

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.

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany, February 5, 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, Waving Hello

Prelude – *My Tribute*.....arr. John Innes

*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: “Let Justice Flow Like Streams”.....#717

- 1. Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure, enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing sure.
- 2. Let righteousness roll on as others’ cares we heed, an ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed.
- 3. So may God’s plumb line, straight, define our measure true, and justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.

*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 Praise (“Come, let us join...”)...page 204

1. Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
2. “Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be exalted thus!”
“Worthy the Lamb”, our lips reply, “for he was slain for us!”
3. Jesus is worthy to receive honor and pow’r divine;
And blessings, more than we can give, be, Lord, forever thine.
4. Let all creation join in one to bless the sacred name
of God who sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb.

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

First Bible Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. ³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 112:1-9 (Congregational responses in bold)

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who ¹fear the LORD
and have great delight in ¹God’s commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty ¹in the land;**
the generation of the upright ¹will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches will be ¹in their house,
and their righteousness will ¹last forever.

⁴**Light shines in the darkness ¹for the upright;**
the righteous are merciful and full ¹of compassion.

⁵It is good for them to be gener- ¹ous in lending
and to manage their af- ¹fairs with justice.

⁶**For they will nev- ¹er be shaken;**
the righteous will be kept in everlast- ¹ing remembrance.

⁷They will not be afraid of any ¹evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting ¹in the LORD.

**⁸Their heart is established and ¹ will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- ¹ on their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands ¹ fast forever;
they will hold up their ¹ head with honor.

Second Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by 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 5:1-3, 38-45, 7:1-5 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ³⁸"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹ But I say to you: Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also, ⁴⁰ and if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, give your coat as well, ⁴¹ and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴² Give to the one who asks of you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

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

Children’s Message
Sermon

*Hymn: “Christ, Be Our Light”#715

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. (Refrain)

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow’r to save us. Make us your living voice. (Refrain)
3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (Refrain)
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (Refrain)
5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. (Refrain)

*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**

Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving.....p. 206

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.....p. 207

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are filled with 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 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.

Distribution of Communion (To obtain home communion sets of grape juice and wafers that you may use to receive communion as you follow along with any communion service, please contact Pastor Peter.)

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Communion Sending Prayer

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

*Sending Hymn: "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"#886

1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and king, the triumphs of his grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

3. The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.

4. He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

5. Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!

6. To God all glory, praise and love be now ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

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

Postlude – *Jesus Shall Reign*.....

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!

Invitation to Communion: Everyone is invited to receive communion today by coming up the center aisle beginning with the front pews, taking an empty glass for wine or a pre-filled glass with white grape juice. You may kneel or stand at the communion rail. Please hold out your hands to receive the bread from the pastor (if you want a gluten-free wafer, please tell the pastor). Then, receive and drink the wine poured into your glass from the Communion Assistant. If you have opted for a pre-filled glass of grape juice, you may drink it when the Communion Assistant comes to you. Please return to your seats by either outside aisle. If you would prefer to have communion in your pew, please inform an usher.

Soup-er Bowl of Caring is Next Sunday: Next Sunday, Feb. 12, is Super Bowl Sunday! You can celebrate in church by wearing your favorite sports jerseys (any team of any sport), and by giving loose change which we will collect from the congregation for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. 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! Come out for the fun!

Thank You to all who brought in food items this morning for our monthly food collection for Peter's Porch, a food bank run by our sister congregation, Faith United Lutheran Church in Denver. Food donations can be placed in the bins in our sanctuary entrances. Peter's Porch distributes the food on the first Saturday of every month from 8-10 a.m. Contact Pastor Peter if you are interested in volunteering with the monthly distribution.

Adult Forum on Ecclesiastes Next Sunday: Next Sunday, Feb. 12th 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!

Our Ash Wednesday Communion Service at Muddy Creek will be on Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.

The Next Choir Practices are this Thursday, Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m. (the choir will sing next Sunday, Feb. 12), and 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!

The Altar Flowers Today are given in memory of Jeffrey Leid by Peggy Leid and the family.

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, George Nagle, Betty Ramsey, Tom Riggle, Walt Siegel, David Sloat, Lucy Snader, Emma Trego, Becky Thunberg, Philip Webber, Kent Weinhold, Marian Weinhold, Michael Weinhold.

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance Jan. 29: 8:00 a.m. – 23, 10:15 a.m. – 67, YouTube and Facebook – 45	
Received through end of Dec.: \$175,869.60	Expenses thru Dec.: \$206,679.77
Received on Jan. 29: \$2,081.55	Received Jan. to date: \$13,799.20

Worship Helpers Today:

8:00 a.m. Communion Assistant - Scott Strickland

10:15 am Acolyte –

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10:15 am Lay Reader – Hollie Kemper 10:15 am Cantor - Hollie Kemper

10:15 am Money Counters - Julie and Dave Emrhein, Kim Eshleman

Bread Baker - Marliese Smith

Worship Helpers Next Sunday, Feb. 12:

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