

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

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Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024, 7:00 p.m. - Online Edition

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

Welcome to Muddy Creek!

Announcements, Waving Hello

Prelude – “Tis Midnight and on Olive’s Brow” W. Bradbury

*Hymn – “Our Father, We Have Wandered” #606

1. Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face;
 in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.

But now in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame,
 as distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.

2. And now at length discerning the evil that we do,
 behold us, Lord, returning with hope and trust to you.
 In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring,
 in gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.

3. O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored,
 compassionate, forgiving, and ever-caring Lord,
 grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease.
 Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon and in peace.

*Confession and Forgiveness.....p. 258

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

*Greeting C: **And also with you.....**p. 259

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

First Bible Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in

obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (Congregational responses in bold)

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

¹²How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

¹⁵Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,

¹⁹in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Second Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

Choir Anthem: *O Lord, Why Must You Feel the Pain?*.....J. Althouse

*Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does

not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

^{31b}“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

L: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

*Hymn “Around You, O Lord Jesus”.....#468

1. Around you, O Lord Jesus, your own you gather still
to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.

You say to us so lovingly, “Take, eat! This is my body! Take, drink! This is my blood!”

2. We hear your invitation, and heed, O Lord, your call;
your word of consolation is spoken here to all.

It draws us to your loving heart; it brings to us your blessing, which never will depart.

3. We hear your own forever, until our final breath
we will be true and never – in joy, in grief, in death –

depart from you, for you are still among your people dwelling, as you have said you will.

*The Apostles’ Creed.....p. 105

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 to heaven, he is seated at the right hand of God 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.

*Prayers of the Church P: Lord, in your mercy C: **Hear our prayer**

Holy Communion

*Words of Institution

*Lord’s Prayer.....page 208

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.

Distribution of Communion (Note for online followers – Prefilled grape juice and wafer kits are available from Pastor Peter at any time for use at home as you follow along with Communion from home. Or, you may use bread and wine from home.)

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion L: O God, we give you thanks that you have given us this meal in which we remember the giving of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, strengthen us in faith to you and in service to any who are in need. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: **Amen**

The Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22 is read

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

³ Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴ In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵ To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

⁶ But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

⁷ All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

⁸ “Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—

let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”

⁹ Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

¹⁰ On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

¹¹ Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

¹² Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

¹³ they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;

my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

¹⁵ my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;

you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶ For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me.

My hands and feet have shriveled;

¹⁷ I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me;

¹⁸ they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

¹⁹ But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!

²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

²² I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

- ²⁴ For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.
- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
- ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
- ²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.
- ²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him
- ³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,
- ³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

All depart in silence

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 plate 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.

Offering to Muddy Creek or Disaster Relief may be contributed online through the church website, melchurch.org, "Give Online" button on the home page.

Everyone is Invited to the Good Friday Tenebrae Service tomorrow evening here at 7:00 p.m. It is a powerful and moving service of candles and gathering darkness as we remember the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus. It will also be livestreamed and posted on our YouTube site.

Easter Services this coming Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m. Easter Communion Service

8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 a.m. Easter Communion Service

Easter Breakfast is this Sunday, Easter Morning, at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to the Easter Breakfast sponsored by our Parish Life Committee. You can help by bringing in breakfast casseroles and breakfast food items. Please sign up on the clipboard by the mailboxes and let us know what you can bring. Contacts: Audrey Noll, 717-336-3592, aan7@ptd.net, and Pat Brendle, 717-799-2591, pattigb@ptd.net.