

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.

All Saints Sunday, November 3, 2024, 10:15 a.m. (Clocks Change)

* = 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: *Shall We Gather at the River*.....R. Lowry

*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: “For All the Saints” v. 1,2,6,7.....#422

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
● the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

*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 C: **Amen**

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Psalm 24 (Congregational responses in bold)

¹ The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

² **For the LORD has founded it up-¹ on the seas
and established it up-¹ on the rivers.**

³ Who may ascend the mountain¹ of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's¹ holy place?

⁴ **Those of innocent hands and purity¹ of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by¹ what is false.**

⁵ They shall receive blessing¹ from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of¹ their salvation.

⁶ **Such is the generation of those who seek¹ you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O¹ God of Jacob.**

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever-¹ lasting doors,
that the King of glory¹ may come in.

⁸ **Who is this¹ King of glory?**

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might-¹ y in battle!

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever-¹ lasting doors,

that the King of glory¹ may come in.

¹⁰ **Who is this¹ King of glory?**

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the¹ King of glory.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ^{6a} Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

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 11:32-44 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

Children's Message

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: "For All Your Saints, O Lord"#427

1. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
who followed you, obeyed, adored, our grateful hymn receive.
2. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
who counted you their great reward, accept our thankful cry.
3. They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
learned from your Holy Spirit's breath to suffer and to do.
4. For this, your name we bless and humbly pray anew

that we like them in holiness may live and die in you.

5. To God, the Father, Son, and Spirit, ever blest,
the One in Three, the Three in One, be endless praise addressed.

*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, Holy.....page 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

Remembrance of the Saints

Special Remembrance of Those Who Passed Away Since Last All Saints Day:

Guyula Seifrit - November 2, 2023

H. Robert Stork - December 4, 2023

Grace Schanz - January 2, 2024

James Weber - March 15, 2024

Betty Ramsey - May 10, 2024

Lucy Snader - May 22, 2024

Elmer Gockley - June 17, 2024

Helen Martin - October 1, 2024

Charles Moyer - October 27, 2024

Remembrance of All Other Departed Dear Ones, Whose Losses We Still Mourn

(Online: You may light a candle from home at this time.)

*Closing Prayer: Let us pray. Lord God, we fondly remember before you today all those whom we have named in prayer and for whom we have lit candles of remembrance. We thank you for their lives, for their presence with us on our journey through this life, and for their witness even now as the saints who have gone before us. Lord Jesus, we pray your presence may surround and sustain us, that we may be upheld and comforted, and that we, like all the saints, may be supported in your holy hope and compassionate love. In the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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

*Sending Song: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones".....#424

1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!" Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs, archangels, virtues, angel choirs: (Refrain)

Refrain: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises: "Alleluia!" Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord: (Refrain)

3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song: (Refrain)

4. O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One: (Refrain)

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

Postlude: *Faith of Our Fathers*.....H. Hemy

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!

All Saints Sunday Remembrance of Those Who Have Passed Away: Today, we will have a special All Saints Sunday commemoration to remember all loved ones who have passed away – the saints who have gone on before us. We will light candles and toll the chimes for those from our congregation who have passed away since last All Saints Sunday. As well, we will light individual candles in the pews to honor all dear ones who have passed away in any year.

Online Participants: You may light a candle from home at this time.

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.

Dedication of the Playground Today at Noon. You are invited to a dedication of our newly renovated playground in the Grove today at noon. We are deeply grateful to Mason Sheaffer for renovating the playground as his Eagle Scout Project. Mason and his team completely replaced two new swingsets, added a new slide, added a captain’s wheel and telescope to the Ark, renovated the playground benches, cleaned all the woodwork, replaced borders, weeded and trimmed, and replaced all the mulch. Thank you, Mason!

Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup is Today at 9 A.M. All parents and grandparents with preschoolers, toddlers or babies are invited to come today to the Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup at 9:00 a.m. in the nursery. The theme is “Thank You God for Food” as we celebrate Thanksgiving. Friends are invited.

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

Pack and Take for Muddy Creek Shut-Ins, Older Members is Next Sunday Nov. 10.

Following both services next Sunday, Nov. 10, 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 to deliver to shut-ins and older members from Muddy Creek (addresses provided) to make their Thanksgiving season a little more special!

Sign Up for the Upcoming Disaster Relief Mission Trip on April 6-12, 2025! Planning Meeting is Next Sunday, Nov. 10 (Please Note Change of Date) 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 next Sunday, Nov. 10 (please note change of date) 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. Potentially, participants will go to North Carolina to help with rebuilding after the recent hurricanes.

Benefit Breakfast for the Disaster Relief Response Team: On Saturday, November 16th, 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.

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 by Brad and Doris Rauch in honor of Brad's 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.

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.

Local AGO Chapter Organ Recital Next Sunday, Nov. 10 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.

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. Nov. 7 (singing in church on Sun. Nov. 10)

Thurs. Nov. 21 (singing in church on Sun. Nov. 24)

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 Saturday of every month. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pastor Peter or Faith United Church.

In Our Prayers: Gloria Aseli, Linny Ansel, Dorothy Beam, Addison Butch Ebbert, Charlie Fisher, Sara and Ken Frazer, Molly Fritz, Carolyn Kramer, the Martin family, Katie McCalicher, Paul Moyer, George Nagle, Tom and Audrey Riggle, Joanne Saylor, Mary Ann Seidel, Donald Steinmetz, Becky Thunberg, Patti Weaver on the death of her father, Charles Moyer last Sunday, Oct. 27.

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance Oct. 27: 8:00 a.m. - 22, 10:15 a.m. - 43, Online views (includes livestream) - 33
 Received through end of September: \$179,268.48 (includes a Qualified Charitable Distribution - Thank you!)
 Expenses through Sept.: \$146,313.00

Received on Oct. 27: \$1,408.58

Received Oct. to date: \$14,227.46

Worship Helpers Today:

8:00 am Communion Assistant - Karen Oglesby

10:15 a.m. Communion Assistant and Acolyte -

10:15 am Lay Reader – Fred Hainley

10:15 am Cantor - Gail Bare

10:15 am Money Counters - June and Neal Leid

Bread Baker - Marliese Smith

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

Acolyte - Mason Sheaffer

Lay Reader - Lynn Breidenstein

Cantor - Greg Gehman

Money Counters - Jere and Joan Shimp



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 _____

