

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

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The 10:15.am. service will not be livestreamed or posted today on the Muddy Creek YouTube channel.

First Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2021, 10:15 a.m.

* = Please stand as you are able All congregational responses are in **bold**

Lancaster County is still in the category of “very high risk” of CoVid transmission, although things are improving. The wearing of masks over nose and mouth during worship is still temporarily required for everyone in order to protect children, unvaccinated worshipers, and those with underlying health conditions. Masks are available on the entry tables. Also, social distancing before, during and after worship is recommended.

Announcements, Waving Hello

Prelude –

*Gathering Hymn: “Hark, the Glad Sound!” (verses 1 and 4).....#239

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath (the pastor lights the first candle on the wreath)

L: O God, we light the first candle of Advent.

C: **We kindle it with hope.**

L: We long for you to come to our world to break through and reign with compassion, justice and peace.

C: **Come to us, O Christ the Light!**

*Advent Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” v. 1.....#257

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

Bible Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.” L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-10 (Congregational responses in bold)

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

- ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- ⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
- ⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.
- ¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

Bible Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel: Luke 21:25-36 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.” L: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

Sermon

- *Hymn: “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (entire hymn).....#254
- *Apostles’ Creed.....page 105
- *Prayers of the Church P: Lord, in your mercy C: **Hear our prayer**
- *Lord’s Prayer.....page 112
- *Blessing C: **Amen**
- *Sending Hymn: “Blest Be the God of Israel” (verses 1 and 2)#250
- *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!

Welcome to Pastor Glenn Beard this morning! And thank you, Pastor Beard, for supply preaching and leading worship this morning while Pastor Peter is on vacation!

Poinsettia Order Deadline is Today: The deadline for ordering red or white poinsettias (5 blooms each) to help decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas Season is today. The cost is \$6.95 each and they may be given in honor or in memory of someone. Forms are available attached to this bulletin, or you may call the office to place your order.

The Caring Tree: Please take a tag from the Caring Tree by the mailboxes to provide a gift for the family we are adopting for Christmas this year through Ephrata Area Social Services. Please return the present and tag by Sunday, December 19th.

The Elevator is Operational! The elevator has been officially inspected and now can be used whenever you wish! A Dedication of the Elevator and Celebration of the project's completion will be held on Sunday, Dec. 12, in conjunction with the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Pastor Peter is on vacation and will return and be available this Tuesday. In case of pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor Sandy Gideon at 717-484-1172. Also, please note that the 10:15 a.m. service will not be available to be livestreamed or posted today (only).

Christian Education and Adult Bible Study at 9 a.m. Today: Sunday School for all ages will be held inside in the Sunday School rooms. The Adult Bible Study will be in sanctuary. Masks are required for everyone to protect children and those who are unvaccinated.

The Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, Dec. 12 immediately following the second service. We will vote on the 2022 Budget, elect Council members and a Cemetery Board member, and vote on ratifying the three constitutional amendments which the congregation approved on May 2. **Please come out** as we need a quorum of 60 people! Copies of the budget and constitutional amendments are found on the table under the mailboxes.

Budget Hearing Next Sunday: For any questions or comments about the 2022 Budget, there will be a Budget Hearing next Sunday, Dec. 5, in the Fellowship Hall following the second service.

Veterans' Graves in the Muddy Creek Cemetery will be decorated with wreaths and bows this coming Saturday, Dec. 4. Thank you to Judy Nichol for coordinating this project!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services this year will be in the church at 4:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Yard signs to help advertise the services to your neighbors will be available starting Dec. 5.

The Altar Flowers Today are given by Jeanne Lorah in memory of Mark Lorah.

In our Prayers: Gloria Aseli, Lesia Aungst, Dorothy Beam, Russell Beck, Erik Bentz, Janet Frantz, Greg Gehman, Nick Gehman, Alex Harding, Charles Hartranft, Pat Kagarise, Margaret Kuhlman, Tina Lavrenchuk, Jeffrey Leid, Nolan Leid, Michael Martin family, Mary Miller, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, Betty Ramsey, John Schutter, Ella Sensenig, Millie Shober, Lucy Snader, Becky Thunberg, Charmaine Wenrich, Gerald Wingenroth, Jean Wolf, Jay Yohn

Money Counters today: Lori and Mike Martin

Money Counters next Sunday, Dec. 5: Linda and Tim Fritz, David Sensenig