

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.

The 4th Sunday of Easter, April 30, 2022, 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, Waving Hello

Prelude: *Jubilate Deo*.....G. F. Handel

Presentation on the Disaster Relief Mission Trip to Houston

*Gathering Hymn: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”#392

- 1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his scepter, his the throne. Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone. Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood; “Jesus out of ev’ry nation has redeemed us by his blood!”
- 2. Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o’er, shall our hearts forget his promise: “I am with you evermore”?
- 3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth’s redeemer, hear our plea where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4. Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own; Alleluia! born of Mary, Earth your footstool, heav’n your throne. As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.
- 5. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his scepter, his the throne. Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone. Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood; “Jesus out of ev’ry nation has redeemed us by his blood!”

*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.**

*Hymn 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: *Jesus Died on Calvary’s Mountain*.....J. Althouse

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

⁴²The baptized devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 23 (Congregational responses in bold)

¹The LORD¹ is my shepherd;

I shall not¹ be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down¹ in green pastures
and leads me be-¹ side still waters.**

³You restore my¹ soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways¹ for your name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall¹ fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they¹ comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is¹ running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the¹ LORD forever.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God’s approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²²“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” ²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray

like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian 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 10:1-10 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

Children’s Message
Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: “My Shepherd, You Supply My Need”.....#782

1. My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name.

In pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream.

You bring my wand’ring spirit back when I forsake your ways,
and lead me, for your mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace.

2. When I walk through the shades of death, your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.

Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.

3. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
oh, may your house be my abode and all my work be praise.

Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

*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.)

*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

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 Song: “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”.....#774

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. Oh, how sweet to walk in the pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms.

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

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

Postlude: *Arise, My Soul, Arise!*.....Unknown

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!

Today in Worship we will have a special presentation about the recent Disaster Relief Mission Trip to Houston, Texas on April 16-22. This trip was sponsored by the North Lancaster Conference of Lutheran Churches. Along with 25 others from local congregations, Patti Weaver, Dan Chiffens and Pastor Peter from our congregation participated in the Mission Trip. If you are interested in going on the next Mission Trip in April of 2024, you may contact Pastor Glenn Beard, trip organizer, at gbeard@luthercare.org.

The Evangelism Committee Will Meet Next Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All interested people are invited to attend.

Peter's Porch Food Collection Next Sunday: Don't forget to bring in food items next Sunday, May 7 (the first Sunday of the Month) to donate to our local food pantry, Peter's Porch, operated from our sister congregation Faith United Lutheran in Denver. Items may be placed in the bins in any of the entryways. (Peter's Porch distributes the food on the first Saturday of every month from 8-10 a.m. Contact Pastor Peter if you are interested in volunteering with the monthly distribution.)

Confirmation Day and Mother's Day on Sunday, May 14: On May 14, we will have a special worship. Mother's Day will be celebrated by having all women and children playing a piece on the colored hand bells. Confirmation Day will be celebrated as three youth, Asia Breidenstein, Riley Beichner, and Wyatt Hanney will give their Faith Statements at both services and will be confirmed at the 10:15 a.m. worship.

On Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m., all are invited to our cluster Ascension Day Service at Swamp Lutheran Church, 275 Swamp Church Road in Reinholds. Pastor Tim Craven of Mellingers Lutheran Church will be preaching.

Sunday School For All Children will be held today at 9:00 a.m. downstairs in the Sunday School Room. The last day for Sunday School will be May 21.

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

The Rosebud on the Altar Today is given in honor of the birth on April 19th of Emmilynn Fae Leid, daughter of Philip and Cora Leid, and granddaughter of Michael and Jeanette Leid.

The Altar Flowers Today are given in memory of Katie Yeager by Linda and Brenda Berger.

The East Cocalico Lions Club invites all seniors age 55 and older to a luncheon on May 20 at the Reamstown Fire Hall. Entertainment will be provided by Chris Ivey, a character juggler. Please RSVP by May 5 to Rosemary Jewell, rjewell0102@aol.com, 717-333-3491.

In our Prayers: Gloria Aseli, Dorothy Beam, Curtis and Faith Beck, Penny Bender, Lauren Gallagher and family at the death of her grandfather Harold Crum on April 18, Pat Kagarise, Joyce Keith, Ed Kelly, Betsy Klink, Tina Lavrenchuk, the Martin family, Mary Miller, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, Paul Moyer, Betty Ramsey, Tom Riggle, Susan and Walt Siegel, Becky Thunberg, Philip Webber, Marion Weinhold at the death of her sister-in-law Bertha Adair on April 20, Kent Weinhold, Harold Weinhold, Sharon Weinhold.

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance Apr. 23, 8:00 a.m. – 14, 10:15 a.m. – 58, YouTube and Facebook – 16	
Received through end of Mar.: \$40,006.03	Expenses thru Mar.: \$50,194.40
Received on Apr. 23: \$2,435.55	Received Apr. to date: \$13,939.39

Worship Helpers Today:

10:15 a.m. Acolyte - Zach Sheaffer
10:15 a.m. Lay Reader - Lynn Breidenstein
10:15 a.m. Cantor - David Sensenig
10:15 a.m. Money Counters -David and June Sloat

Worship Helpers Next Sunday, May 7:

8:00 am Communion Assistant - Scott Strickland
10:15 a.m. Communion Assistant and Acolyte- Grace Youndt
10:15 am Lay Reader – Will Wood
10:15 am Cantor - Gail Bare
10:15 am Money Counters - Michelle Dimitris, Jim Weber, Jane Wenger
Bread Baker - Marliese Smith