

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 Facebook Page.

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany, February 12, 2023, 10:15 a.m. – Online Version
Soup-er Bowl of Caring Sunday

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

Welcome to Muddy Creek! Masks are currently optional for worship.

Announcements, Soup-er Bowl of Caring, Waving Hello

Prelude – *On Eagle’s Wings*.....C. Callahan

*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.**

*Opening Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”.....#836

1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav’n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

*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 203

*Kyrie.....page 203

1. Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word, it saves us from despair.
2. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us in your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

*Canticle of Praisepage 204

1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
2. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high.

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

Choir Anthem: "*Sing Out With Joy!*".....S. Albrecht

First Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to the people: ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

Psalm 119:1-8 (Congregational responses in bold)

- ¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who follow the teaching of the LORD!
- ²**Happy are they who observe your decrees
and seek you with all their hearts,**
- ³who never do any wrong,

but always walk | in your ways.

**⁴You laid down | your commandments,
that we should | fully keep them.**

⁵Oh, that my ways were made | so direct
that I might | keep your statutes!

**⁶Then I should not be | put to shame,
when I regard all | your commandments.**

⁷I will thank you with | a true heart,
when I have learned your | righteous judgments.

**⁸I will | keep your statutes;
do not utter- | ly forsake me**

Second Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. 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: Isaiah 40:28-31 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted, but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

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

Children's Message

Sermon

*Hymn: "On Eagle's Wings"#787

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!" (Refrain)

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wing, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear; under God's wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield. (Refrain)
3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. (Refrain)
4. For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. (Refrain, repeating last phrase of the refrain twice)

*The Apostles' Creed.....page 105

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 to heaven, he is seated at the right hand of God 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 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 208

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)

*Sending Hymn: "On Our Way Rejoicing"#537

1, On our way rejoicing gladly let us go. Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe. Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy; who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy? (Refrain)

Refrain: On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, hearken to our praises, O blest God of love

2. Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing; unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring; unto God the Spirit bow we and adore, on our way rejoicing now and evermore.

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

Postlude – *Fling Out the Banner*.....J. Caulkin

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!

Soup-er Bowl of Caring is Today: Today is Super Bowl Sunday! We will celebrate in church by wearing our favorite sports jerseys (any team of any sport), and by giving loose change which we will collect for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Donations for World Hunger can be placed in any of the labeled soup pots at the entry tables. Even as we celebrate the Super Bowl with snacks and feasting, we remember all in this world who are hungry or who have to rely on soup kitchens for food!

Adult Forum on Ecclesiastes Today: Today at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary, Pastor Peter will lead an Adult Forum on the book of Ecclesiastes, a fascinating book in the Old Testament. All are invited!

Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup is Next Sunday at 9 a.m. in the nursery. All little ones and their parents/caregivers are invited next Sunday for the theme “Fishin’ With God”. Friends are invited, too!

New Prayer Shawls made by Muddy Creek’s Knitting Group will be dedicated at both services next Sunday. Please take a shawl to give to anyone you know who could use the blessed warm embrace of God in their lives right now.

Our Ash Wednesday Communion Service at Muddy Creek will be on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. Come out for this moving service which includes distribution of ashes and Holy Communion.

Turkey/Syria Earthquake Donations: You may donate to Lutheran Disaster Relief services specifically for humanitarian aid for the victims of the recent devastating and tragic earthquake in Turkey and Syria by going to the church website, mclchurch.org, and clicking on the “Give Online” button and selecting “Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief”.

The Next Choir Practices is Ash Wednesday Feb. 22 (the choir will sing on both Ash Wednesday and on Sunday, Feb. 26). All are invited to come sing in the choir!

Upcoming Collections of Donated Items:

*Beginning February 26, we will start collecting small wrapped candy and plastic Easter eggs for the upcoming Community **Easter Egg Hunt** in our Grove on April 2.

*Beginning March 5, we will start collecting cookies, chips, candies, crackers and snacks to send to **College Students and Military Members** from the congregation. Collection ends March 26.

*On Sunday, March 5 (the first Sunday of the month), we are collecting food items to give to our local food pantry, **Peter’s Porch**.

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

In our Prayers: Gloria Aseli, Dorothy Beam, Curtis and Faith Beck, Alex Harding, Darlene Heian, Pat Kagarise, Tina Lavrenchuk, Roberta Mann, Linda Martin, the Martin family, Mary Miller, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, Betty Ramsey, Tom Riggle, Dana Sanchez, Walt Siegel, Lucy Snader, Becky Thunberg, Philip Webber, Kent Weinhold, Marian Weinhold, Michael Weinhold.

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance Feb. 5: 8:00 a.m. – 18, 10:15 a.m. – 49, YouTube and Facebook – 44

Received through end of Jan.: \$13,799.20 Expenses thru Jan.: \$19,394.51

Received on Feb. 5: \$5,186.10 Received Feb. to date: \$5,186.10

Worship Helpers Today:

10:15 a.m. Acolyte: Mason Sheaffer

10:15 a.m. Lay Reader: Jill Youndt 10:15 a.m. Cantor: Pastor Peter

10:15 a.m. Money Counters: Jere and Joan Shimp

Worship Helpers Next Sunday, Feb. 19:

10:15 a.m. Acolyte: Grace Youndt

10:15 a.m. Lay Reader: Joe Sanchez 10:15 a.m. Cantor: David Sensenig

10:15 a.m. Money Counters: Linda and Tim Fritz