

# Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

11 South Muddy Creek Rd., Denver, PA 17517

*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, September 14, 2025, 10:15am*

## *Online Bulletin*



### **TODAY'S READINGS**

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

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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** “Jesus Loves Even Me” ..... W. Bradbury

#### \*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: “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” ..... # 883**

1 All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;  
come ye before him and rejoice.

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make.  
We are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3 Oh, enter then his gates with praise;  
 approach with joy his courts unto;  
 praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
 for it is seemly so to do.

4 For why? The Lord our God is good:  
 his mercy is forever sure;  
 his truth at all times firmly stood,  
 and shall from age to age endure.

5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
 the God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
 from us and from the angel host  
 be praise and glory evermore.

**\*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** ..... PG. 138

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** ..... PG. 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 God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the  
 humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: "When in Our Music God Is Glorified"** ..... Greene/Stanford

## Children's Message

### THE WORD

#### First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

<sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup> they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " <sup>9</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup> Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

<sup>11</sup> But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " <sup>14</sup> And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

#### Psalm 51:1-10 (sung responsively)

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.
- <sup>2</sup> **Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**
- <sup>3</sup> For I know | my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.
- <sup>4</sup> **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**
- <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.
- <sup>6</sup> **Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**
- <sup>7</sup> Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.
- <sup>8</sup> **Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**
- <sup>9</sup> Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.
- <sup>10</sup> **Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup> even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 15:1-10**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup> “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord,

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

**Sermon**

\***HYMN OF THE DAY:** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” .....# 789

1 Savior like a shepherd lead us;  
 much we need your tender care.  
 In your pleasant pastures feed us,  
 for our use your fold prepare.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
 you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
 you have bought us; we are yours.

2 We are yours; in love befriend us,  
 be the guardian of our way;  
 keep your flock, from sin defend us,  
 seek us when we go astray.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
 hear us children when we pray.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
 hear us children when we pray.

3 You have promised to receive us,  
 poor and sinful though we be;  
 you have mercy to relieve us,  
 grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
 early let us turn to you.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
 early let us turn to you.

4 Early let us seek your favor,  
 early let us do your will;  
 blessed Lord and only Savior,  
 with your love our spirits fill.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
 you have loved us, love us still.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
 you have loved us, love us still.

\***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: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence is held for reflection.*

Merciful God, pour out your grace upon your church. Forgive us for the times when we have been unfaithful and renew our commitment to your gospel of love. Empower us to live as a community of mercy. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we ask forgiveness for the ways we have neglected and harmed this earth and its creatures. Confirm our commitment to care for all you have made, and grant us wisdom and strength to act toward restoring your creation to its fullness. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, govern all who hold positions of power and authority. Instruct them to make just decisions that serve the common good. Make them instruments of your mercy in the world, working to heal divisions and promote peace. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we lift up all who suffer. Bring healing, comfort, and peace to those who are sick, grieving, or in pain. As we remember those on the Prayer Ministry list, we also lift up Michael Breidenstein, Jr., Molly Fritz, Diane Weinhold Grube, Mike Leid, the family of Cecilia Lausch, and Clarence Rutt, and those we name silently or aloud before you now. Give us compassionate hearts to accompany those who are hurting and courage to work for justice and mercy. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, bind us together as a community of forgiveness and love. Supply us with humility to seek forgiveness when we have wronged one another and generosity to extend mercy when we have been wronged. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we remember in love those who have departed this life. Console those who mourn and give them the hope found in resurrection.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.  
**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: "Jesus Loves Me!"** .....# 595

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! he who died  
heaven's gates to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in. [Refrain]

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay  
close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die,  
he will take me home on high. [Refrain]

**\*Dismissal**

P: Go in Peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** “We Magnify Our Father God” ..... J. Peterson

Today’s altar flowers are donated by Peggy Leid in memory of Stanley and Arwilda Leid.

After service, please join us for snacks provided by Audrey and Roger Noll.

**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 those persons, we pray for Michael Breidenstein, Jr., Molly Fritz, Diane Weinhold Grube, Mike Leid, the family of Cecilia Lausch, and Clarence Rutt.

**Memorial Funds:** Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Cecilia Lausch. A Memorial account has been set up in her honor.

**Attention all singers!** The Muddy Creek Choir will rehearsal on Thursday prior to the Sunday we sing (the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month with some exceptions. Help us lift our voices in praise to the Lord. See Greg Gehman if you have any questions.

**Today’s Worship Assistants**

Acolyte Malia Mancini  
Cantor Hollie Kemper  
Counters Julie and Dave Emrhein, Kim Eshleman  
Lector Lynn Breidenstein

**Next Week’s Worship Assistants (September 21<sup>st</sup>):**

Acolyte Jack Dengler  
Cantor Dave Sensenig  
Counters Gail and Ted Bare  
Lector Hollie Kemper

**Weave Together!** SEP 21st and OCT 3rd North Lancaster and Lancaster County congregations are invited to participate in our first annual "Weave Together" Community Service Project & Retreat! Invite friends and neighbors to crochet or knit 12" X 12" single squares using any washable & dryable worsted (4) weight yarn. Any stitch, any color! We will collect the squares and deliver them on Friday, September 19th.

### **CHURCH UPDATES**

**Attendance** -September 7<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am - 27

10:15am – 46; Online Views - 33

### **Giving**

Received SEP 7<sup>th</sup> \$2,887

Month to date: \$2,887

**July Year to-date** General Fund plus Mission Support:

Received: \$88,522.43

Expenses: \$106,678.58