

# 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.

## 26th Sunday After Pentecost, November 17, 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: *And Can It Be?* .....T. Campbell

\*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: “Jesus Shall Reign” .....#434

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
5. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king;  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

\*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**

Special Music: “*Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary*”.....J. Moore  
performed by Greg Gehman on the piano

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

<sup>1</sup>“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

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

Psalm 16 (Congregational responses in bold)

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

<sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup> **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names up on my lips.**

<sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

my heart teaches me night | after night.

<sup>8</sup> **I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;  
my body also shall | rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me | to the grave,  
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the | path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

<sup>11</sup> Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” <sup>13</sup> and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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 13:1-8 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” <sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” <sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

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

Children’s Message  
Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day: “Oh Jesus, I Have Promised” .....#810

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.

I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,  
 nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.  
 2. Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.  
 I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.  
 My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
 but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.  
 3. Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still  
 above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.  
 Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
 now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.  
 4. O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you  
 that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.  
 And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
 oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

\*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](http://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

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

\*Sending Song: "Be Thou My Vision".....#793

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

Postlude: *True-hearted, Whole-hearted*.....G. Stebbins

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 Jay and Michelle Warkentin. Thanks!

## Announcements

### **Notes for Online Participants:**

We are so glad that you are participating online! Welcome!

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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The newsletter for each month is found on the church website under the “What’s Happening” tab, and online bulletins for the current and past weeks can be found at the “Bulletins” tab.

**Adult Forum on “Pilgrimages” Today:** Today 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!

**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 given in memory of Harold Crum by Lauren and Mark Gallagher.

**The Bulletins Today** are given in honor of Larry Shober’s 85th birthday by his family.

**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](mailto: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 whose funeral was this past Wednesday, Addison Butch Ebbert, Charlie Fisher, Ken Frazer, Molly Fritz, Carolyn Kramer, the Martin family, Katie McCalicher, Paul Moyer, George Nagle, Doug Rauch, Tom and Audrey Riggle, Joanne Saylor, Mary Ann Seidel, Donald Steinmetz, Becky Thunberg.

**Attendance and Giving:**

Attendance Nov. 10: 8:00 a.m. - 30, 10:15 a.m. - 59, Online views (includes livestream) - 31  
 Received through end of October: \$194,969.06 (includes a Qualified Charitable Distribution - Thank you!)  
 Received on Nov. 10: \$5,604.33

Expenses through Oct.: \$167,015.41

Received Nov. to date: \$5,604.33

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

Acolyte - Grace Youndt

Lay Reader - Will Wood

Cantor - Pastor Peter

Money Counters - David and June Sloat

**10:15 AM Worship Helpers Next Sunday, Nov. 24:**

Acolyte -

Lay Reader - Doris Rauch

Cantor - Hollie Kemper

Money Counters - Michelle Dimitris, Jane Wenger

**“Over 80” Birthdays This Week:**

Friday, Nov. 15 - Larry Shober, 85

Saturday, Nov. 16 - Charmaine Wenrich, 93

Today, Nov. 17 - Charles Leid, 86



**Order Your  
Poinsettias**

Place completed form, with money attached, in the marked box on the table under the mailboxes (if using a check, note: poinsettias.) Or it may be sent to the church office.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

