

# Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

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The 9:00 a.m. service will be livestreamed and posted today on our YouTube channel and our website.

## *Holy Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024, 9:00 a.m. - Online Edition* *Memorial Day Weekend*

*\* = 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: *This is My Song, O God of All the Nations*.....J. Sibelius

\*Confession and Forgiveness .....pages 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: “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” .....#413

- 1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow’r, in love and purity.
- 4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

\*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: *The New 23rd Psalm*.....R. Carmichael

Performed by Greg Gehman on the pipe organ

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” <sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

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

Psalm 29 (Congregational responses in bold)

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo-ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name;**  
**worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;**  
**the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**<sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice | of the LORD  
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

**<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, “Glory!”

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength | to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17

<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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 3:1-17 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

Children's Message

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day: "Father Most Holy".....#415

1. Father most holy, merciful and tender; Jesus our Savior, with the Father reigning;  
Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender, light never waning.
2. Trinity blessed, unity unshaken; goodness unbounded, very God of heaven,  
light of the angels, joy of those forsaken, hope of all living.
3. Maker of all things, all thy creatures praise thee; all for thy worship were and are created;  
now, as we also worship thee devoutly, hear thou our voices.
4. Lord God Almighty, unto thee be glory, one in three persons, over all exalted!  
Glory we offer, praise thee and adore thee, now and forever.

\*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 may be placed anytime in the wooden boxes on the entry tables. Or, you may scan the QR code below with the camera on your cell phone to donate to Muddy Creek.)



\*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: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name".....#414

1. Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you.

Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

2. Hark! The glad celestial hymn angle choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"
3. Lo, the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow;  
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow;  
and from morn to set of sun through the church the song goes on.
4. Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you,  
though in essence only one; undivided God we claim you  
and, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

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

Postlude: *God Bless America*.....I. Berlin

### 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 Memorial Day Weekend!**

**Summer Worship Schedule Begins Today:** Today, we begin our summer worship schedule with services at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.! The Fall worship schedule will resume after Labor Day.

**Donations for Cemetery Veteran's Wreath Project, Mulching:** You are invited today to place a donation for the Cemetery Veteran's Wreath Project in any of the decorated containers on the entryway tables, 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!

**Thank You** to the 20 people from Muddy Creek who volunteered to repackage food at the Blessings of Hope warehouse last Monday! This was sponsored by our Parish Life Committee.

**All are Invited to our Community Yard Sale** in our Grove on Saturday, June 8, 7:00 a.m. to noon. Besides many vendors from our church and the community, this event also features a food truck and baked goods and cookbooks being sold by our choir. Sponsored by the Evangelism Committee. A monetary donation from all the \$5 spot reservations will be given to Peter's Porch Food Bank.

**Can You Help With Striping the Grove for the Yard Sale?** If so, please meet in the Grove on Friday, June 7th at 6:00 p.m. Thank you!

**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.

Offering to Muddy Creek or Disaster Relief may be contributed online through the church website, [melchurch.org](http://melchurch.org), "Give Online" button on the home page.

**Next Sunday (The First Sunday of the Month), We Are Collecting Food** for our local food pantry, Peter's Porch. Food items may be placed in the marked bins located at the entrances. (Peter's Porch distributes the food on the first Saturday of every month from 8-10 a.m. at Faith United Lutheran Church in Denver. Contact Pastor Peter if you are interested in volunteering with the monthly distribution.)

**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 loving memory of Dale and Shelva Witmer by the 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, Elmer Gockley, Ken Frazer, Pat Kagarise, Pastor David Klepper, Betty Kramer, the Martin family, Helen Martin, Katie McCalicher, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, Paul Moyer, George Nagle, Audrey Noll, Tom and Audrey Riggle, Joanne Saylor, Jared Schutter, Mary Ann Seidel, the family of Lucy Snader who passed away on Wednesday (funeral is this Tuesday at 11 am at Muddy Creek), Becky Thunberg, Sharon Weinhold

**Attendance and Giving:**

Attendance May 19: 8:00 a.m. - 31, 10:15 a.m. - 66, Online views (includes livestream) - 18	
Received through end of April: \$66,403.79	Expenses thru April: \$66,109.73
Received on May 19: \$3,091.75	Received May to date: \$10,625.30

**9:00 am Worship Helpers Today:**

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

**Worship Helpers Next Sunday, June 2:**

8 am Communion Assistant -	
9 am Communion Assistant and Acolyte - Grace Youndt	
9 am Lay Reader – Joe Sanchez	9 am Cantor - Pastor Peter

9 am Money Counters - Linda and Tim Fritz

Bread Baker - Marliese Smith