

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

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The **8:00 a.m.** service will be livestreamed and posted today on our YouTube channel and our website.

The 2nd Sunday of Easter, April 16, 2022, 8:00 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, Waving Hello

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

*Prayer of the Day L: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: **Amen**

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, ²²“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.” L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 16 (Congregational responses in bold)

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**
³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.
⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**
⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD always before me;**

because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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 20:19-31 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Children's Message
Sermon

*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.

*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 may be contributed online through the church website, mclchurch.org, "Give Online" button on the home page.)

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

*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.

*Blessing L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. C: **Amen**

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

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!

Welcome Today to Pastor David Klepper who is leading worship and preaching while Pastor Peter is away. Thank you, Pastor Klepper!

Pastor Peter, along with Patti Weaver and Dan Chiffens from the congregation, as well as 25 others from our local area North Lancaster Lutheran Conference left early this morning to go to Houston, Texas for a week to participate in the Disaster Relief Mission Trip. In case of a pastoral emergency today until this Saturday, please call Pastor Scott Brubaker at 717-598-4663.

Today, the 8:00 a.m. (not the 10:15 a.m.) service will be livestreamed and posted on our YouTube Channel and our church website, mclchurch.org.

New Muddy Creek Cemetery Sign: Thank you so much to Jere Shimp for making a new sign for the Muddy Creek Cemetery! Thank you also to his family for helping install it. We will have a Dedication of the new sign next Sunday, April 23 at 11:30 a.m. following the second service.

The next Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup for all babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents is next Sunday, April 23 at 9:00 a.m. in the nursery. The theme is “Thank You for the People Who Love Me”.

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 25. Contact: Yvonne Weaver at 717-371-6453. All are invited!

The Altar Flowers Today are given by Traci Galen in honor of her mother, Mary Ann Seidel.

Flowers may be Sponsored by signing up in the binder outside Pastor Peter’s office. Please note that the cost to sponsor flowers is \$45, not \$35 as was mistakenly listed in the April Newsletter.

In our Prayers: Elsie Altpeter, Gloria Aseli, Dorothy Beam, Curtis and Faith Beck, Alex Harding, Pat Kagarise, Joyce Keith, Betsy Klink, Tina Lavrenchuk, the Martin family, Mary Miller, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, Paul Moyer, Betty Ramsey, Tom Riggle, Dana Sanchez, Larry Shober, Susan and Walt Siegel, Becky Thunberg, Philip Webber, Kent Weinhold, Michael Weinhold.

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance Apr. 6, Maundy Thursday: 26, YouTube and Facebook – 45

Attendance Apr. 7, Good Friday: 19, YouTube and Facebook – 56

Attendance Apr. 9, Easter: 6:30 a.m. Dawn – 23, 7:30 a.m. – 54, 10:15 a.m. – 87,
YouTube and Facebook – 48

Received through end of Mar.: \$40,006.03

Expenses thru Mar.: \$50,194.40

Received on Apr. 9: \$6,637.74

Received Apr. to date: \$9,196.21

Worship Helpers Today:

10:15 a.m. Acolyte - Sophia Dimitris

10:15 a.m. Lay Reader - Jill Youndt

10:15 a.m. Cantor - Hollie Kemper

10:15 a.m. Money Counters - Linda Gerhart, Hollie Kemper

Worship Helpers Next Sunday, April 23:

10:15 a.m. Acolyte - Cannon Youndt

10:15 a.m. Lay Reader - Joe Sanchez

10:15 a.m. Cantor - Pastor Peter

10:15 a.m. Money Counters - June and Neal Leid