

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

11 South Muddy Creek Rd., Denver, PA 17517

9th Sunday after Pentecost, August 10, 2025, 10:15am

Online Bulletin



TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

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Welcome to Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

* = 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 “Lord of All Hopefulness” E. Whitsett

*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:** “Awake O Sleeper Rise from Death” #452

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
and Christ shall give you light;
so learn his love, its length and breadth,
its fullness, depth, and height.

To us on earth he came to bring
from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit's unity,
the very bond of peace.

There is one body and one hope,
 one Spirit and one call,
 one Lord, one faith, and one baptism,
 one God who made us all.

Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
 who died that he might save;
 with kind and gentle hearts forgive
 as God in Christ forgave.

For us Christ lived, for us he died,
 and conquered in the strife.
 Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
 and Christ shall give you 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**

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 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.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Children's Message

THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.
L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 33:12-22 (sung responsively)

¹² Happy is the nation whose God | is the Lord!
Happy the people chosen to | be God’s heritage!
¹³ **The Lord looks | down from heaven,
and sees all | humankind.**
¹⁴ God sits firmly en- | throned and watches
all who dwell | on the earth.
¹⁵ **God fashions | all their hearts
and observes | all their deeds.**
¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size | of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by | their great strength.
¹⁷ **The horse gives vain | hope for victory;
despite its great strength it | cannot save.**
¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear | you, O Lord,
upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,
¹⁹ **to deliver their | lives from death,
and to keep them alive in | time of famine.**
²⁰ Our innermost being waits for | you, O Lord,
our helper | and our shield.
²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,
for in your holy name we | put our trust.**
²² Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, | be upon us,
even as we place our | hope in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that

has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

***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 12:32-40**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P: The Gospel of the Lord,

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

Sermon

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** "On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand" # 437
On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,

and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land,
where my possessions lie.

Refrain:

I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land;
oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

O'er all those wide extended plains
shines one eternal day;
there God the Son forever reigns,
and scatters night away. [Refrain]

No chilling winds or poisonous breath
can reach that healthful shore;
sickness and sorrow, pain and death,
are felt and feared no more. [Refrain]

When I shall reach that happy place,
I'll be forever blest,
for I shall see my Father's face,
and in his bosom rest. [Refrain]

***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. Amen.

***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**

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 is held for reflection.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened by floods, fires, and tornados. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need. Our hearts are with those listed with the Prayer Ministry, and the following loved ones we now lift in prayer. Lord, we pray for.....and all those we name silently or aloud before you now...Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge and other means of support and advocacy.

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance (*especially Lawrence, deacon and martyr*). Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. 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: "Lord of All Hopefulness"..... # 765

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: "Look and Live" W. Ogden

Today's altar flowers were sponsored by Linda Berger
in honor of Brenda Berger's Birthday

After service, please join us for a Picnic in the Grove!

We thank all for providing refreshments today!

Announcements

Welcome: Visitors and guests - thank you for being with us today! Using the yellow card in your pew, fill in as much as you'd like and let us know how we can pray for you.

Prayers: Our Prayer Ministry is in continual prayer for many members, their families, and loved ones. In addition to persons listed there, we pray for the Family of Leroy Berger, Elaine Gehman, Diane Weinhold Grube, Mike Leid, Clarence Rutt, Waltraut Wegner.

Memorial Funds: Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Leroy Berger, Ken Frazer, and Joane Saylor. Memorial accounts have been set up in their honor.

First Floor "Housecleaning" – August 13th

We are cleaning and reorganizing the Sunday School rooms. There's something for everyone who wishes to help. Please join us on Wednesday 8/13 from 9-11am *Property Committee*

Bea Ebersole's 100th Birthday

To celebrate the 100th birthday of Bea Ebersole (August 14), rather than having one big celebratory bash, the family is inviting you to help them celebrate her birthday throughout the week of August 10th to 16th. Consider sending a card, making a call, or stopping by for a visit. Her phone number is 717-682-9696, and her address is Garden Spot Village, MountainView #B14, 433 Kinzer Avenue, New Holland. If you are visiting her, please do so between 2 and 4pm. The family asks that you not bring gifts, but that you feel free to share a cupcake and iced tea with her. *"Thank you for being a valued participant in her life. She has certainly had a Blessed one."* Craig/Deb Ebersole, Darlene/Jim Heian and families

Back-to-School Blessing – August 17th

We will pray over backpacks, book bags, and any desired items for students, educators, drivers, librarians, nurses, and all associated with the school system. Bring your items to the altar before service so they can be included in the communal blessing.

Today's Worship Assistants

Acolyte	Jack Lammey
Cantor	Greg Gehman
Counters	Nedra Bearinger, Judy Dengler, Karen Oglesby
Lector	Jill Youndt

Next Week's Worship Assistants (August 17):

Acolyte	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Cantor	Hollie Kemper
Counters	Hollie Kemper and Jane Wenger
Lector	Joe Sanchez

CHURCH UPDATES

Attendance -August 3rd

8:00 am - 23

9:30 am – 51; Total Online Views - 40

Giving

Received on Aug 3: \$2,864.00

August to date: \$2,864.00

Expenses Year to-date General Fund plus Mission Support:

Received thru July: \$88,522.43

Expenses thru July: \$106,678.58