

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

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1st Sunday in Lent

Livestreamed at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, February 21, 2021. Posted afterward.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Lenten Prelude* J. Battishill

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:4-6, 8, 10

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

R: Your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness.

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.

R: Your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness.

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

R: Your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness.

⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

R: Your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

R: Your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness.

Prayer of the Day **C: Amen**

Bible Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Children’s Message

Sermon

Hymn: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

1. *Beneath the cross Jesus I long to take my stand; the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land, a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.*
2. *Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see the very dying form of one who suffered there for me. And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess: the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.*
3. *I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.*

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.

Prayers of the Church P: Lord, in your mercy C: **Hear our prayer**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art 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.

Blessing C: **Amen**

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

Postlude: *Postlude in E. Minor*.....Ch. H. Rinck

Announcements

Welcome today to those following the service online (via the Muddy Creek YouTube Channel, the church website, or the church Facebook page). The service is livestreamed at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. As well, the service is posted on the YouTube Channel and Facebook. The Sunday bulletin can also be accessed on the church website, mclchurch.org.

Card Shower for Paul Shober's 100th Birthday: We would like to have as many people as possible send birthday cards to our oldest member, Paul Shober, who turns 100 on March 9th! Paul's address is 221 Penn Ave, Ephrata, PA 17522. And yes, he still lives independently in his own house and is in robust health!

Online Cluster Mid-Week Lenten Services begin this week. To access each week's service, simply go to the church website or to our Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel. It will be posted the morning of the date listed. This week's service for Wednesday, Feb. 24 is "In Community with Creation", by Pastor Sandy Gideon and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Adamstown.

In the Outdoor Blue Bin under the carport, you will find paper copies of each week's Sunday bulletin and sermon, paper copies of the newsletter, and free copies of the "Christ in our Home" Daily Devotional booklets (regular and large-print). Please let anyone you know who doesn't have internet that they can stop by the church anytime to help themselves to the latest copies of these.

Peter's Porch Food Collection of cans and food (see newsletter) can be placed in the outdoor bin near the downstairs carport. Hunger in the area is increasing due to CoVid-related job losses. Drive-thru food distribution is on the first Saturday of the month, 8-10 a.m., at Faith United Lutheran Church, 357 Walnut Street, Denver. No need to sign up.

In our Prayers: Lesia Aungst, Dorothy Beam, Russell Beck, Erik Bentz, Linda Berger, Kirby Burkhart, Sharon Frankhouser, Sara Frazer, Eugene and Hazel Fry, Nick Gehman, Alex Harding, Roger Hoover, Margaret Kuhlman, Aileen Kulp, Tina Lavrenchuk, Nolan Leid, Jeanne Lorah, Helen Martin, Michael Martin family, Mary Miller, Charles Moyer, Marlene Nagle, Anne Nuss, Roma Oberholtzer, Betty Ramsey, Larry Ramsey, Barbara Ruth, Ella Sensenig, the family of Ella Mae Shupp at her passing, Pastor Paul Smeltz, Becky Thunberg, Marian Weinhold, Mary Zerbe at the death of her sister.

Attendance and Giving: Feb. 14: Online service - 89 views (includes livestream and Facebook)
 Received through end of Jan.: \$13,251.82 Expenses through end of Jan.: \$17,229.68
 Received week of Feb. 16: \$6,289.30 Received February to date: \$10,165.30
 Elevator Fund as of Feb. 16: \$205,567.79