

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

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Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024, 7:30 and 10:15 a.m. - Online Edition

* = Please stand as you are able All congregational responses are in **bold**
(Young Families: There is an “activity box” for children located under the ushers’ bench at the rear of the sanctuary.)

Welcome to Muddy Creek!

Announcements

Opening Litany

L: Christ is risen! C: **He is risen indeed!**

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Waving Hello

Prelude: *Christ Arose!*.....R. Lowry

*Gathering Hymn: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”#365

(Our thanks to Erin Schwabe-Fry (French horn) and her husband Marshall Gayman (tuba) for accompanying the hymns at the 10:15 a.m. service this morning.)

1. Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ our heav’nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he’s king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav’nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*Greeting C: **And also with you**page 138

*Kyrle.....page 138

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: 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. C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us , gracious Lord. C: **Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise (“This is the feast...”).....page 140

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

(Refrain)

2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. (Refrain)
3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)
4. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)

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

Choir Anthem: *Up From the Grave He Arose*.....R. Lowry

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

Psalm 118:1-2; 14-24 (Congregational responses in bold)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the build-^lers rejected
has become the chief^l cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has^l this been done;
it is marvelous^l in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the^l LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be^l glad in it.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

*Gospel Acclamation:page 142
(**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia**)

*Gospel: John 20:1-18 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and

said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her. L: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”#367

1. Now all the vault of heav’n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Sing, choirs of angels loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here: “Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Now still he comes to give us life, and
by his presence stills all strife. “Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph; grant grace sufficient for life’s day
that by our lives we truly say: “Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav’nly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*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, mcchurch.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**

Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving.....page 144

L: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy.....page 144

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer.....page 145

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 (please come up the center aisle at the direction of the ushers)

(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. Just email, call, or talk to Pastor Peter to get some.)

*Post Communion Blessing

*Communion Sending Prayer

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

*Sending Hymn: “Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”.....#382

1. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!

Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!

Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears;

bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears. (Refrain)

Refrain: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!

Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!

2. Christ is risen! All the sadness of our Lenten fast is o'er;

through the open gates of gladness her returns to life once more;

death and hell before him bending see him rise, the victor now,

angels on this steps attending, glory round his wounded brow. (Refrain)

3. Christ is risen! All the sorrow that last evening round him lay

now has found a glorious morrow in the rising of today.

See the grave its first fruits giving, springing up from holy ground;

Christ was dead, but now is living; he was lost, but he is found. (Refrain)

4. Christ is risen! Henceforth never death or hell shall us enthrall.

We are Christ's, in him forever we have triumphed over all.

All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased;

hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast. (Refrain)

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

Postlude: *Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today*.....R. S. Morrison

Announcements

Happy Easter! 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 Easter Breakfast this Morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to the Parish Life Committee for sponsoring the breakfast, to all who helped set up and serve and clean up, and to those who donated breakfast casseroles and breakfast food items.

Thank You to All Who Donated Easter Flowers this morning to decorate the sanctuary. A list of donations is found at the end of the bulletin. Flowers may be picked up following the services.

Thank You to All who brought in snack donations for the Goodie Boxes which we are sending to college students and military members. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The collection is ending today.

Bring in Food Items for Peter's Porch Next Sunday (the first Sunday of the month). Items for our local food pantry may be placed in the marked bins in the entrances.

The next Jesus 'n Me Playgroup for all babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents is Sunday, April 14 at 9:00 a.m. in the nursery. The theme is "Thank You God for Ladybugs" (we will have real live ladybugs!)

The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets at Yvonne Weaver's house, on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The next gathering is April 9. There will be no gathering on April 23. Contact: Yvonne Weaver at 717-371-6453. All are invited!

Everyone is Invited Next Sunday, 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.

Free Community Clothes, Toys and Household Items: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 80 E. Main St., Adamstown, is sponsoring a free Community Out-Grown Exchange of clothing, toys, and household items. Donations (please no TV's, furniture, electronics or car seats) can be dropped off at St. Paul's from 9 am to 1 pm on April 1st, 3rd and 4th. Shopping begins on Thursday, April 4, 5-8 pm (donations also accepted at this time as well). Shopping only (no donations please) continues on April 5 (9 am - 1 pm) and April 6 (8 am - noon). Questions, call 717-484-4885.

