

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

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The 10:15 a.m. service will be livestreamed and posted today on our YouTube channel and our website.

Palm Sunday and Passion Narrative Presentation, March 24, 2024, 10:15 a.m.
Online Edition

* = Please stand as you are able All congregational responses are in **bold**

Welcome to Muddy Creek!
Announcements, Waving Hello
Prelude - *The Palms*.....J. Faure

*Palm Sunday Greeting (Repeat three times, waving palms as you speak)
L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

*Processional Gospel: Mark 1:1-11
¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*Prayer of the Day C: **Amen.**

*Hymn: “All Glory, Laud and Honor” (everyone wave palms on refrain, kids process).....#344

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
1. You are the king of Israel and David’s royal Son,
now in the Lord’s name coming, our King and Blessed One. (Refrain)
2. The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. (Refrain)
3. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. (Refrain)
4. To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)

5. Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. (Refrain)

First Bible Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?
L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 31:9-16 (Congregational responses in bold)

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I [|] am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat [|] and my belly.
¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my [|] years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones [|] are consumed.**
¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to [|] my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street [|] they avoid me.
¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, [|] out of mind;
I am as useless as a [|] broken pot.**
¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is [|] all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to [|] take my life.
¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in [|] you, O LORD.
I have said, "You [|] are my God.**
¹⁵My times are [|] in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who [|] persecute me.
¹⁶**Let your face shine up- [|] on your servant;
save me in your [|] steadfast love."**

Second Bible Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

Choir Anthem: *The King is Riding By*.....B. Price

The Passion Narrative According to Mark - Mark 14:1 - 15:47

High Priest/Pilate/Servant/Soldier - Lynn Breidenstein

Jesus – Will Wood

Disciple/Bystander/Centurion – Hollie Kemper, Narrator - Pastor Peter

Scene 1: Mark 14:1-52, Hymn: “Ah, Holy Jesus” (v. 1-2).....#349

1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended that we to judge thee, have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.
2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
‘Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

Scene 2: Mark 14:53 - 15:15, Crowd: “**Crucify him! Crucify him!**” (said two different times)

Hymn: “Ah, Holy Jesus” (v. 3-5).....#349

3. Lo, the Good Shepherd, for the sheep is offered; the slave hath sinned,
and the Son hath suffered; for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.
4. For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life’s oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.
5. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

Scene 3: Mark 15:16-47

*Hymn of the Day: “O Sacred Head Now Wounded”#351

1. O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.
2. How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;
how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners’ gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
3. What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.
4. Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;
remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;
for all who die believing die safely in thy love.

*The 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 C: **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.

(Offering to Muddy Creek or Disaster Relief may be contributed online through the church website, mclchurch.org, “Give Online” button on the home page.)

*Hymn #752 (“**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 the Church P: Lord, in your mercy C: **Hear our prayer**

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Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed by 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.

*Blessing C: **Amen** (sung response)

*Sending Hymn: “What Wondrous Love is This”#666

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

4. And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on; and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on; and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing God’s love for me, and through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on; and through eternity I’ll sing on.

*Dismissal P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord! C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *All Glory, Laud and Honor*.....M. Teschner

Announcements

Welcome to everyone, especially all visitors and guests! If you are visiting today, it would be really appreciated if you would fill out the yellow card in your pew and put it in the offering box or give it to the pastor. Welcome!

Notes for Online Participants:

If you would like to pick up prefilled home communion kits of wafers and grape juice in order to participate online along with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month, please contact Pastor Peter or pick them up from the box on the table under the church mailboxes. Or, if you wish, you may use bread and grape juice/wine from your own home.

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Our Community Easter Egg Hunt in the Grove is today at 11:30 a.m. Come hunt for eggs and meet the Easter Bunny! Age groupings: 0-2, 3-4, 5-7, 8 and up. Thank you to all who donated plastic eggs and chocolates, to those who helped clean the Grove, to the Evangelism Committee for sponsoring the event, and to those who are helping this morning to put out the Easter Eggs!

