

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.

Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024, 10:15 a.m. - Online Edition
Scout Recognition Sunday

* = 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, Recognition of Cub Scout Pack 3204 of Adamstown
Good Morning/Waving Hello
Prelude: *Reflections on the Spirit*.....J. Raney

*Confession and Forgivenesspages 94 – 96

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen.**
L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**
L: Most merciful God, C: **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. C: **Amen**

*Gathering Hymn: “O Day Full of Grace”#627

1. O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth’s horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be abundant in joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.
2. O day full of grace, O blessed time, our Lord on the earth arriving;
then came to the world that light sublime, great joy for us all retrieving;
for Jesus all mortals did embrace, all shame and despair removing.
3. For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the cross was hanging;
and then he arose and moved the stone, that we, unto him belonging,
might join with angelic hosts to raise our voices in endless singing.
4. God came to us then at Pentecost, the Spirit new life revealing,
that we might no more in death be lost, its pow’r over us dispelling.
This flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all true healing.

5. When we on that final journey go that Christ is for us preparing,
we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, all joy of the heavens sharing,
and there we will join God's endless praise, with angels and saints adoring.

*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**

Special Music: *Trust and Obey*.....Sammis/Towner
Sung by the Cantor Quartet - Gail Bare, Hollie Kemper, Greg Gehman and David Sensenig

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken

through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

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

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (Congregational responses in bold)

²⁴How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

²⁷**All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.**

³²You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;
I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

³⁴May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.
Hal- | lelujah!**

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 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 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. ^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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

Children’s Message

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”.....#398

1. Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;
breath of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.
2. Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine;
kindle ev’ry high desire; purge me with your holy fire.
3. Holy Spirit, pow’r divine, fortify this will of mine;
by your will I strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive.
4. Holy Spirit, peace divine, still this restless soul of mine;
speak to calm this tossing sea, stayed in your tranquility.
5. Holy Spirit, right divine, king within my conscience reign;
be my guide, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free.

*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

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

*Sending Song: “Spirit of Gentleness”.....#396

Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;

Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1. You moved on the waters, you call to the deep, then coaxed up the mountains from the valley of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing:

“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” (Refrain)

2. You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, and you goaded your people with a law and a land; and when they were blinded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. (Refrain)

3. You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still; and down in the city you call once again, when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. (Refrain)

4. You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes. From the bondage of sorrow all captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise. (Refrain)

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

Postlude: *True-Hearted, Whole-Hearted*.....G. Stebbins
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 Brenda Berger and Pat Brendle. 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 Pentecost Sunday!

At the 10:15 AM Service Today, We are Celebrating Scout Recognition Sunday. We are welcoming and recognizing Adamstown Cub Scout Pack 3204, whom we host in our church every Sunday evening. Welcome to the Cub Scout Pack and their leaders and parents!

At the 8:00 AM Service Today, We Celebrate the Confirmation of Emma Tafuri-Carretta. Welcome to Emma and her parents, Kris Tafuri-Carretta and Tom Carretta. Also, thank you so much to Emma for sharing her Faith Statement with us this morning!

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!

Summer Worship Schedule Begins Next Sunday: Next Sunday (Memorial Day Weekend), we begin our summer worship schedule with services at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.!

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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Donations for Cemetery Veteran’s Wreath Project, Mulching: Throughout the month of May, there are decorated 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!

Blessings of Hope Volunteer Trip is Tomorrow Evening: Tomorrow evening (Monday May 20) from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., Muddy Creek is again volunteering to pack food for the Blessings of Hope food ministry at the warehouse at 500 Becker Road (Oregon/Brownstown). Thank you to everyone who signed and volunteered. The event is at capacity, with 25 volunteers from Muddy Creek! We will be meeting at the Blessings of Hope warehouse at 6:15 pm. This event is once again sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee.

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!

You are Invited every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 9am - 1pm in our Fellowship Hall, to help cut out and sew cloth feminine pads for the UNTO organization to be sent to women in the developing world. It is fun, social, and a much-needed ministry! Contact: Pat Brendle, 717-799-2591.

The Altar Flowers Today are given in memory of Walter Buohl by Marie Buohl.

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, 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, the family of Betty Ramsey whose funeral was last Thursday, Tom and Audrey Riggles, Joanne Saylor, Jared Schutter, Mary Ann Seidel, Lucy Snader, Becky Thunberg, Sharon Weinhold

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance May 12: 8:00 a.m. - 32, 10:15 a.m. - 60, Online views (includes livestream) - 37

Received through end of April: \$66,403.79 Expenses thru April: \$66,109.73

Received on May 12: \$2,522.50 Received May to date: \$7,533.55

10:15 am Worship Helpers Today:

Acolyte - Lay Reader - Hollie Kemper

Cantor - Hollie Kemper Money Counters - Michelle Dimitris, Jane Wenger

9:00 am Worship Helpers Next Sunday, May 26:

Acolyte - Lay Reader -

Cantor - Greg Gehman Money Counters - Julie and Dave Emrhein, Kim Eshleman