel, the friends of Dorothy Beam who passed away on Wednesday, Addison Butch Ebbert, Charlie Fisher, Sara and Ken Frazer, Molly Fritz, Carolyn Kramer, the Martin family, Katie McCalicher, Paul Moyer, George Nagle, Karen Oglesby whose sister Barbara Lordi passed away on Tuesday, Doug Rauch, Tom and Audrey Riggle, Joanne Saylor, Mary Ann Seidel, Donald Steinmetz, Becky Thunberg.

**Attendance and Giving:**

Attendance Nov. 3: 8:00 a.m. - 23, 10:15 a.m. - 63, Online views (includes livestream) - 13	
Received through end of October: \$194,969.06 (includes a Qualified Charitable Distribution - Thank you!)	Expenses through Oct.: \$167,015.41
Received on Nov. 3: \$5,604.33	Received Nov. to date: \$5,604.33

**10:15 AM Worship Helpers Today:**

Acolyte - Mason Sheaffer

Lay Reader - Lynn Breidenstein

Cantor - Greg Gehman

Money Counters - Jere and Joan Shimp

**10:15 AM Worship Helpers Next Sunday, Nov. 17:**

Acolyte - Grace Youndt

Lay Reader - Will Wood

Cantor - Pastor Peter

Money Counters - David and June Sloat



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 \_\_\_\_\_

