

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

11 South Muddy Creek Rd., Denver, PA 17517

19th Sunday after Pentecost, October 19, 2025, 10:15am

Online Bulletin



TODAY'S READINGS

GENESIS 32:22-31

PSALM 121

2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5

LUKE 18:1-8

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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 Word of God Incarnate” Anonymous

*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:** “O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate” # 722

O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev’ry human pain. Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God’s vast domain. The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme to write God’s love in human deeds, eternity in time.

As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind, so may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find. Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone, and help us bear another’s pain as though it were our own.

O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours, that, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors. We are the body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.

O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall, Whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all: come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways, whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!

***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 Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: "It Is Well with My Soul" P. B. Bliss (Greg Gehman, piano)

Children's Message

THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 121 (sung responsively)

¹ I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
 from where is my | help to come?
² **My help comes | from the LORD,**
 the maker of heav- | en and earth.
³ The LORD will not let your | foot be moved
 nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
⁴ **Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**
 will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;
⁵ the LORD watches | over you;
 the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;
⁶ **the sun will not strike | you by day,**
 nor the | moon by night.
⁷ The LORD will preserve you | from all evil
 and will | keep your life.
⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,**
 from this time forth for- | evermore.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to

***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.



Feel free to scan this QR code or place an Offering in the wooden boxes on the entry tables. Thank you for your support of the ministries of Muddy Creek!

***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.

We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos.

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

We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world.

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

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer. As we remember those on the Prayer Ministry list, we also pray for Michael Breidenstein, Jr., Cindy Frankhouser, Molly Fritz, Diane Weinhold Grube, Clarence Rutt, Sandra Schutter, Waltraut Wegner, and those we name silently or aloud before you now...

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

Lord, we pray for Muddy Creek Lutheran Church. O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need.

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

We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus 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: "I Love to Tell the Story"# 661**

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory

to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story:
how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word. [Refrain]

3 I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long. [Refrain]

***Dismissal**

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: "Fling Out the Banner" J. Calkin

The altar flowers were sponsored by Nedra Beringer in celebration of all October Anniversaries!

Please join us for fellowship after service;
refreshments donated by Pat Brendle and 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 those persons, we pray for Michael Breidenstein, Jr., Cindy Frankhouser, Molly Fritz, Diane Weinhold Grube, Clarence Rutt, Sandra Schutter, and Waltraut Wegner.

Property Committee Praises - Many thanks to the individuals and families who volunteered to participate on the outside care team this summer! Volunteers planted flowers in May and from June

through September took turns keeping them watered and the flower beds free of weeds. It required the efforts of many to keep the plants looking their best. The flowers not only help to beautify the Muddy Creek Church property, but provide a pleasant visual experience for those who pass by.

Weave Together Praises - Early totals from the WEAVE event are: 22 people from 9 congregations across Lancaster and Dauphin Counties attended and participated:

4 blankets were lovingly stitched at the retreat; 4 blankets are almost finished; 7 remaining sets to be stitched, for a total of 15 blankets!!

Blankets are to be completed and returned to Salem, Kissel Hill by Friday, October 31st. Once the completed blankets have been returned, these will be distributed to north Lancaster county, Central Lancaster county, and southern Lancaster county. The planning team is looking into delivery options in each of these areas, but also looking for your feedback and input. Volunteers are needed:

- to help stitch the remaining three sets of squares together into three separate blankets
- to help distribute the blankets to three different organizations between Nov 1- Dec 1, 2025
- to serve on the planning committee for 2026 *Pastor Traci - pastortri1016@gmail.com*

Thrivent Members – We are grateful to all who direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars® to Muddy Creek Lutheran Church. Each year, the money we receive from Thrivent helps fund many programs. Please consider directing your Choice Dollars® to Muddy Creek through your online account or by calling Thrivent at 800-847-4836. Thank you for your continued support!

Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorship: To honor your loved ones with flowers (\$45) or through bulletin sponsorship (\$15) use the signup sheet on the table outside the Pastor's office.

Today's Worship Assistants

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

Next Week's Worship Assistants (October 26th):

Acolyte	Sophia Dimitris
Cantor	Gail Bare
Counters	Brenda Berger, Judy Nichol, Audrey Noll
Lector	Jill Youndt

CHURCH UPDATES

Attendance – October 12th

8:00 am - 21

10:15am – 40; Online Views - 21

Giving

Received OCT 12th \$1,007

Month to date: \$6,519

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

Received: \$ 116,361

Expenses: \$ 134,957