# Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

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# Celebrating 290 Years!

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# The 10:15 a.m. service will be livestreamed and posted today on our YouTube channel and our website.

***Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 15, 2022, 10:15 a.m.***

\* = *Please stand as you are able*  *All congregational responses are in* ***bold***

*Welcome to Muddy Creek! Masks are currently optional for worship.*

Announcements, Dedication of Prayer Shawls, Determination of Quorum, and Waving Hello

Prelude: *Resurrection Fanfare*……...………………………………………………….…L. Smith

\*Gathering Hymn: “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” ………………………............#367

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

\*Kyrie……………………………………………………………………………….…….page 138

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

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

 First Bible Reading: Acts 11:1-18
 1Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. 2So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, 3saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” 4Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. 6As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 7I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ 8But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ 9But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ 10This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. 11At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. 13He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ 15And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ 17If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” 18When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

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

 Psalm 148 (Congregational responses in bold)

 1Hallelujah! Praise the Lord **|** from the heavens;
  praise God **|** in the heights.
 2**Praise the Lord, | all you angels;**
  **sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**
 3Praise the Lord, **|** sun and moon;
  sing praise, all you **|** shining stars.
 4**Praise the Lord, heav- | en of heavens,**
  **and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**
 5Let them praise the name **|** of the Lord,
  who commanded, and they **|** were created,
 6**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,**
  **giving them a law that shall not | pass away.**
 7Praise the Lord **|** from the earth,
  you sea monsters **|** and all deeps;
 8**fire and hail, | snow and fog,**
  **tempestuous wind, do- | ing God’s will;**
 9mountains **|** and all hills,
  fruit trees **|** and all cedars;
 10**wild beasts | and all cattle,**
  **creeping things and | flying birds;**
 11sovereigns of the earth **|** and all peoples,
  princes and all rulers **|** of the world;
 12**young | men and maidens,**
  **old and | young together.**
 13Let them praise the name **|** of the Lord,
  whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over **|** earth and heaven.
 14**The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful servants,**
  **the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. | Hallelujah!**

First Bible Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

 1I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; 4he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” 5And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 6Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of 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 31:31-35 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

 31When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ 34I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” L: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

 Children’s Message

 Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day: “All Are Welcome”...…………..….....……………...……………....….#641

\*Apostles’ Creed……..…...…..…………..………………..……………….…..……….page 105

\*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

\*BlessingC: **Amen** (sung response)

\*Sending Hymn: “We Know That Christ is Raised”.……..…..……………….....….…...…..#449

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

 Annual Congregational Meeting

 Fellowship and Coffee Time

**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!

 **Today We are Holding our Annual Meeting, Including Vote on Air Conditioning Project:**  Today immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service, our Annual Meeting will be held. It was rescheduled from the original date of January 30 due to CoVid. We will also enjoy a Coffee and Fellowship Time following the Annual Meeting. At the meeting, we will hold a vote on moving forward with the Air Conditioning Project. At the Church Council meeting in March, the Council voted to recommend to the congregation at the upcoming Annual Meeting that we commence with the Air Conditioning of the Sanctuary at a cost not to exceed $100,000, with the money to come from the Air Conditioning Fund and the Bequest Fund. Also at the Annual Meeting, we will approve the Annual Bulletin of Reports. After the meeting, stay for Coffee and Fellowship!

**Today in Worship We Will Dedicate Our Prayer Shawls:** The prayer shawls, lovingly knitted by our Prayer Shawl Knitting Group, will be dedicated at the beginning of worship today. If you know of anyone going through a difficult time who could benefit from God’s warm embrace through a prayer shawl, please come forward after church to pick up a prayer shawl to give to them.

 All interested knitters for our prayer shawl ministry may meet at Yvonne Weaver’s house, 909 N. Fifth St, Denver, (717-371-6453) on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The next knitting meeting is May 24.

**Choir:** Everyone is invited to come today from 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the choir loft, to sing in the choir as they practice for singing in worship on May 22 at the 10:15 service. There will be another practice at 9:15 a.m. on next Sunday, May 22, the day the choir will perform.

**“God Made Ladybugs” - Outdoor Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup next Sunday:** All children newborn to age 4 are invited to come with their parents to a special outdoor Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup next Sunday, May 22 at 9 a.m. in the church Grove (indoors in the nursery if it is raining). There will be live ladybugs for the kids to touch and explore, singing, crafts and snacks.

**Updated Copies of the History of Muddy Creek** are available on the table by the mailboxes. Copies of last week’s **Guided Tour of Muddy Creek’s Stained-Glass Windows** are also available for pick up there.

**Donations to Cemetery Veteran Wreath Project:** In marked containers at each of the entrances, the Cemetery Board is collecting donations for their annual Veteran Wreath Christmas Project. All donated money (checks may be made out to Muddy Creek Lutheran Church) will go to the Muddy Creek Cemetery Board to purchase wreaths for over 250 veterans who are interred in the cemetery. Please be certain to mark your donations for the Cemetery Wreath Project.

**How Can I Help With the Ukrainian Humanitarian Crisis?** Simply make a donation payable to Muddy Creek in the offering and indicate “Eastern European Crisis Response” on it. Your donation will be sent by us to **Lutheran Disaster Response**, and 100 % will go to provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

**The Altar Flowers Today** are given in memory of Jesse Mann by Peggy Leid and the family.

**Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships**: To sign up to sponsor the flowers or the bulletins, please sign up in the folder outside Pastor Peter’s office. Sponsorships may be made in honor or in memory of someone, if you wish. The cost is $35 for altar flowers, and $15 for bulletins.

**In our Prayers**: Pat Artz, Gloria Aseli, Lesia Aungst, Dorothy Beam, Russell Beck, Cindy Frankhouser, Hazel Fry, Fred Hainley, Alex Harding, Pat Kagarise, Hollie Kemper, Tina Lavrenchuk, Craig Leid, Joyce Litzenberger at the death of her brother-in-law Leon Litzenberger, Michael Martin family, Betty McMahan, Mary Miller, David Moodhart, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, Betty Ramsey, Ella Sensenig, Millie Shober, Walt Siegel, Lucy Snader, Becky Thunberg, Harold Weinhold, Gerald Wingenroth

**Attendance and Giving:**

Attendance May 8: 8:00 a.m. - 34, 10:15 a.m. – 79, Online: 27 (includes livestream)

Received through end of April: $52,386.36 Expenses thru April: $65,120.28

Received on May 8: $3,570.00 Received May to date: $5,507.00

Air Conditioning Fund Total as of May 8: $2,589.00

**Worship Helpers Today:**

10:15 a.m. Acolyte: Jack Lammey, 10:15 a.m. Lay Reader: Doris Rauch

10:15 a.m. Cantor: Greg Gehman, Money Counters: Gloria Aseli, Brenda Berger, Audrey Noll

**Worship Helpers Next Sunday, May 22:**

10:15 a.m. Acolyte: Mason Sheaffer, 10:15 a.m. Lay Reader: Brenda Berger

10:15 a.m. Cantor: Gail Bare, Money Counters: Ray and Susan Sweigart