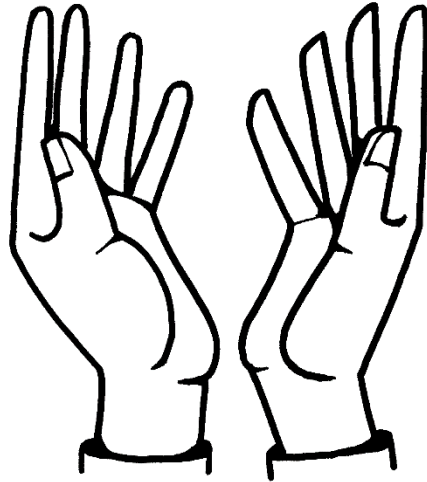


Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

11 South Muddy Creek Rd., Denver, PA 17517

11th Sunday after Pentecost, August 24, 2025, 9:30am

Online Bulletin



TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 58:9-14

Psalm 103 1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

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

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 "The Lord's Prayer"A. Malotte

*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: This Is My Father's World #824

This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world;
 the birds their carols raise;
 the morning light, the lily white,
 declare their maker's praise.
 This is my Father's world;
 he shines in all that's fair.
 In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
 he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world;
 oh, let me not forget
 that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the ruler yet.
 This is my Father's world;
 why should my heart be sad?
 The Lord is king, let the heaven ring;
 God reigns, let the earth be glad!

***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.

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when

we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Special Music “How Firm a Foundation” Mixed Chorus#796

Children’s Message

THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.

¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³ If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;

¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 103:1-8 (sung responsively)

¹ Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God’s | holy name.

² **Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and forget not | all God’s benefits—**

³ who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;

⁴ **who redeems your life | from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;**

⁵ who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

⁶ **O LORD, you provide | vindication
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**

⁷ You made known your | ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.

⁸ **LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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 13:10-17**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

¹⁰ Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and

was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord,

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

Sermon

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** “We Come to You for Healing, Lord” #617
 We come to you for healing, Lord of body, mind, and soul,
 and pray that by your Spirit’s touch we may again be whole.

As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain,
 come, risen Christ, among us still with pow’r to heal again.

You touch us through physicians’ skills, through nurses’ gifts of care,
 and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.

When nights are long with wakefulness, through days when strength runs low,
 grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.

We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain,
 in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.

***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: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence is held for reflection.

You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness. 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. Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With all your apostles, prophets, and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. Lord in your mercy.
hear our prayer.

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.
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: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"#618**

Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
 pilgrim through this barren land.
 I am weak, but you are mighty;
 hold me with your pow'rful hand.
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
 feed me now and evermore,
 feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
 where the healing waters flow;
 let the fire and cloudy pillar
 lead me all my journey through.
 Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
 shield me with your mighty arm,
 shield me with your mighty arm.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 bid my anxious fears subside;
 death of death and hell's destruction,
 land me safe on Canaan's side.
 Songs and praises, songs and praises

I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

***Dismissal**

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him!" J. Peterson

Today's altar flowers were sponsored by Judy Nichol
in honor of August birthdays!

Please join us after service for Fellowship.
Today's refreshments are provided by Brenda Berger.

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 Diane Weinhold Grube, Michael J Breidenstein Jr. Mike Leid, Clarence Rutt, Waltraut Wegner.

Ingathering 2025: Lutheran World Relief School Kits SEP 7th and 14th

Help support Lutheran World Relief's work to supply school kits, blankets and soap to those in need around the world. Donations accepted until **September 7th** to be assembled on Sunday, September 14th. Note: for the safety of the recipient, we are unable to pass along items with religious or patriotic symbols. NEW items needed:

Most Needed:

70 pg. spiral notebooks; Pencils and small sharpeners; Safety scissors; 2 ½ inch erasers

Also Needed:

Rulers; 16 or 24 box crayons; Black or blue ballpoint pens; 4-5 oz bars of soap

See Nancy Beck and Audrey Noll

Attention all singers - The Muddy Creek Choir will begin rehearsing Thursday, **September 11th** at 6:30pm. We will sing on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month (there may be some exceptions) and will only rehearse on the Thursday preceding the Sundays we sing. We'd love to have all old and new singers join us as we encourage the congregation and lift our voices to praise the Lord! See Greg Gehman if you have any questions.

Today's Worship Assistants

Acolyte Barbara Yerger

Cantor David Sensenig

Counters Ray & Susan Sweigart

Lector Brad Rauch

Next Week's Worship Assistants (August 31):

Acolyte Sophia Dimitris

Cantor Gail Bare

Counters David & June Sloat

Lector Lynn Breidenstein

CHURCH UPDATES

Attendance -August 17th

8:00 am - 18

9:30 am – 44; Total Online Views - 35

Giving

Received Aug 17th \$2,195.41

August to date \$6,304.41

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

Received through July: \$88,522.43

Expenses through July: \$106,678.58