

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.

Transfiguration Of Our Lord, February 19, 2023, 10:15 a.m.

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

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

Announcements, Dedication of Prayer Shawls, Waving Hello

Prelude – *Beautiful Savior*.....J. Raney

*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: “Beautiful Savior”.....#838

- 1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I’d love thee, truly I’d serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow’rs of blooming sprin;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
- 3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.
- 4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

*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

First Bible Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 2:1-8 (Congregational responses in bold)

¹Why are the nations | in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

²**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes | plot together, against the LORD and against the | LORD's anointed?**

³"Let us break their | yoke," they say;

"let us cast off their | bonds from us."

⁴**God whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing; the LORD holds them | in derision.**

⁵Then in wrath God | speaks to them, and in rage fills | them with terror.

⁶**"As for me, I have anoint- | ed my king upon Zion, my | holy mountain."**

⁷Let me announce the decree | of the LORD,

who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I be- | gotten you.

⁸**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance and the ends of the earth for | your possession.**

Second Bible Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. 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: Matthew 17:1-9 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

Children's Message

Sermon

*Hymn: "How Good, Lord, To Be Here!"#315

1. How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.
2. How good, Lord, to be here, your beauty to behold
where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be,
we hail your body glorified and our redemption see.
4. Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come;
we long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.
5. How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

*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: "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"#314

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

Postlude – *We've a Story to Tell the Nations*.....H. E. Nichol

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!

New Prayer Shawls made by Muddy Creek's Knitting Group are being dedicated at both services today. Please take a shawl to give to anyone you know who could use the blessed warm embrace of God in their lives right now. After worship, come select one or more shawls and sign the clipboard.

All are Invited to the Ash Wednesday Communion Service at Muddy Creek this coming Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. Come out for this moving service which includes distribution of ashes and Holy Communion.

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

The Next Choir Practice 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!

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”.

Easter Egg Hunt Donations Begins Next Sunday, and other Upcoming Collections:

*Beginning next Sunday, 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 Julie Emrhein’s birthday. Happy Birthday, Julie! Love, Dave and Marleise

Cluster Lenten Services 2023: The theme this year for our local Lutheran Cluster Lenten Services is “Turning Toward God’s Abundance”. All services are at 7 p.m., and they will also be available online. The offering will go to the conference Disaster Relief Mission Trip to Houston, Texas, April 16-22. (Checks may be made out to North Lancaster Conference Dean’s Fund).

Wed. March 1, 7 p.m.: Pastor Jim Goodyear will be preaching at Faith United, Denver. Theme: Faithfulness – Luke 15:11-23 (The Temptation of Jesus). Faith United will also stream the service on their YouTube channel ([youtube.com, faithunitedevangelicalluth3864](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfaithunitedevangelicalluth3864)).

Wed. March 8, 7 p.m.: Pastor Marissa Becklin will be preaching at St. Paul’s, Adamstown. Theme: Mercy – Luke 13:31-35 (Lament over Jerusalem). St. Paul’s will also stream the service on their Facebook page (Facebook - St. Paul’s Lutheran, Adamstown, PA).

Wed. March 15, 7 p.m.: Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry will be preaching at Bergstrasse, Ephrata. Theme: Compassion – Luke 13:1-9 (The Barren Fig Tree). Bergstrasse will also stream the service on their Facebook page (Facebook - Bergstrasse Lutheran Church).

Wed. March 22, 7 p.m.: Pastor Scott Brubaker will be preaching at Muddy Creek, Denver. Theme: Forgiveness – Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (The Prodigal Son). We will also stream the service on our YouTube channel ([youtube.com, muddycreeklutherande4004](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmuddycreeklutherande4004)).

Wed. March 29, 7 p.m.: Pastor Sandy Gideon will be preaching at Mellingers, Schoeneck. Theme: Love – John 12:1-8 (Mary Anoints Jesus). Mellingers will also stream the service on their Facebook page (Facebook - Mellingers Evangelical Lutheran Church).

Our Lenten Book Study this year is on Reaching Out: The Three Movements of Spiritual Life by Henri Nouwen. It will be on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The dates are March 5 (Reaching Out to our Innermost Self – Chapters 1-3), March 12 (Reaching Out to our Fellow Human Beings – Chapters 4-6) and March 26 (Reaching Out to our God – Chapters 7-9). Free books are already available starting today for the first 20 people who sign up. Other free

copies will be ordered for people who sign up after that. You may also read the book on your own, if you wish. Sign up on the clipboard by the mailboxes, or email peter@mclchurch.org.

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. 12: 8:00 a.m. – 25, 10:15 a.m. – 63, YouTube and Facebook – 46

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

Received on Feb. 12: \$2,313.38 Received Feb. to date: \$7,499.48

Worship Helpers Today:

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

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

Worship Helpers Next Sunday, Feb. 26:

10:15 a.m. Acolyte: Cannon Youndt 10:15 a.m. Money Counters: Gail and Ted Bare

10:15 a.m. Lay Reader: Brad Rauch 10:15 a.m. Cantor: Gail Bare