

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

11 South Muddy Creek Rd, Denver, PA 17517

Transfiguration of Our Lord – February 15, 2026

*10:15am Service
Online Bulletin*



TODAY'S READINGS

EXODUS 24:12-18

PSALM 99

2 PETER 1:16-21

MATTHEW 17:1-9

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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 "I Want to Walk as A Child of The Light" J. Behnke

*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: "How Good, Lord, to Be Here!"#315

1 How good, Lord, to be here!

Your glory fills the night;

your face and garments, like the sun,

shine with unborrowed light.

2 How good, Lord, to be here,
 your beauty to behold
 where Moses and Elijah stand,
 your messengers of old.

3 Fulfiller of the past
 and hope of things to be,
 we hail your body glorified
 and our redemption see.

4 Before we taste of death,
 we see your kingdom come;
 we long to hold the vision bright
 and make this hill our home.

5 How good, Lord, to be here!
 Yet we may not remain;
 but since you bid us leave the mount,
 come with us to the plain.

***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. 203

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
 We come to hear your living word, it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
 Renew us in your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** PG. 204

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
 Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;
 we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
 Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
 Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.

For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high.

***Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah. And in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs of your glory and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: "How Great Thou Art" (recording) .. Charles Leid, piano; Greg Gehman, organ
(In memory of Charles Leid)

Children's Message

THE WORD

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 99 (sung responsively)

¹ The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

² **The LORD, | great in Zion,
is high a- | bove all peoples.**

³ Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;
God is the | Holy One.

⁴ **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob.**

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;
God is the | Holy One.

⁶ **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon
your | name, O LORD,
they called upon you, and you | answered them,**

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
 they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.
⁸ **O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;
 you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**
⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;
 for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** PG. 205

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
 Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
 Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 17:1-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

L: The Gospel of the Lord,

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

Sermon

***HYMN OF THE DAY: “Arise, Your Light Has Come!”**#314

1 Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.

2 Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

3 Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

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***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: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence is held for reflection.

Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross.

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

Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth.

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

Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict all over the world. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger.

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

Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. *(Together aloud, we pray...)* **God, we pray for healing and strength for David Sloat and for those who need clothing and shelter.**

Strengthen the friends and families of Muddy Creek members who have joined the Church Triumphant, and for those we lift silently or aloud to you now...Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star.

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

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **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: "On Our Way Rejoicing"#537

1 On our way rejoicing
 gladly let us go.
 Christ our Lord has conquered;
 vanquished is the foe.
 Christ without, our safety;
 Christ within, our joy;
 who, if we be faithful,
 can our hope destroy?

Refrain:

On our way rejoicing,
 as we homeward move,
 hearken to our praises,
 O blest God of love!

2 Unto God the Father
 joyful songs we sing;
 unto God the Savior
 thankful hearts we bring;
 unto God the Spirit
 bow we and adore,
 on our way rejoicing
 now and evermore. [Refrain]

*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve God and one another in Faith.
 C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: "Hail to the Brightness L. Mason"..... L. Mason

Today's Service

Rev. Stacy Chavis	Interim Pastor
Acolyte	Barb Yerger
Cantor	Hollie Kemper
Counters	Kim Eshleman, Ray & Susan Sweigart
Lector	Hollie Kemper

Dave and Marliese donated today's altar Flowers – Happy Birthday, Julie Emrhein!

Worship Assistants for February 15th

Acolyte	Malia Mancini
Cantor	David Sensenig
Counters	Nedra Bearinger, Judy Dengler, Karen Oglesby
Lector	Hollie Kemper

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Welcome: Visitors and guests - thank you for being with us today! Please use the yellow card in your pew to tell us more about you and how we can pray for you.

Prayers: In addition to those on our Prayer Ministry list, we pray for healing and strength for David Sloat, for those who need clothing and shelter, and we ask that God strengthen the friends and families of Muddy Creek members who transitioned.

Ash Wednesday Services: On Wednesday 2/18/26, we will have two services. At noon, we will hold a quiet service (liturgy, without music) and at 7pm, we will have a full worship service with music. See the Cocalico schedule for the full Lenten Schedule.

Thank You for allowing our Scouts to be here and for your welcomeness! Mike Marti, Boy Scout Troop 4318. Please see the Scouts Fundraiser outside of the Pastor's Study. All requests are due by Friday, February 22nd; items will be delivered in March.

New Year, New Ways to Serve – Where are you being called to serve? The Worship and Music Team are looking for a few extra volunteers to assist by being an Acolyte, Lector, or Usher, or working on the Altar Guild Team. Agreeing to serve just once a month or even once a quarter will help enhance the worship service and will be a tremendous help to our worship leaders. See Hollie Kemper or Jane Wenger to sign up or ask questions.

Partner Ministry Events

“Brenda and Friends” Bus Trips

Feb. 26th (Thursday) - Neil Simon's “The Sunshine Boys” at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

March 2nd (Monday) - Asher's Chocolate & the Philadelphia Flower Show

March 19th (Thursday) – “Andy Cooney Irish Cabaret” at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

For more information, contact Brenda Berger (717) 336-6886 or berger@dejazzd.com

Administrative Items

February 8th

One Service - 74 attendees, 70 online views

Weekly Reg. Giving \$ 2,863

Mo. to Date Giving \$ 6,235

Year-to-date General Fund plus Mission Support:

Received in January: \$12,044

January Expenses: \$19,618