

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.

Pentecost Sunday, Memorial Day Weekend, May 28, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – Online Edition

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

*Gathering Hymn: “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 called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing;
“Awake from your slumber and rise on your wings.” (Refrain)
2. You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, and 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 called 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 the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. (Refrain)

*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**

Choir Anthem: *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*.....arr. R. Lau

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: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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 20:19-23 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

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 every high desire; purge me with your holy fire.
3. Holy Spirit, power 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 heart 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.

*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: “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”#883

1. All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; come ye before him and rejoice.
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make.
We are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
3. Oh, enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.
4. For why? The Lord our God is good: his mercy is forever sure;

his truth at all time firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

5. To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God whom heav'n and earth adore,
from us and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.

*Dismissal P: Go in Peace. Serve the 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 box or give it to the pastor. Welcome!

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. We have a brand-new supply that just came in.

Offering may be contributed online through the church website (mclchurch.org) "Give Online" button on the home page.

Our Summer Worship Schedule begins Today, with services at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

A Special Congregational Meeting Will Be Held Next Sunday, June 4 at approximately 10:00 a.m. Immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service next Sunday, there will be a Special Congregational Meeting to vote on a motion from church council that we purchase a riding lawnmower at a cost of up to \$20,000. Please come out to help us get a quorum!

Collection for Cemetery Wreaths for Veterans' Graves: Today is the last day that 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. Thanks!

The Cemetery Board Wishes to Thank Adamstown Boy Scout Troop #61 for placing flags on all the veterans' graves to commemorate Memorial Day and their service. Thanks scouts!

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 gatherings are June 13 and 27. 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!

The Altar Flowers This Morning are given by Linda and Brenda Berger in honor and memory of all veterans.

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

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance May 21, 8:00 a.m. – 23, 10:15 a.m. – 39, Online Views (YouTube, Facebook) - 30	
Received through end of Apr.: \$63,112.49	Expenses thru Apr.: \$66,394.16
Received on May 21: \$1,714.53	Received May to date: \$9,681.67

Worship Helpers Today:

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

Worship Helpers Next Sunday, June 4:

Bread Baker - Marliese Smith	8:00 am Communion Assistant –
9 a.m. Communion Assistant - Zach Sheaffer	
9 a.m. Acolyte - Mason Sheaffer	
9 am Lay Reader – Nancy Beck	9 am Cantor - Gail Bare
9 am Money Counters - Nick Duong and Thai Phan, Pat Brendle	