

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 5th Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2022, 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, Waving Hello

Prelude: *My Tribute*.....D. Wyrzten

*Gathering Hymn: "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"#389

- 1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.
- 3. In ev'ry insult, rift and war, where color, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.
- 4. Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and ev'ry age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

*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 ("This is the feast...").....page 140

- Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, 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 7:55-60

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

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

Psalm 30:1-5, 15-16 (Congregational responses in bold)

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;
deliver me | in your righteousness.

²**Incline your | ear to me;**
make haste to de- | liver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,**
for you are my tow- | er of strength.

⁵Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, | God of truth.

¹⁵**My times are | in your hand;**
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love.”

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” ⁸and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 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 14:1-14 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

Children’s Message
Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: “Jesus Loves Me!”.....#595

1. Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong. (Refrain)

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me! he who died heaven’s gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. (Refrain)

3. Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. (Refrain)

*The 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 to heaven, he is seated at the right hand of God 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**

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 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.

Distribution of Communion (please come up the center aisle at the direction of the ushers)

(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.)

*Post Communion Blessing

*Communion Sending Prayer

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

Postlude: *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him*.....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!

Invitation to Communion: Everyone is invited to receive communion today by coming up the center aisle at the direction of the usher, taking an empty glass for wine or a pre-filled glass with white grape juice. You may kneel or stand at the communion rail. Please hold out your hands to receive the bread from the pastor (if you want a gluten-free wafer, please tell the pastor). Then, receive and drink the wine poured into your glass from the Communion Assistant. If you have opted for a pre-filled glass of grape juice, you may drink it when the Communion Assistant comes to you. You may then return to your seats by either outside aisle. If you would prefer to have communion in your pew, please inform an usher.

Confirmation Day and Mother's Day is next Sunday, May 14: You are invited to come next Sunday for a special worship. Mother's Day will be celebrated by having all women and children playing a piece on the colored hand bells. Confirmation Day will be celebrated as three youth, Asia Breidenstein, Riley Beichner, and Wyatt Hanney will give their Faith Statements at both services and will be confirmed at the 10:15 a.m. worship.

The Evangelism Committee Will Meet Today at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All interested people are invited to attend.

Peter's Porch Food Collection Is Today: Today (the first Sunday of the Month), we are collecting food to donate to our local food pantry, Peter's Porch, operated from our sister congregation Faith United Lutheran in Denver. Items may be placed in the bins in any of the entryways. (Peter's Porch distributes the food on the first Saturday of every month from 8-10 a.m. Contact Pastor Peter if you are interested in volunteering with the monthly distribution.)

On Thursday, May 18 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.

Sunday School For All Children will be held today at 9:00 a.m. downstairs in the Sunday School Room. The last day for Sunday School will be May 21.

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. Next gatherings are May 9 and 23. Contact: Yvonne Weaver at 717-371-6453. All are invited!

Offering may be Contributed Online through the church website, mclchurch.org, "Give Online" button on the home page.

The Rosebud on the Altar Today is given in honor of the birth on April 19th of Emmilynn Fae Leid, daughter of Philip and Cora Leid, granddaughter of Michael and Jeanette Leid, and great-granddaughter of Philip Webber.

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

The Bulletins Today are given in honor of Dave and Julie Emrhein's 33rd wedding anniversary.

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

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance Apr. 30, 8:00 a.m. – 15, 10:15 a.m. – 41, YouTube and Facebook – 28	
Received through end of Mar.: \$40,006.03	Expenses thru Mar.: \$50,194.40
Received on Apr. 30: \$1,293.55	Received Apr. to date: \$15,232.94

Worship Helpers Today:

8:00 am Communion Assistant - Scott Strickland
 10:15 a.m. Communion Assistant and Acolyte- Grace Youndt
 10:15 am Lay Reader – Will Wood
 10:15 am Cantor - Gail Bare
 10:15 am Money Counters - Michelle Dimitris, Jim Weber, Jane Wenger
 Bread Baker - Marliese Smith

Worship Helpers Next Sunday, May 14:

10:15 am Acolyte -
 10:15 am Lay Reader - Brad Rauch
 10:15 am Cantor - Greg Gehman
 10:15 am Money Counters - Julie and Dave Emrhein, Kim Eshleman