

# MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

11 South Muddy Creek Rd, Denver, PA 17517

*Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2026*

*10:15am Service*

*Online Bulletin*



## TODAY'S READINGS

EZEKIEL 43:1-7A

PSALM. 66:8-20

1 PETER 3:13-22

JOHN 14:15-21

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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 "Faith of Our Mothers" .....H. Hemy

#### \*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: "Faith of Our Fathers" ..... #813

1 Faith of our fathers, living still  
in spite of dungeon, fire and sword.  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
whene'er we hear that glorious word.  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
we will be true to you till death.

2 Faith of our mothers, daring faith,  
 your work for Christ is love revealed,  
 spreading God's word from pole to pole,  
 making love known and freedom real.  
 Faith of our mothers, holy faith,  
 we will be true to you till death.

3 Faith of our sisters, brothers too,  
 who still must bear oppression's might,  
 raising on high, in prisons dark,  
 the cross of Christ still burning bright.  
 Faith for today, O living faith,  
 we will be true to you till death.

4 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet,  
 bind us with all who follow you,  
 sharing the struggle of your cross  
 until the world is made anew.  
 Faith born of God, O living faith,  
 we will be true to you till death.

**\*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.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**Hand Bells:** "Amazing Grace"..... Women and Children  
*All are welcome to come forward*

**Children's Message****THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 43:1-7a

<sup>1</sup> Then he brought me to the gate, the gate facing east. <sup>2</sup> And there the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east; the sound was like the sound of mighty waters, and the earth shone with his glory. <sup>3</sup> The vision I saw was like the vision that I had seen when he came to destroy the city and like the vision that I had seen by the River Chebar, and I fell upon my face.

<sup>4</sup> As the glory of the Lord entered the temple by the gate facing east, <sup>5</sup> the spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple.

<sup>6</sup> While the man was standing beside me, I heard someone speaking to me out of the temple. <sup>7a</sup> He said to me: "Mortal, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet, where I will reside among the people of Israel forever."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 66:8-20** (sung responsively)

<sup>8</sup> Bless our | God, you peoples;  
let the sound of | praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup> **Our God has kept us a- | mong the living  
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have | tested us;  
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

<sup>11</sup> **You brought us in- | to the net;  
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

<sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup> **I will enter your house | with burnt offerings  
and will pay | you my vows—**

<sup>14</sup> those that I promised | with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup> **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;  
I will give you ox- | en and goats.**

<sup>16</sup> Come and listen, all you | who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.

**<sup>17</sup> I called out to God | with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished evil | in my heart,  
the Lord would | not have heard me;

**<sup>19</sup> but in truth | God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing | love from me.

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 Reading:** John 14:15-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

\***HYMN OF THE DAY:** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" .....#807

1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee;  
may I still thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:  
"Hither by thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter  
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

### \*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.**



To make an Offering, you can scan this QR code or place your gift in an offering box. Thank you for supporting the ministries of Muddy Creek!

**\*HYMN OF REFLECTION**

**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: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. *A brief silence is held for reflection.*

God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(Together aloud, we pray...) **You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill. Comfort those we lift silently or aloud before you now... Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

L God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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.**

**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: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" .....#802**

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
follow his example pure,  
through a world that would deceive us  
and to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in his footsteps treading,  
travelers here, our home above,  
full of faith and hope and love,  
let us do our Savior's bidding,  
Faithful Lord, with me abide,  
I shall follow where you guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus,  
and with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
where he is there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
we shall reap celestial joy:  
all discomforts that annoy  
shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share your woe;  
help me there your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
 Since by death he conquered death,  
 he will free us from destruction,  
 give to us immortal breath.  
 Let us mortify all passion  
 that would lead us into sin;  
 and the grave that shuts us in  
 shall but prove the gate of heaven.  
 Jesus, here with you I die,  
 there to live with you on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.  
 He has risen from the dead  
 that to life we may awaken.  
 Jesus, you are now our head,  
 we are your own living members;  
 where you live, there we shall be  
 in your presence constantly,  
 living there with you forever.  
 Jesus, let me faithful be;  
 life eternal grant to me.