Today (Palm Sunday), we will have a dramatic reading of the narrative about Jesus' last days ("passion narrative") from the Gospel of Mark at both services. Thank you to our readers: Lynn Breidenstein, Will Wood and Hollie Kemper.

Holy Week and Easter Services This Coming Week:

Thursday, March 28: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Friday, March 29: 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Sunday, March 31 (Easter):

6:30 a.m. Easter Dawn Outdoor Service in the Cemetery (assemble in front of the church)

7:30 a.m. Easter Service with Communion

8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall (all invited)

10:15 a.m. Easter Service with Communion

Easter Breakfast is Easter Morning, at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to the Easter Breakfast sponsored by our Parish Life Committee. **Please sign up on the clipboard** by the mailboxes so that we can get a rough count of who's coming. You can help by signing up to bring breakfast casseroles and breakfast food items. Contacts: Audrey Noll, 717-336-3592, aan7@ptd.net., and Pat Brendle, 717-799-2591, pattigb@ptd.net.

Easter Yard Signs: Easter yard signs are available at the front of the sanctuary to take home and put in your front yard to help let your neighbors and friends know about the Easter services at Muddy Creek! Please take one, and return it after Easter.

Next Sunday (Easter), Is the Deadline for Collecting Snack Items for Goodie Boxes to be sent to Muddy Creek participants who are college students or serving in the military. Snack items may include cookies, chips, candies or crackers. Items may be placed in the marked collection bins in the entrances. This is being sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee. Thank you to all who have contributed donations so far!

Everyone is Invited to a Meeting of the Evangelism Committee Today at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is Invited on April 7 at 3:00 p.m. to a Concert at Peace U.C.C, 37 Swartzville Road, Denver. The concert, "Traveling to the Resurrection" features soloist Donna Danielski and Organist/Pianist Phyllis Sands.

The Altar Flowers Today are given in memory of Charles Frantz by Janet Frantz and family.

The Sign Up for Altar Flower Sponsorships is on the table outside Pastor Peter's office. If you wish, you may sponsor flowers in honor or in memory of someone. Cost is \$45.

In our Prayers: Linny Ansel, Gloria Aseli, Dorothy Beam, Tom Carretta, Pastor Tim Craven at the death of his brother Tom, Ken Frazer, Elaine Gehman, Greg Gehman, Anne Kinnamon, Pastor David Klepper, Betty Kramer, the Martin family, Helen Martin, Katie McCalicher, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, Paul Moyer, George Nagle, Betty Ramsey, Tom and Audrey Riggle, Joanne Saylor, Jared Schutter, Mary Ann Seidel, Becky Thunberg, the family of Jim Weber who passed away on March 15 (funeral is tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. at the church, viewing at 10 a.m.)

Attendance and Giving:

Attendances: Mar. 17, 8:00 a.m. – 31, 10:15 a.m. - 60, Online Views (includes livestream) - 32
 Received through end of Feb.: \$34,861.49 Expenses thru Feb.: \$32,230.80
 Received on Mar. 17: \$2,683.58 Received Mar. to date: \$11,006.98

Worship Helpers Today:

Acolyte - Cannon Youndt Lay Reader - Lynn Breidenstein
 Passion Narrative Readers 8 am & 10:15 am – Lynn Breidenstein, Hollie Kemper, Will Wood
 Cantor - Pastor Peter Money Counters - Jeanette and Mike Leid

Worship Helpers Next Sunday, March 31 (Easter):

7:30 am Communion Assistant and Acolyte - Grace Youndt
 7:30 am Lay Reader - Joe Sanchez
 10:15 am Communion Assistant and Acolyte - Sophia Dimitris
 10:15 am Lay Reader - Brad Rauch 10:15 am Cantor - David Sensenig
 10:15 am Money Counters - Marie Buohl, Connie Hoover, David Sensenig