

# 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.

## *Christ the King Sunday, November 24, 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: *O Worship the King* .....P. Clemmens

\*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: “Rejoice for Christ is King!” .....#430

1. Rejoice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king adore;

rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore: (Refrain)

**Refrain:** Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2. Our Savior Jesus reigns, the God of truth and love;

when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above: (Refrain)

3. His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o’er earth and heav’n;

the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n: (Refrain)

4. He sits at God’s right hand till all his foes submit

and bow to his command and fall beneath his feet: (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 (“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: “*Cornerstone*”.....Goss/Livingston

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

<sup>9</sup> As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. <sup>10</sup> A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. <sup>13</sup> As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. <sup>14</sup> To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

Psalms 93 (Congregational responses in bold)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and <sup>1</sup> armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- <sup>1</sup> not be moved.

<sup>2</sup> **Ever since the world began, your throne has <sup>1</sup> been established; you are from <sup>1</sup> everlasting.**

<sup>3</sup> The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted <sup>1</sup> up their voice; the waters have lifted up their <sup>1</sup> pounding waves.

<sup>4</sup> **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers <sup>1</sup> of the sea, mightier is the LORD who <sup>1</sup> dwells on high.**

<sup>5</sup> Your testimonies are <sup>1</sup> very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- <sup>1</sup> evermore.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

<sup>4b</sup> Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. 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 18:33-37 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup> Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

Children's Message  
Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day: "Oh, Worship the King" .....#842

1. Oh, worship the King, all glorious above. Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love; our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
2. The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old; established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.
3. Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light, it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our maker, defender, redeemer and friend.
5. O measureless might, ineffable love, while angels delight to hymn you above, the humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall sing to your praise.

\*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)

\*Hymn of the Day: "Crown Him With Many Crowns" .....#855

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the throne;  
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

2. Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;

fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

3. Crown him the Lord of love - behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.

No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

5. Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

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

Postlude: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*.....A. Geibel

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 Audrey Noll and Pat Brendle. 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.

**Volunteers Needed This Coming Saturday to Decorate the Church:** Volunteers are needed this coming Saturday morning, at 8:30 a.m. 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.

**Pastor Peter Will Be on Vacation This Week** until Friday night. In case of pastoral emergencies during this time, please contact Pastor Sandy Gideon at 717-484-1172.

**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.

**Cemetery Veteran's Wreath Donations:** During November, containers are 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.

**Caring Tree Donations:** Next Sunday, Dec. 1, we will begin collecting items under the Caring Tree. The deadline to bring in donations is Dec. 22. We will be collecting new packaged underwear for the orphanage children in Jamaica for Hollie Kemper's Mission Trip there, and we are collecting items for the Good Samaritan Womens' Shelter in Ephrata and the Good Samaritan Men's Shelter. A list of needed items can be found in the newsletter.

**Christmas Eve Services Yard Signs** are available for pick up in the sanctuary beginning next Sunday, Dec. 1. Please place one on your lawn to invite your neighborhood to our Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 4:30 and 10:30 p.m.

**The Deadline to Order Poinsettias** to decorate the church at Christmas is Sunday, Dec. 8. Forms are available in the newsletter, at the end of the stapled bulletins, or on the table under the mailboxes (this is also where you can place your order forms and payment). Cost is \$7.50 each.

**All are Invited to Our Community Christmas Carol Hymn Sing and Cookies** at Muddy Creek on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3:00 p.m. This Carol Hymn Sing is an annual joint event of Peace U.C.C. and Muddy Creek. Bring your friends and neighbors! Donations of cookies are also needed!

**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.

**We Are Collecting Food Items for Peter's Porch**, our local Food Pantry, next Sunday (the first Sunday of the month). Items may be placed in the marked bins in the entryways. Thank you!

**Anyone Interested in Muddy Creek's Field Trip to Lancaster History** (230 North President Ave in Lancaster) on Monday, Dec. 16 at 1:00 p.m. may speak with Pastor Peter. We will be viewing Muddy Creek's original deed from the sons of William Penn, and viewing other items we have already donated. As well, Muddy Creek and the Archive Task Force are donating more items to Lancaster History.

**The Altar Flowers Today** are given in memory of Mark Lorah by George and Jeanne Lorah and family.

**In Our Prayers:** Gloria Aseli, Linny Ansel, Addison Butch Ebbert, Charlie Fisher, Ken Frazer, Molly Fritz, Eleanor Litzenberger, Lori Lutz, the Martin family, Katie McCalicher, Mike Messner, Paul Moyer, George Nagle, Doug Rauch, Tom and Audrey Riggle, Joanne Saylor, Mary Ann Seidel, Donald Steinmetz, Becky Thunberg.

**Attendance and Giving:**

Attendance Nov. 17: 8:00 a.m. - 30, 10:15 a.m. - 74, Online views (includes livestream) - 22	
Received through end of October: \$194,969.06 (includes a Qualified Charitable Distribution - Thank you!)	Expenses through Oct.: \$167,015.41
Received on Nov. 17: \$2,954.30	Received Nov. to date: \$11,743.68

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

Acolyte -	Lay Reader - Doris Rauch
Cantor - Hollie Kemper	Money Counters - Michelle Dimitris, Jane Wenger

**Worship Helpers Next Sunday, Dec. 1:**

8:00 am Communion Assistant - Scott Strickland  
 10:15 a.m. Communion Assistant and Acolyte - Grace Youndt  
 10:15 am Lay Reader – Brenda Berger  
 10:15 am Cantor - David Sensenig

10:15 am Money Counters - Julie and David Emrhein, Kim Eshleman  
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.) 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 \_\_\_\_\_