**\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve God and one another in faith.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** “Arise, My Soul, Arise!” .....Unknown

**TODAY’S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. Stacy Chavis
Music Director	Greg Gehman

Acolyte.....	Malia Mancini
Cantor .....	Hollie Kemper
Counters .....	Brenda Berger, Judy Nichol, Audrey Noll
Lector .....	Pat Buohl

Today’s altar flowers were donated in memory of Jesse Mann by Peggy Leid.  
 Special flower arrangements are in honor of Dave & Julie Emrhein’s 36<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.  
 Darlene & Audrey donated the refreshments for the Fellowship Hour.

**MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Acolyte.....	Jack Dengler
Cantor .....	David Sensenig
Counters .....	Kim Eshleman, Ray & Susan Sweigart
Lector .....	Jill Youndt

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**Welcome!** If you're visiting with us today, we're glad you're here. At your convenience, you are welcome to fill out the yellow card in your pew and share a little about yourself or let us know how we can be praying for you. We're happy you chose to spend today with us!

### **Notes of Thanks:**

I wanted to say THANK YOU for the great box of goodies I received at College, just in time for finals! My first year at Wilkes University is wrapping up, and I appreciate the congregation thinking of me during these last few weeks of the semester.

*- Zach Sheaffer*

Thank you to my Muddy Creek Family for the snack box. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated. It is always nice to hear from home."

*-CPO Travis Gerhart & Kirsten  
USCG Eaton Neck, LI*

### **Upcoming**

- **Annual Veterans Wreath Project Donations in honor of Memorial Day**

We are collecting donations to help offset the cost of 247 wreaths for veterans for the Nov/Dec annual Veteran's Wreath Project. Please include a note indicating that your contribution is designated for the wreath project. Make checks payable to Muddy Creek Lutheran Church.

- **Blessings of Hope, 500 Becker Road, Leola - Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm-9pm**



Help repackage bulk items of mainly fruits and vegetables to be distributed to those in need in the Lancaster community. Sign up before 5/19 on the sheet under the mailboxes.

**New volunteers only:** Please register by May 24<sup>th</sup> at [blessingsofhope.rosterfy.com/register](http://blessingsofhope.rosterfy.com/register).  
For more information, contact Nancy Beck (717) 475-3234 or [nancybeck@ptd.net](mailto:nancybeck@ptd.net)

- **AED Training – May 31<sup>st</sup> -After both services**

Julie Emrhein will be training the members of our congregation on proper usage of the AED in the event of a cardiac emergency.

- **New Service Times** -Beginning June 7<sup>th</sup>, services will be at 8:30 and 9:30am.

- **Community Yard Sale – Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:30am-Noon**

[Click this link to register](#) Deadline to register is June 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Contact: [office@mclchurch.org](mailto:office@mclchurch.org) or 717-336-2770.

### **Ongoing**

- **Grounds Care Team - Volunteers Needed**

Last year, many church members volunteered to help weed and water the flower beds. Information and a summer sign-up schedule will be sent out in the coming weeks to last year's volunteers, as well as any new participants.

Contact Judy Nichol at 717-484-1447 or text 717-947-0802

**PARTNER MINISTRY EVENTS**

**“Brenda and Friends” Bus Trips**

- May 30 (Saturday) - 1-Day Mystery Trip
- June 6 (Saturday) - National Zoo in Washington, DC

**Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA**

Considering a summer job as a camp counselor? The Lutheran Camping Corporation is seeking faithful individuals to help build a welcoming camp community.

Counselors must be at least 18 or a High School graduate this June. Training is provided. Learn more at <https://www.lutherancamping.org/employment/>

**This Weeks Office Hours:**

Monday	May 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am-11:30am
Tuesday	May 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am-1:30pm
Wednesday	May 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am-11am
Friday	May 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am-1:30pm

**MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

<b>Attendance</b>		<b>Offerings</b>	
8am	21	Weekly	\$3,123
10:15am	49	Month-to-Date	\$3,123
Online	31		

**General Fund plus Mission Support**

Received through April	\$51,811
Expenses through April	\$73,426