

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

11 South Muddy Creek Rd., Denver, PA 17517

5th Sunday after Pentecost, July 13, 2025, 9:30 am

* = Please stand as you are able; Congregational responses are **bold**

GATHERING

Welcome

Announcements

Passing the Peace

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prelude: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”H. DeCou

*Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: 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.**

P: Let us confess our sins, in the presence of God and of one another. 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.**

P: 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.**

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

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;

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(<https://www.youtube.com/@muddycreeklutheranchurchde4004>)

The second service is livestreamed and posted on our website and YouTube channel.

Children’s activity boxes are in the rear of the sanctuary

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
 Opening to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
 Drive the dark 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,
 Singing 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.
4. Mortals, join the happy chorus,
 Which the morning stars began;
 Father love is reigning o'er us,
 Brother love binds man to man.
 Ever singing, march we onward,
 Victors in the midst of strife,
 Joyful music leads us Sunward
 In the triumph song of life.

***Greeting**

P: 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**

***Kyrie**..... page138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, For the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of
 all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For this Holy House, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the
 Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, Gracious Lord. **Amen.**

***Canticle of Praise** (“Glory to God...”)
.....page 139

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King almighty God and Father, we worship you.

We give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us,

you are seated at the right hand of the father: receive our prayer.

**For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the father. Amen**

***Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Special Music: Holy Ground.....G. Davis (Greg Gehman, piano)

Children's Message

THE WORD

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

⁹The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹“Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm Reading: (read responsively) Psalm 25:1-10

¹To | you, O LORD,

I lift | up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

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

⁵ Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness,
O LORD.

⁸ **You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

⁹ You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

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

Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L: The word of the Lord.

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***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

***Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord,

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day:** Lord Whose Love in Humble Service..... #712

1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.

As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

***The Apostles' Creed**

P: Together, let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostle's Creed,

C: 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 life everlasting.

***Thanksgiving for Offering**

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.



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***Offering..... #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 Intercession**

P: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways.
Lord in your Mercy,
hear our prayers.

Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. Lord in your Mercy,
hear our prayers.

Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, and those facing housing and food insecurity. Lord in your Mercy,
hear our prayer.

Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing. (As I lift the names of our loved ones, please repeat their names. Lord we pray for) Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. Lord in your Mercy,
hear our prayers.

Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. Lord in your Mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. Lord in your Mercy,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

***The Lord's Prayer**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: **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.**

THE SENDING

***Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: **Amen** (sung)

***Sending Hymn:** “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”..... #772

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
to keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
to know and do his will!

2 Order my footsteps by your word
and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord,
but keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
a stricter watch to keep;
and should I e'er forget your way,
restore your wand'ring sheep.

4 Make me to walk in your commands,
'tis a delightful road;
nor let my head or heart or hands
offend against my God.

***Dismissal**

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: “The Solid Rock”..... *W. Bradbury*

After service, all are invited to fellowship with us in the sanctuary.
We thank *Dave, Julie, and Marleise Emrhein* for providing refreshments today!

Announcements

Welcome - to all visitors and guests; thank you for worshiping with us! We would love to get to know you. Please use the yellow card in your pew to tell us what you'd like us to know about you and how we can pray for you.

In Our Prayers: Linnny Ansel, Gloria Aseli, family of Leroy Berger, Michael Breidenstein Jr., Jane Enck, Ken Frazer, Molly Fritz, Cathleen Fuchs, Elaine Gehman, Larry Gehman, Lisa Gehman, Diane Weinhold Grube, Fred Hainley, family of Michael Martin, Audrey Opra, family of Joanne Saylor, Mary Ann Seidel, Donald Steinmetz, Thelma Sweigart, Waltraut Wegner, Philip Webber.

First Floor “Housecleaning”

We have scheduled several days to clean out and reorganize the Sunday School rooms. There's something for everyone who wishes to help: sorting boxes of papers and books, tearing out the theater seats, and reorganizing the kitchen, holiday, and nursery items. Our goal is to be finished by mid-August so we can get a dumpster and prepare the rooms for

Sunday School in September. We'll tackle the project in several two-hour increments:

July	Wednesday 7/16	9-11am
	Wednesday 7/30	6-8 pm
August	Thursday 8/7	1-3 pm
	Wednesday 8/13	9-11am

Please join us on one or all of these days to help improve the appearance and efficiency of our first-floor areas. *Property Committee*

Men's Chorus! You are invited to sing the familiar song "Day by Day," (#790 in the hymnbook) in our Men's Chorus on Sunday, July 20th in the 9:30 service. All you will have to do is bring your hymnbook and join us at the front of the sanctuary at the indicated time - the more, the merrier! To let you know ahead of time, our Mixed Chorus will be singing in August. Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Altar Flowers and Bulletins: Today's flowers are sponsored by *Doris and Brad Rauch* in honor of Summer Birthdays. To honor your loved one, with flowers (\$45) or through bulletin sponsorship (\$15) use the sign-up sheet on the table outside the Pastor's office.

Today's Worship Assistants

Acolyte	Mason Sheaffer
Cantor	Greg Gehman
Counters	Marie Buohl, Connie Hoover, Charles Leid
Lector	Doris Rauch

Next Week's Worship Assistants (July 20th):

Acolyte	Sophia Dimitris
Cantor	Hollie Kemper
Counters	Brad and Doris Rauch
Lector	Brenda Berger

CHURCH UPDATES

Attendance

June 29th 8:00 am - 24
9:30 am – 48; Total Online Views - 33

Giving

Received on July 6: \$5,091.13
Received July to date: \$5,091.03

Expenses Year-to-date General Fund plus Mission Support:

Received through June: \$75,225.19
Expenses through June: \$92,042.14