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, Ken Frazer, Elaine Gehman, Pat Kagarise, 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 Riggie, Joanne Saylor, Jared Schutter, Mary Ann Seidel, Becky Thunberg, the family of Jim Weber who passed away on March 15.

Attendance and Giving:

Attendances: Mar. 24, 8:00 a.m. – 28, 10:15 a.m. - 70, Online Views (includes livestream) - 37
 Received through end of Feb.: \$34,861.49 Expenses thru Feb.: \$32,230.80
 Received on Mar. 24: \$2,387.35 Received Mar. to date: \$13,394.33

Worship Helpers Today:

7:30 am: Communion Assistant and Acolyte - Grace Youndt, 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

Worship Helpers Next Sunday, April 7:

8:00 am: Communion Assistant - Scott Strickland, Bread Baker - Marliese Smith
 10:15 am: Communion Assistant and Acolyte - Zach Sheaffer, Cantor - Gail Bare
 Lay Reader - Fred Hainley, Money Counters - Brad and Doris Rauch



2024 Easter Flowers are presented to the Glory of God,

In Honor of:

Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren by Pat Brendle
 God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit by Teresa Ann Fritz
 Our Families by Connie and Roger Hoover
 Muddy Creek Church by Judy Nichol
 Loved Ones by Roger and Audrey Noll
 Pastor Peter by Pat Marino
 Betty Ramsey by Julie, Dave and Marleise Emrhein
 Family and Friends by Brad and Doris Rauch
 Mary Ann Seidel by Traci, Lisa and Tiffany
 My Grandchildren by Yvonne Weaver

Sisters and Sister-in-law by Darlene Weidman
 My Grandchildren by Jane Wenger
 Muddy Creek Lutheran Church by Pat Yerger
 Nana & Poppy, Peggy, Dorothy Beam, Betty and Cousin Teresa by the Youndt Family

In Memory of:

Maggie and Ken Adair by Connie & Joe Becker
 Ralph Bearinger by the Family
 Nathaniel and Kathryn Berger by Linda & Brenda Berger
 John and Cora Berger by Linda & Brenda Berger
 George and Katie Yeager by Linda & Brenda Berger
 Susan Bland by Linda & Brenda Berger
 Mickey Jones by Linda & Brenda Berger
 Gladys Stauffer by Linda & Brenda Berger
 Sandy Stinson by Linda & Brenda Berger
 John and Nancy Brendle and all our Grandparents by Pat Brendle and Kim Eshleman
 Walter Buohl and all loved ones by Marie Buohl
 Loved ones by Kathleen Ebling
 Robert Evans by Barbara Fink
 Anna Boyer, Lester Boyer and Walter Fink by Barbara Fink
 Eugene Fritz by the Fritz Family
 Thomas Fritz by the Fritz Family

In Memory of:

Glenn Greenawalt by Traci Galen and Lisa Gehman
 Melvin and Dottie Burkhart by Grandchildren
 Elmer and Ernestine Gerhart by Grandchildren
 Leslie Hinden by the Grandchildren
 Walter Buohl and Don & Verna Hoover by Connie and Roger Hoover
 Mark Lorah by family
 Memory of my parents by the Lorah family
 Chester and Catherine Kochel by George and Jeanne Lorah
 Suzette Marino by Grandma
 Parents and Grandparents by David Moodhart
 Loved Ones by Judy Nichol
 Helen Stender by Roger and Audrey Noll
 Lester Ramsey by Julie, Dave and Marleise Emrhein
 Loved Ones by Brad and Doris Rauch
 Our Parents by Larry & Charlotte Shober
 Mildred and Galen Shimp by Gail and Ted Bare
 Loved Ones by Darlene Weidman
 Chester Wenrich by Charmaine Wenrich
 Dale and Shelva Witmer by the Family
 Loved Ones by the Ueberroth Family
 My husband John by Yvonne Weaver

My parents and my brother by Jane Wenger

Jean Yerger by Richard S. Yerger

Grandma & Grandpa, Uncle Jesse, Nana and Pop Weidner, Bushia and Diaz Diaz
and Uncle Jimbo by Scott, Jennifer, Cannon and Grace Youndt

