

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

11 South Muddy Creek Rd., Denver, PA 17517

22nd Sunday after Pentecost - November 9, 2025
10:15am

Online Bulletin



TODAY'S READINGS

JOB 19:23-27A

PSALM 17:1-9

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-5, 13-17

LUKE 20:27-38

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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 “And Can It Be?” T. Campbell

*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:** “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” #414

1 Holy God, we praise your name;

Lord of all, we bow before you.

All on earth your scepter claim,
all in heav'n above adore you.

Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.

2 Hark! the glad celestial hymn
 angel choirs above are raising;
 cherubim and seraphim,
 in unceasing chorus praising,
 fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
 "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

3 Lo, the apostolic train
 join your sacred name to hallow;
 prophets swell the glad refrain,
 and the white-robed martyrs follow;
 and from morn to set of sun
 through the church the song goes on.

4 Holy Father, holy Son,
 Holy Spirit, three we name you,
 though in essence only one;
 undivided God we claim you
 and, adoring, bend the knee
 while we own the mystery.

***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, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: "He's Just the Same Today" R. Hughes

Children's Message**THE WORD****First Reading: Job 19:23-27a**

²³ "O that my words were written down!
 O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
 they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives
 and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
 then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side,
 and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 17:1-9 (sung responsively)

¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed ^l to my cry;
 listen to my prayer, which does not come from ^l lying lips.
² **Let my vindication come forth ^l from your presence;**
let your eyes be ^l fixed on justice.
³ Examine my heart, visit ^l me by night,
 melt me down; you will find no impuri- ^l ty in me.
⁴ **I have not regarded what ^l others do;**
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways ^l of the violent.
⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your ^l well-worn path;
 and my feet ^l do not slip.
⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will ^l answer me;**
incline your ear to me and ^l hear my words.
⁷ Show me your marvelous ^l lovingkindness,
 O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who ^l rise against them.
⁸ **Keep me as the apple ^l of your eye;**
hide me under the shadow ^l of your wings,
⁹ from the wicked ^l who assault me,
 from my deadly enemies ^l who surround me.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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 20:27-38**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord,

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

Sermon

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** “Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand”# 441

1 O happy day when we shall stand
Amid the heav'nly throng,
And sing with hosts from ev'ry land
The new celestial song,
The new celestial song.

2 O blessed day! From far and near
The servants of the Lord
Shall meet the ransomed millions there
Who heard God's saving Word,
Who heard God's saving Word.

3 O what a mighty, rushing flood
Of love that will not cease,
Shall roll about the throne of God
In joy and endless peace,
In joy and endless peace!

4 God, may Thy bounteous grace inspire
Our hearts so that we may
All join the heav'nly, white-robed choir
Upon that glorious day,
Upon that glorious day.

***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: 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 our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return.

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

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world.

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

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body. As we remember those on the Prayer Ministry list, please repeat the names of additional loved ones we pray for: Cindy Frankhouser, Molly Fritz, Diane Weinhold Grube, Clarence Rutt, Sandra Schutter, Waltraut Wegner, those impacted by the shutdown, the people of Jamaica, the children and adults at the New Vision Home, and those we name silently or aloud before you now... Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events.

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

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. 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 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 Place My Faith in God Above" D. Sensenig
(sung to tune of Just as I Am)

1. I place my faith in God above and in His everlasting love
Creator of this world I'm in, The One in Whom all things begin.

2. I place my faith in His dear Son, Who'll meet me when my days are done
The One who's greater than all men, Who lived and died, and lives again.

3. And in His Spirit giv'n to me, Who guides my path and helps me see
The way that's best for me to go, When I don't understand or know.

4. I hold the hope that I'll receive, The gift for all who will believe
Eternity in heav'n one day, When from this life I pass away.

5. Then at that time I'll take my place, Among the multitude of saints
And sing with them as we all raise, A hymn of never ending praise.

*Dismissal

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" H. E. Nichol

Today's Service

Rev. Kurt Strause	Supply Pastor
Acolyte	Jack Dengler
Cantor	Hollie Kemper
Counters	Jere & Joan Shimp
Lector	Brad Rauch

Thank you to members who donated altar flowers and provided refreshments for fellowship.

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, Sandra Schutter, Waltraut Wegner, those impacted by the shutdown, the people of Jamaica, and the children and adults at the New Vision Home.

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*

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.

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!

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!

CHURCH NOTES

Next Week's Worship Assistants (November 2nd):

Acolyte	Russel Beck
Cantor	David Sensenig
Counters	Nedra Bearinger, Judy Dengler, Karen Oglesby
Lector	Brenda Berger

Attendance – October 26th

8:00 am - 25

10:15am – 42

Giving

Received Nov 2nd \$2,147

Month to date: \$2,147

October Year-to-date General Fund plus Mission Support

Received: \$ 129,629

Expenses: \$ 151,719