

# Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

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*The Third Sunday of Easter, April 14, 2024, 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, Good Morning/Waving Hello

Prelude: All Glory to Jesus.....J. Peterson

\*Gathering Hymn: “The Day of Resurrection!” .....#361

- 1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it all abroad, the passover of gladness, the passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
- 2. Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and list’ning to this accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the glad refrain.
- 3. Now let the heav’ns be joyful, let earth its son begin, the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein. Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend; for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.
- 4. All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son, all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One! Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne, and honor, pow’r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

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

\*Kyrie.....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.**

\*Canticle of Praise (“Glory to God in the highest...”).....page 139

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

C: **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 sin 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 C: **Amen**

Choir Anthem: *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*.....H. Lellenas

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

<sup>12</sup>Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?”<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.” L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 4 (Congregational responses in bold)

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender<sup>1</sup> of my cause;

you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and<sup>1</sup> hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**“You mortals, how long will you dishon-<sup>1</sup> or my glory;**

**how long will you love illusions and seek<sup>1</sup> after lies?”**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders<sup>1</sup> for the faithful;

the LORD will hear me<sup>1</sup> when I call.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and<sup>1</sup> do not sin;**

**speak to your heart in silence up-<sup>1</sup> on your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed<sup>1</sup> sacrifices,

and put your trust<sup>1</sup> in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, “Who will show us<sup>1</sup> any good?”**

**Let the light of your face shine upon<sup>1</sup> us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness<sup>1</sup> in my heart,

more than when grain and<sup>1</sup> wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie<sup>1</sup> down and sleep;**

**for you alone, O LORD, make me<sup>1</sup> rest secure.**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just

as he is righteous.

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: Luke 24:36b-48 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

<sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

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

Children’s Message

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day: “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing” .....#389

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev’ry place and time.
3. In ev’ry insult, rift and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.
4. Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and ev’ry age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

\*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](http://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**

\*Lord's Prayer.....page 145

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

\*Sending Song: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!”.....#369

1. Christ the Lord is ris’n today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!

offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! at the paschal victim’s feet. Alleluia!

2. For the sheep the Lamb had bled, Alleluia! sinless in the sinner’s stead. Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia! now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

3. Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia! God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!

when contending death and life, Alleluia! met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

4. Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia! now he live no more to die. Alleluia!

\*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

Immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service, you are invited to stay in the sanctuary for a time of fellowship and refreshments, courtesy today of Audrey and Roger Noll. Thanks!

### 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.

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**Today We Welcome in Baptism** Ashley Warner, who will be baptized at the 8:00 a.m. service. Her baptismal sponsor is her aunt, Pat Yerger. Welcome and congratulations, Ashley!

**Today is the Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup** for all babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents at 9:00 a.m. in the nursery. The theme is “Thank You God for Ladybugs” (we will have real live ladybugs!)

**At the 10:15 AM Service Next Sunday, April 21, We Will Celebrate Scout Recognition Sunday.** Adamstown Cub Scout Pack 3204 and their leaders, whom we host in our church every Sunday evening, will be recognized at the 10:15 a.m. service next week.

**Hymn Sing at Muddy Creek on April 28:** On Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 p.m., you and your friends/neighbors are invited to a Hymn Sing at Muddy Creek. Our organist, Greg, will be playing hymns and special music. You may make hymn requests using the forms located on the table by the mailboxes. The deadline for requests is next Sunday, April 21. Please note: We may not be able to sing all requested hymns. Hope to see you there!

**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. There will be no gathering on April 23. Contact: Yvonne Weaver at 717-371-6453. All are invited!

**The Altar Flowers Today** are given in honor of the birthday of Marleise Emrhein. Love, Mommy and Daddy.

**The Bulletins Today** are given in honor of the baptism today of Ashley Warner by Pat and Sev Yerger.

**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:** Linnny Ansel, Gloria Aseli, Dorothy Beam, Tom Carretta, Elaine Gehman, Ken Frazer, 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, Susan Siegel, Becky Thunberg, Sharon Weinhold

**Attendance and Giving:**

Attendance April 7: 8:00 a.m. - 28, 10:15 a.m. - 49, Online Views (includes livestream) - 34	
Received through end of Mar.: \$53,440.18	Expenses thru Mar.: \$48,425.35
Received on April 7: \$5,275.31	Received Apr. to date: \$5,275.31

**10:15 am Worship Helpers Today:**

Acolyte -	Lay Reader – Lynn Breidenstein
Cantor - Greg Gehman	Money Counters - Brenda Berger, Judy Nichol, Audrey Noll

**10:15 am Worship Helpers Next Sunday, April 21:**

Acolyte - Grace Youndt	Lay Reader - Will Wood
Cantor - Hollie Kemper	Money Counters - Ray and Susan Sweigart