

# 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.

## *Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 11, 2024, 10:15 a.m.*

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

*Welcome to Muddy Creek!*

Announcements, Collection for ELCA World Hunger Appeal,  
Welcoming of East Cocalico Lions Club, Waving Hello

Prelude: <i>All Glory to Jesus</i> .....	J. W. Peterson
*Confession and Forgiveness .....	pages 94 – 96
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*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: <b>And also with you</b> .....	page 203
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*Prayer of the Day	
Choir Anthem: <i>Never-Failing Friend</i> .....	W. Avery

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” <sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” <sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” <sup>10</sup>He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

Psalm 50:1-6 (Congregational responses in bold)

<sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the <sup>1</sup>LORD, has spoken;  
calling the earth from the rising of the sun <sup>1</sup>to its setting.

<sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, perfect <sup>1</sup>in its beauty,  
God shines <sup>1</sup>forth in glory.**

<sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will <sup>1</sup>not keep silence;  
with a consuming flame before, and round about a <sup>1</sup>raging storm.

<sup>4</sup>**God calls the heavens and the earth <sup>1</sup>from above  
to witness the judgment <sup>1</sup>of the people.**

<sup>5</sup>“Gather before me my <sup>1</sup>loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed <sup>1</sup>it with sacrifice.”

<sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare the rightness <sup>1</sup>of God’s cause,  
for it is God <sup>1</sup>who is judge.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

\*Gospel Acclamation: .....page 205  
(**Alleluia. Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**)

\*Gospel: Mark 9:2-9 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. L: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message  
Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day: “Beautiful Savior”.....#838

\*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 may be placed anytime in the wooden boxes on the entry tables. Or, you may scan the QR code below with the camera on your cell phone to donate to Muddy Creek.)



\*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 208

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

\*Sending Song: "When Morning Gilds the Skies".....#853

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

Postlude: *Fling Out the Banner*.....J. Calkin

### 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 box or give it to the pastor. Welcome!

**Today, Super Bowl Sunday**, you may wear your favorite sports jersey from any team to worship. Also, as part of the "Soup-er Bowl of Caring", are collecting spare change to give to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, being mindful of all those who eat at soup kitchens. Donations can be put in the marked soup pots on the entry tables.

**Ash Wednesday Worship** will be this Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 7:00 p.m. Come out for this very moving service which includes communion and the giving of ashes.

**Next Sunday, Feb. 18, You Are Invited to the Adult Forum** at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lynn Brossman from Muddy Creek will present about the book she has written, Take Care of Today. It is the story of the late William Brossman from Muddy Creek and his daughters Bertha and Anne who founded and led the Denver & Ephrata Telephone and Telegraph Co.

**Welcome, East Cocalico Lions Club!** Today at the 10:15 a.m. service, we welcome the members of the East Cocalico Lions Club who are attending worship. Welcome, Lions!

**Take-a-Tag to Help a Newly-Arrived Refugee Family.** New and used items (in good condition) are being collected. If you can help, please take a tag, then return the designated items to the marked box. This Congolese refugee family really needs household items and clothing!

**Sign Up to Help Pack Food at Blessings of Hope** on Saturday morning, Feb. 24. The sign up sheet is on the clipboard on the table under the mailboxes. The Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring this serving event.

**You are Invited to a Congregational Forum on Muddy Creek's Planning for the Future Committee Report and Recommendations** on Sun. March 3 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The report is being sent out to the congregation this coming week. All invited.

**The 2023 Giving Statements and 2024 Offering Envelopes are in the Church Mailboxes:** For those who use offering envelopes to contribute to Muddy Creek, don't forget to check your church mailboxes for your 2023 giving statement and 2024 envelopes. If you did not receive a 2023 giving statement but would like one, please contact Nedra Bearinger. Reminder: Your mailbox is below your name.

**Easter Flower Sponsorships are now available.** You may give daffodils, tulips or lilies to adorn the church on Easter, and take them home following the Easter services on March. 31. Use the form located at the end of this bulletin or on the table under the mailboxes. The deadline is March 10th. Please place your orders and money in the marked box under the mailboxes.

**The Altar Flowers Today** are given by Nedra Bearinger in honor of all February birthdays.

**In our Prayers:** Linnny Ansel, Pat Artz, Gloria Aseli, Dorothy Beam, Tom Carretta, Janet Frantz at the death of her aunt Mary Miller, Darla Hackman, Joyce Keith, Anne Kinnamon, Pastor David Klepper, Pat Marino at the death of her relative Suzette Marino, the Martin family, Helen Martin, Katie McCalicher, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, Paul Moyer, Betty Ramsey, Tom and Audrey Riggle, Joanne Saylor, the Saylor family, Mary Ann Seidel, Becky Thunberg, Jim Weber, Sharon Weinhold, Sev Yerger

**Attendance and Giving:**

Attendance Feb. 4, 8:00 a.m. – 24, 10:15 a.m. - 59,	Online Views (includes livestream) - 23
Received through end of Dec.: \$182,759.35	Expenses thru Dec.: \$199,662.03
Received on Feb. 4: \$5,492.50	Received Feb. to date: \$5,492.50

**Worship Helpers Today:**

Acolyte -	Lay Reader - Lynn Breidenstein
Cantor - Pastor Peter	Money Counters - Jere and Joan Shimp

**10:15 A.M. Worship Helpers Next Sunday, Feb. 18:**

Acolyte - Mason Sheaffer	Lay Reader - Brenda Berger
Cantor - Pastor Peter	Money Counters - Michelle Dimitris, Jim Weber, Jane Wenger

