

# 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.

***The Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 5, 2024, 10:15 a.m. - Online Edition***

*\* = 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: *O Divine Redeemer*.....C. Gounod

\*Gathering Hymn: “O Day of Rest and Gladness” .....#521

- 1. O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,  
O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright:  
on you the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
sing, “Holy, holy, holy,” to the great God triune.
- 2. On you, at earth’s creation, the light first had its birth;  
on you, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;  
on you, our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heav’n;  
and thus on you, most glorious, a threefold light was giv’n.
- 3. Today on weary nations the heav’nly manna falls;  
to holy convocations the silver trumpet calls,  
where gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams  
and living water flowing with soul-refreshing streams.
- 4. New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,  
we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.  
We sing to you our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;  
the church its voice upraises to you, blest Three in One.

\*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.**

\*Hymn of Praise (“This is the feast...”).....page 140

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, allelulia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
(Refrain)

2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. (Refrain)

3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)

4. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)

\*Prayer of the Day      C: **Amen**

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Psalm 98 (Congregational responses in bold)

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;  
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD | with the harp,  
with the harp and the | voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn  
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,  
the world and those who | dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers | clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness  
and the peo- | ples with equity.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God

conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. 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 15:9-17 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

Children’s Message  
Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day: “I Know That My Redeemer Lives!” (v. 1-4).....#619

1. I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my everliving head.
2. He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save;  
he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.
3. He lives to grant me rich supply; he lives to guide me with his eye;  
he lives to comfort me when faint; he lives to hear my soul’s complaint.
4. He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears;  
he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.

\*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](http://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**

### Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving.....page 144

L: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy.....page 144

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

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.**

Distribution of Communion/ Participating from home

(Note for online followers – Prefilled grape juice and wafer kits are available from Pastor Peter at any time for use at home as you follow along with Communion from home. Just email, call, or talk to Pastor Peter to get some. Or, if you wish, you may use wine/grape juice and bread from your home).

\*Post Communion Blessing

\*Communion Sending Prayer

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

\*Sending Song: “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”.....#362

1. At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise to our victorious king,  
who has washed us in the tide flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!
2. Praise we Christ, who love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,  
gives his body for the feast - Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
3. Where the paschal blood is poured death’s dread angel sheaths his sword;  
Israel’s hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
4. Praise we Christ, who blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love eat we manna from above. Alleluia!
5. Mighty victim from the sky, hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath you lie;

you have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

6. Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall;  
you have opened paradises, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!

7. Easter triumph, Easter joy, this alone can sin destroy!

From sin's power, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!

8. Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days, Three in One, your name we raise. Alleluia!

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

Postlude: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*.....T. Hastings  
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 Marie Buohl. 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!

#### **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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**Thank you to Everyone Who Brought in Food Items for Peter's Porch Today** (the first Sunday of the month). Items for our local food pantry may be placed in the marked bins in the entrances.

**Sign Up to Volunteer and Pack Food at Blessings of Hope.** On Monday evening, May 20, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., Muddy Creek is again volunteering to pack food for the Blessings of Hope food ministry at the warehouse on Becker Road. Please sign up on the clipboard under the mailboxes, or contact Pastor Peter. This event is once again sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee.

**Ascension Service:** This Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m., all are invited to our cluster Ascension Day Service at Swamp Lutheran Church, 275 Swamp Church Road in Reinholds. Pastor Tim Craven of Mellingers Lutheran Church will be preaching.

**Donations for Cemetery Veteran's Wreath Project, Mulching:** Throughout the month of May, there are marked 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 Muudy Creek Lutheran Church and specify "Veterans Wreath Project" on the memo line, 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. Thank you for your continued support!

**Mother's Day is Next Sunday:** Come out on Mother's Day next Sunday! All women and children are also invited to come forward to play the colored bells during worship as part of our Mother's Day festivities at both worship services. It's fun and easy – no experience necessary. Hope to see you on Mother's Day!

**Jesus 'n Me Playgroup Next Sunday:** All babies, toddlers and preschoolers and their parents are invited to the final Jesus 'n Me Playgroup of the school year. Next Sunday, May 12th (Mother's Day) at 9:00 a.m. in the nursery, we will celebrate the love in families with "Thank You for the People Who Love Me!" Hope to see you there!

**Happenings on Sunday, May 19 (Pentecost Sunday):**

Emma Tafuri-Carretta will be giving her Faith Statement and being confirmed at the 8:00 a.m. service. We rejoice with Emma and her family as she affirms her faith in God on this day!

We will recognize and welcome youth, leaders and parents from the Adamstown Cub Scout Pack 3204 at the 10:15 a.m. service.

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!

This is also the last Sunday before the Summer Worship Schedule begins on Memorial Day weekend (May 26). Beginning May 26, summer worship will be at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

**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!

**The Altar Flowers Today** are given in memory of Ralph Bearinger by the family.

**A Special Flower Arrangement Today** is given in honor of Dave and Julie Emrhein's 34th wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Julie and Dave!

**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, Betty Ramsey, Tom and Audrey Riggle, Joanne Saylor, Jared Schutter, Mary Ann Seidel, Lucy Snader, Becky Thunberg,

Sharon Weinhold

**Attendance and Giving:**

Attendance April 28: 8:00 a.m. - 34, 10:15 a.m. - 48, Online views (includes livestream) - 20

Attendance at April 28th Hymn Sing, 3:00 p.m. - 40, Online views (includes livestream) - 54

Received through end of Mar.: \$53,440.18      Expenses thru Mar.: \$48,425.35

Received on April 28: \$1,732.16      Received Apr. to date: \$11,337.97

**Worship Helpers Today:**

Bread Baker - Marliese Smith      8:00 am Communion Assistant - Scott Strickland

10:15 a.m. Communion Assistant and Acolyte -

10:15 am Lay Reader – Brenda Berger      10:15 am Cantor - David Sensenig

10:15 am Money Counters - David and June Sloat

**10:15 am Worship Helpers Next Sunday, May 12:**

Acolyte - Grace Youndt      Lay Reader - Nancy Beck

Cantor - Gail Bare      Money Counters - June and Neal Leid