

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church
11 South Muddy Creek Rd, Denver, PA 17517

All Saints Day, November 2, 2025

10:15am Service
Online Bulletin



TODAY'S READINGS

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

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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: “Shall We Gather at the River” R. Parks

*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:** “For All the Saints” #422 v. 1,2,6,7

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 who thee by faith before the world confessed,
 thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
 the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 the King of glory passes on his way.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

***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. 140

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory,
 and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of
 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith
 and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love
 you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
 Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Children's Message

THE WORD

First Reading: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

¹ In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ “As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 149 (Congregational responses are **bold**.)

¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD | a new song,
 God’s praise in the assembly | of the faithful.

² **Let Israel rejoice | in their maker;**
let the children of Zion be joyful | in their ruler.

³ Let them praise their maker’s | name with dancing;
 let them sing praise with tambou- | rine and harp.

⁴ **For the LORD takes pleasure | in the people**
and adorns the | poor with victory.

⁵ Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph;
 let them sing for joy | on their beds.

⁶ **Let the praises of God be | in their throat**
and a two-edged sword | in their hand,

⁷ to wreak vengeance | on the nations
 and punishment | on the peoples,

⁸ **to bind their | kings in chains**
and their nobles with | links of iron,

⁹ to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed;
 this is glory for all God’s faithful ones. | Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and

revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (sung)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***Gospel:** Luke 6:20-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

***HYMN OF THE DAY: “Shall We Gather at the River”** #423

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. [Refrain]

3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. [Refrain]

***Apostles' Creed**

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 the 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 HYMN**

**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**

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence is held for reflection.

God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders.
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care. As we continue to pray for those on the Prayer Ministry list, we also pray for additional loved ones. Please repeat their names: Cindy Frankhouser, Molly Fritz, Diane Weinholt Grube, Clarence Rutt, Waltraut Wegner, those impacted by the shutdown, the people of Jamaica, the children and adults at the New Vision Home, others experiencing hurricanes and other weather events, and all those we name silently or aloud before you now... Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church. By their commitment, further the work of ministry in this place and uplift your gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed. Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Proper Preface and Sanctus

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

*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.**

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: **Amen**

All are invited to participate in Communion. Gluten-free wafers and juice are offered as alternatives.

Children will receive communion or a blessing according to parental wishes.

Please follow the direction of the ushers.

***Post-Communion Prayer**

P: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

C: **Amen.**

Remembrance of the Saints**Prayer for the Saints**

P: Let us pray: God, the generations rise and pass away before you. You are the strength of those who labor; you are the rest of those who have gone before us. We delight in your faithfulness and the memories of those who rest in you. We thank you for your promises, your presence, and the power of your word. In communion with the church on earth and the church in heaven, we give you all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

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: "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" # 494**

For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore you,
seated at the heav'nly board,
may the church still waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

***Dismissal**

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: "Rise Up, O Saints of God" W. Walter

Today's Service

Rev. Stacy Chavis	Interim Pastor
Acolyte	Malia Mancini
Cantor	Greg Gehman
Counters	Ray & Susan Sweigart
Lector	Joe Sanchez
Communion Assistants	8am - Karen Oglesby, Hollie Kemper 10:15 - Nancy Beck, Audrey Noll

Mark Saylor donated today's altar flowers in memory of Joanne & Verona Saylor

After service, please join us for snacks provided by Marie Buohl

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 Cindy Frankhouser, Molly Fritz, Diane Weinhold Grube, Clarence Rutt, Waltraut Wegner, the people of Jamaica and the children and adults at the New Vision Home, and those impacted by the government shutdown.

Annual Wreath Laying for Muddy Creek Cemetery - During November containers will be provided by the Muddy Creek Cemetery Board for donations to the veteran's wreath fund for those who would like to contribute. Checks can be made out to Muddy Creek Lutheran Church and marked with "Cemetery Veteran's Wreaths". A current list of veterans and plot locations will be available near the donation container. See November bulletin for additional details!

Brenda and Friends Bus Trips – Saturday, November 29, 2025 (Saturday) – We will host our annual trip to Lewisburg to Purity Candy and The Street of Shops. *Brenda Berger*

Consider Thrivent for Giving – We are grateful to all who directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars® 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® to the Muddy Creek; log in to your Thrivent account or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836. Thank you for all your support!

Poinsettia Time! – This year, we will again order poinsettias for the congregation and loved ones. From November 9th through November 30th, you can place an order (\$7.50 each). They will be delivered to the church on December 20th.

CHURCH UPDATES**Next Week's Worship Assistants (November 9th):**

Acolyte Jack Dengler
Cantor Hollie Kemper
Counters Jere & Joan Shimp
Lector Brad Rauch

Attendance -October 26th

8:00 am - 22

10:15am – 49; Online Views – 35

GivingReceived October 26th \$ 2,545

Month to date: \$11,015

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

Received: \$ 116,361

Expenses: \$ 134,957