

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 Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 12, 2024, 10:15 a.m. - Online Edition
Mother’s Day

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

Welcome to Muddy Creek!
Announcements, Good Morning/Waving Hello
Prelude: *Faith of Our Mothers*.....H. Hemy

*Gathering Hymn: “We Praise You, O God”#870

- 1. We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.
- 2. We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
- 3. With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

*Greeting L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 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: *Breathe a Prayer for Mothers*.....E. Tamer

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

Psalm 1 (Congregational responses in bold)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel ¹of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats ¹of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law ¹of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching ¹day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that ¹do not wither;
everything they ¹do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so ¹with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind ¹blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when ¹judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council ¹of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way ¹of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall ¹be destroyed.**

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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 17:6-19 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus prayed: ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.” L: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

“*Amazing Grace*”..... Women and Children Perform on the Colored Bells
Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: “Come Down, O Love
Divine”.....#804

1. Come down, O Love divine; seek thou this soul of mine
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near; within my soul appear and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2. Oh, let it freely burn, till worldly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3. Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing -
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
and o’er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the pow’r of human telling;
no soul can guess Love’s grace till it become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

*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, "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 be 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: "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken".....#647

1. Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God!
He whose word cannot be broken formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure response?
With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.
2. See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, while such a river ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace, which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.
3. Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them on their way.
4. Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in your name.
Fading are the world's vain pleasures, all their boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures none but Zion's children know.

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

Postlude: *Arise, My Soul, Arise*..... Unknown
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 the Youndt family. 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!

Happy Mother's Day! All women and children will be invited to come forward to play "Amazing Grace" on the colored bells as part of our Mother's Day festivities today at both worship services!

Jesus 'n Me Playgroup This Morning: All babies, toddlers and preschoolers and their parents are invited to the final Jesus 'n Me Playgroup of the school year. Today at 9:00 a.m. in the nursery, we will celebrate the love in families with "Thank You for the People Who Love Me!" Hope to see you there!

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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Sign Up to Volunteer and Pack Food at Blessings of Hope. On Monday evening, May 20, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., Muddy Creek is again volunteering to pack food for the Blessings of Hope food ministry at the warehouse on Becker Road. Please sign up on the clipboard under the mailboxes, or contact Pastor Peter. This event is once again sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee.

Donations for Cemetery Veteran's Wreath Project, Mulching: Throughout the month of May, there are marked containers on the entryway tables to receive donations for the veteran's wreath project, so that this Christmas tradition can continue in the Muddy Creek Cemetery. If you are donating by check, please make out the check to Muddy Creek Lutheran Church and specify "Veterans Wreath Project" on the memo line or if giving cash please specify on the envelope and then place it in the container (note change from newsletter announcement). Donations can also be made throughout the year.

Additionally, the Cemetery Board will be mulching around the new plantings in the cemetery this Spring. If you would also like to make a contribution for the mulch, please also specify this on the memo line of the check or envelope. Thank you for your continued support!

Happenings Next Sunday, May 19 (Pentecost Sunday):

Emma Tafuri-Carretta will be giving her Faith Statement and being confirmed at the 8:00 a.m. service. We rejoice with Emma and her family as she affirms her faith in God on this day!

We will recognize and welcome youth, leaders and parents from the Adamstown Cub Scout Pack 3204 at the 10:15 a.m. service.

This is the last day of Sunday School for the school year. Thank you to Audrey Noll, Nancy Beck and Russell Beck for faithfully teaching Sunday School throughout the year!

This is also the last Sunday before the Summer Worship Schedule begins on Memorial Day weekend (May 26). Beginning May 26, summer worship will be at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

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 Altar Flowers Today are given in memory and honor of all mothers, and in loving memory of Jesse Mann by his family.

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, 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 Riggle, Joanne Saylor, Jared Schutter, Mary Ann Seidel, Lucy Snader, Becky Thunberg, Sharon Weinhold

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance May 5: 8:00 a.m. - 21, 10:15 a.m. - 45, Online views (includes livestream) - 37
 Received through end of April: \$66,403.79 Expenses thru April: \$66,109.73
 Received on May 5: \$5,011.05 Received May to date: \$5,011.05

10:15 am Worship Helpers Today:

Acolyte - Grace Youndt Lay Reader - Nancy Beck
 Cantor - Gail Bare Money Counters - June and Neal Leid

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Acolyte - Lay Reader - Hollie Kemper
 Cantor - Hollie Kemper Money Counters - Michelle Dimitris, Jane Wenger