

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

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The 9:30 a.m. service will be livestreamed and posted today on our YouTube channel and our website.

Holy Trinity, June 15, 2025, 9:30 a.m. Online Edition

** = Please stand as you are able All congregational responses are in bold
(Young Families: There are “activity boxes” for children located under the ushers’ bench at the rear of the sanctuary. There is also an unstaffed nursery located downstairs with an audio feed for your convenience at any time).*

Welcome to Muddy Creek!

Announcements, Good Morning/Waving Hello

Prelude: “Gather Us In” J. Behnke

*Confession and Forgivenesspages 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.**

*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 he saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which were and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3.Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness they glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, 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...”).....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

First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

“To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world’s first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

then I was beside him, like a master worker;
 and I was daily his delight,
 rejoicing before him always,
 rejoicing in his inhabited world
 and delighting in the human race.”

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

Psalm 8 (Congregation responses in bold)

1 O | LORD OUR Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

2 **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;**

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.

3 When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

4 **what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them, human beings that you should | care for them?**

5 Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
 with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

6 **You have made them rule over the works | of your hands; you have put all things un- | der their feet:**

7 all | flocks and cattle,
 even the wild beasts | of the field,

8 **the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**

9 O | LORD OUR Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. 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 16:12-15 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory. Jesus said, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

P: 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.

*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 Prayerpage 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)

Special Music: Bells for fathers and children

*Sending Hymn: "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 heaven above adore you. Infinite your vast domain, ever lasting is your reign.

2. Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

3. Lo, the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallo; 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: "*We Magnify Our Father God*" J. W. Peterson

Immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service, you are invited to stay in the sanctuary for a time of fellowship and refreshments, courtesy today Pat Buohl and Darlene Weidman. 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 box or give it to the pastor. Welcome!

This Morning We Welcome Pastor Bob Kramer, who is preaching and leading worship at the 9:30 a.m. service, and Pastor Sandy Gideon, who is preaching and leading worship at the 8:00 a.m. service. If you have any pastoral emergencies for the next 2 weeks until the interim pastor's ministry begins at Muddy Creek, please contact Pastor Sandy Gideon at 717-484-1172. Thank you so much, Pastor Kramer and Pastor Gideon for helping us out during this transition time.

Attention all Ladies! We have a Women's Chorus assigned to sing in worship on Sunday, June 22 at the 9:30 service. We will be singing *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* (#774 in the hymnal). Please plan to join our ranks as we lift our voices for special music that Sunday. The men will be singing in July followed by a mixed chorus in August. No rehearsal needed - just be there for worship.

The Altar Flowers Today are given by Pat Brendle and Kim Eshleman.

The Bulletins are given in memory of John Brendle by Pat Brendle and Kim Eshleman.

The Sign Up for Altar Flower Sponsorships is on the table outside the Pastor's office. If you wish, you may sponsor flowers in honor or in memory of someone. Cost is \$45. Bulletins may also be sponsored in honor or memory of someone for \$15.

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church Members: It is with much pleasure that we welcome Pastor Stacy Chavis to serve as our Interim Pastor, beginning Monday, June 16, 2025. We are pleased that she has accepted our invitation to lead our congregation during this transition period. Pastor Chavis will be leading our worship services, visiting members, and performing weddings, funerals, and baptisms as needed.

Pastor Chavis was ordained last year and served at Friedens Lutheran Church in Myerstown prior to joining us. Before her career change, she worked as a corporate executive for over 25 years, building leading and training multicultural, interfaith and interdisciplinary teams.

Please welcome Pastor Chavis and offer her your support and prayers. We look forward to her time with us as Interim Pastor, while we begin the process of calling a new Pastor.

Muddy Creek Church Council and Transition Committee.

Volunteers Needed to repackage food at Blessings of Hope Thurs, June 26 from 6:30-9:00pm. Sign up sheet under the mailboxes. Questions? Contact Nancy Beck.

In Our Prayers: Linny Ansel, Gloria Aseli, Michael Breidenstein Jr., Butch Ebbert, Jane Enck, Ken Frazer, Molly Fritz, Cathleen Fuchs, Larry Gehman, Lisa Gehman, Fred Hainley, Audrey Opra, Tom Riggle, Joanne Saylor, Mary Ann Seidel, Charlotte Shoer, Donald Steinmetz, Thelma Sweigart, Philip Webber and Adam Wood.

Attendance and Giving:

June 8: 8:00 a.m. - 19, 10:15 a.m. - 52, Online Views (includes livestream) - 42

Received through May: \$65,437.60 (general funds plus mission support)

Expenses through May: \$81,887.77

Received on June 8: \$2,547.75 Received June to date: \$4,420.50

Worship Helpers Today:

9:30 am Acolyte -

9:30 am Lay Reader - Fred Hainley 9:30 am Cantor - Greg Gehman

9:30 am - Money Counters - Linda and Tim Fritz

Worship Helpers Next Sunday June 22:

9:30 am Acolyte -

9:30 am Lay Reader - Judy Nichol 9:30 am Cantor - Hollie Kemper

9:30 am - Money Counters - Gail and Ted Bare