

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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 21, 2023, 10:15 a.m.

** = 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 and Waving Hello

Prelude: *I Will Praise Thee, O Lord, My Strength*.....B. Marcello

*Gathering Hymn: "God is Here!"#526

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here is honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

*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**

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

⁶When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (Congregational responses in bold)

¹Let God arise, and let God’s ene- | mies be scattered;
let those who | hate God flee.

²**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive | them away;**
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the pres- | ence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God;
let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who | rides the clouds;**
I AM is that name, rejoice | before God!

⁵In your holy habita- | tion, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;

⁶**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into freedom;**
but the rebels shall live in | desert places.

⁷O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,
when you marched | through the wilderness,

⁸**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God,**
the | God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.

⁹You sent a bountiful | rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance | when it languished.

¹⁰**Your people found their | home in it;**
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the poor.

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth;

sing praises | to the Lord.

³³**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.**

³⁴Ascribe pow- | er to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is | in the skies.

³⁵**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O | God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! | Blessed be God!**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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 17:1-11 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹After Jesus had spoken these words to his disciples, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

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

Children's Message
Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: “Day by Day”.....#790

1. Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.

2. Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.

3. Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear;
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

*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 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 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 Hymn: “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”.....#384

1. That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored the apostles saw their risen Lord.

2. O Jesus, king of gentleness, with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.

3. O Christ, you are the Lord of all in this our Easter festival,

for you will be our strength and shield from ev'ry weapon death can wield.

4. All praise, O risen Lord, we give to you, once dead, but now alive!

To God the Father equal praise, and God the Spirit, now we raise!

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

Postlude: *We Magnify Our Father God*.....J. W. Peterson

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!

Our Summer Worship Schedule begins next Sunday, May 28th (Memorial Day weekend). There will be two services, at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Today (9:00 a.m.) is the Last Day of Sunday School for the school year! A special thanks to our faithful Sunday School teachers: Audrey Noll, Nancy Beck and Russell Beck.

A Special Congregational Meeting Will Be Held on Sunday, June 4 at approximately 10:00 a.m. A special Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service on June 4 to vote on a motion from church council that we purchase a riding lawnmower at a cost of up to \$20,000. Please mark your calendars and come out!

Collection for Cemetery Wreaths for Veterans' Graves: During May, the Cemetery Board is asking for donations toward the annual project of putting Christmas wreaths on the graves of all veterans in the Muddy Creek Cemetery. Donations should be marked "Veterans' Wreath Fund" and can be placed in the decorated red bowls in the sanctuary or sent in to the office. Thank you!

Our Annual Community Yard Sale, sponsored by the Evangelism Committee, will be held in the church Grove on Saturday, June 10, 7:00 a.m. – noon. Rain date is June 17. To reserve a 12-foot-wide spot which costs only \$5 (all of which will be donated directly to Peter's Porch Food Pantry by us), please call Pat Brendle at 717-799-2591. There will be a food truck on site from the Schoeneck Lions Club, and our congregation will be selling baked goods and cookbooks.

If You Can Help Make Individually-Wrapped Baked Goods to donate for the Yard Sale on June 10, please call Gail Bare at 717-733-9535. Donated baked goods can be dropped off at the church on Friday evening, June 9 or Saturday morning, June 10 or by arrangement with Gail.

Help Needed to Put Leaves from the Grove into Trash Barrels: To prepare for the upcoming Community Yard Sale in the Grove, we need volunteers to stuff leaves from the piles around the Grove tree bases into large trash barrels, which we will then haul away. The empty barrels can be found outside behind the Elevator Entrance, and full barrels can be put under the carport by the cornerstone. Call Tim Fritz at 717-335-0776 if you have questions. Thanks!

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. The next gathering is this coming Tuesday, May 23. Contact: Yvonne Weaver at 717-371-6453. All are invited!

Want to See Pictures of the Cemetery Sign Reconstruction Project? On the table under the mailboxes, please take a look at the photo album compiled by Jere Shimp of pictures he took during the process of reconstructing the Muddy Creek Cemetery sign. Thanks to Jere and his family for their hard work, and for giving us a photo documentary of the project!

In our Prayers: Gloria Aseli, Dorothy Beam, Curtis Beck, Penny Bender, Pat Kagarise and family, Tina Lavrenchuk, the Martin family, Mary Miller, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, Paul Moyer, Betty Ramsey, Tom Riggle, Susan and Walt Siegel, Becky Thunberg, the family of Harold Weinhold whose funeral was on Friday, Kent Weinhold.

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance May 14, 8:00 a.m. – 38,	10:15 a.m. – 72,	Online Views (YouTube, Facebook) - 40
Received through end of Apr.: \$63,112.49	Expenses thru Apr.: \$66,394.16	
Received on May 14: \$2,660.59	Received May to date: \$7,967.14	

Worship Helpers Today:

10:15 am Acolyte -	10:15 am Lay Reader - Doris Rauch,
10:15 am Cantor – Hollie Kemper	10:15 am Money Counters – Linda and Tim Fritz

Worship Helpers Next Sunday, May 28:

9 am Acolyte –	9 am Lay Reader - Brenda Berger
9 am Cantor - Pastor Peter	9 am Money Counters - Gail and Ted Bare