

# Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

11 South Muddy Creek Rd., Denver, PA 17517

*18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, October 12, 2025, 10:15am*

## *Online Bulletin*



### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**2 KINGS 5:1-3, 7-15C**

**PSALM 111**

**2 TIMOTHY 2:8-15**

**LUKE 17:11-19**

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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 "O Day of Rest and Gladness" ..... L. Mason

#### \*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: "Give to Our God Immortal Praise" ..... # 848

1 Give to our God immortal praise!

Mercy and truth are all his ways.

Wonders of grace to God belong;

repeat his mercies in your song.

2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save

from guilt and darkness and the grave.

Wonders of grace to God belong;

repeat his mercies in your song.

3 Give to the Lord of lords renown;  
the King of kings with glory crown.  
His mercies ever shall endure  
when lords and kings are known no more!

**\*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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: "His Love Can Never Fail"** ..... R. Nolte

**Children's Message**

**THE WORD**

**First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c**

<sup>1</sup> Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. <sup>2</sup> Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his

skin disease.”

<sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.”

<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.” <sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.” <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” <sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15a, b, c</sup> Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 111 (sung responsively)

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

<sup>2</sup> **Great are your | works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who de- | light in them.**

<sup>3</sup> Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

<sup>4</sup> **You cause your wonders to | be remembered;  
you are gracious and full | of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> You give food to | those who fear you,  
remembering forev- | er your covenant.

<sup>6</sup> **You have shown your people the power | of your works  
in giving them the lands | of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup> The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;  
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup> **They stand fast forev- | er and ever,  
because they are done in | truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup> You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;  
holy and awesome | is your name.

<sup>10</sup> **The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God’s praise en- | dures forever.**

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15**

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup> Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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 17:11-19**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord,

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

## Sermon

### \*HYMN OF THE DAY: “My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness” .....# 251

My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord; I sing my Savior’s praise!  
 You looked upon my lowliness, and I am full of grace.  
 Now every land and every age this blessing shall proclaim  
 Great wonders you have done for me, and holy is your name.

To all who live in holy fear your mercy ever flows.  
 With mighty arm you dash the proud, their scheming hearts expose.  
 The ruthless you have cast aside, the lowly throned instead;  
 The hungry filled with all good things, the rich sent off unfed.

To Israel, your servant blest, your help is ever sure;  
 The promise to our parents made their children will secure.  
 Sing glory to the Holy One, give honor to the Word,  
 And praise the Power of the Most High, one God, by all adored.

### \*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: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence is held for reflection.*

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world.

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

Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing. As we remember those on the Prayer Ministry list, we also pray for Michael Breidenstein, Jr., Cindy Frankhouser, Molly Fritz, Diane Weinhold Grube, Waltraut Wegner, and those we name silently or aloud before you now...

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

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving.

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

Gracious God, we give thanks for the saints who now join the heavenly chorus in praising your name. Lift us up from the dust of grief and remind us of your promise of new life.

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

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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: "O Savior, Precious Savior" .....# 820

1 O Savior, precious Savior,  
whom yet unseen, we love;  
O name of might and favor,  
all other names above:  
we worship thee; we bless thee,  
to thee alone we sing;  
we praise thee and confess thee,  
our holy Lord and King.

2 O bringer of salvation,  
who wondrously hast wrought,  
thyself the revelation  
of love beyond our thought:  
we worship thee; we bless thee;  
to thee alone we sing;  
we praise thee and confess thee,  
our gracious Lord and King.

3 In thee all fulness dwelleth,  
all grace and pow'r divine;  
the glory that excelleth,  
O Son of God, is thine.  
We worship thee; we bless thee;  
to thee alone we sing;  
we praise thee and confess thee,  
our glorious Lord and King.

4 Oh, grant the consummation  
of this our song above,  
in endless adoration  
and everlasting love;  
then shall we praise and bless thee  
where perfect praises ring,  
and evermore confess thee,  
our Savior and our King!

**\*Dismissal**

P: Go in Peace. Serve God and one another in Faith.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** “Jesus Shall Reign”..... J. Hatton

We are grateful for the congregation members who sponsored today’s altar flowers and fellowship gathering.

### **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., Cindy Frankhouser, Molly Fritz, Diane Weinhold Grube, Clarence Rutt, and Waltraut Wegner.

**Lutheran Ingathering** - Through your generous support, we assembled **71 bags!** for Lutheran In-Gathering. Thanks to all who purchased, prayed, participated, and packed. Your contributions mean a great deal and will go a long way toward helping persons in need. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** on **October 11**, 8:30-11am at Bergstrasse to help unload vehicles dropping off items to be loaded up for Lutheran World Relief. The New Windsor center has been closed and a truck from Minnesota will be onsite to be loaded with our donations. Please share this with your teams. Coffee and donuts will be served.

**Blessings of Hope** – Muddy Creek will be at Blessings of Hope on Wednesday, **October 15th** from 6:30 to 9 pm. Please use the sign-up sheet to confirm your commitment to the team. Please submit your name by October 7<sup>th</sup> . *Nancy Beck*

**Consider Thrivent for Giving** – We are grateful to all who directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars<sup>®</sup> to Muddy Creek Lutheran Church. Last year, the money received from Thrivent helped us to fund a number of programs. If you are a Thrivent member and have not yet done so, you can still impact the upcoming year. Please consider directing Choice Dollars<sup>®</sup> to the Muddy Creek; log in to your Thrivent account or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836.

*Thank you for all your support!*

**Altar Flowers and Bulletins:** To honor your loved ones 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 Barbara Yerger  
 Cantor Hollie Kemper  
 Counters Marie Buohl, Connie Hoover, Charles Leid  
 Lector Hollie Kemper

**Next Week's Worship Assistants (October 19<sup>th</sup>):**

Acolyte Barbara Yerger  
 Cantor David Sensenig  
 Counters Brad and Doris Rauch  
 Lector Nancy Beck

**CHURCH UPDATES**

**Attendance** – October 5<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am - 27

10:15am – 55; Online Views - 21

**Giving**

Received OCT 5<sup>th</sup> \$5,511

Month to date: \$5,511

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

Received: \$ 116,361

Expenses: \$ 134,957