

# 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.

## *4th Sunday After Pentecost June 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m. - Online Edition* *Father's Day*

*\* = 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! Happy Father's Day!*

Announcements, Good Morning/Waving Hello

Prelude: *Like a River Glorious*.....J. Mountain

\*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: "Our Father, by Whose Name" .....#640

1. Our Father, by whose name all parenthood is known,  
in love divine you claim each fam'ly as your own.  
Bless mothers, fathers, guarding well, with constant love as sentinel,  
the homes in which your people dwell.
2. O Christ, yourself a child within an earthly home,  
with heart still undefiled to full adulthood come:  
our children bless in ev'ry place that they may all behold your face  
and, knowing you, may grow in grace.
3. O Holy Spirit, bind our hearts in unity  
and teach us how to find the love from self set free;  
in all our hearts such love increase that ev'ry home, by this release,  
may be the dwelling place of peace.

\*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: *Seek Ye First*

performed by all men, children and youth in honor of Father’s Day

*(Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, hallelujah.)*

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. <sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 (Congregational responses in bold)

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks <sup>1</sup> to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, <sup>1</sup> O Most High;

<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love <sup>1</sup> in the morning  
and your faithful- <sup>1</sup> ness at night;**

<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and <sup>1</sup> on the lyre,  
and to the melody <sup>1</sup> of the harp.

<sup>4</sup>**For you have made me glad by your <sup>1</sup> acts, O LORD;  
and I shout for joy because of the works <sup>1</sup> of your hands.**

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish <sup>1</sup> like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a ce- <sup>1</sup> dar of Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup>**Those who are planted in the house <sup>1</sup> of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts <sup>1</sup> of our God;**

<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit<sup>1</sup> in old age;  
 they shall be<sup>1</sup> green and succulent;  
<sup>15</sup>**that they may show how up-<sup>1</sup>right the LORD is,  
 my rock, in whom there is<sup>1</sup> no injustice.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. <sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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: Mark 4:26-34 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” <sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Children’s Message

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day: “We Walk by Faith”.....#635

1. We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,  
 O Christ, who spoke as none e’er spoke: “My peace be with you here.”
2. We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;  
 but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, “My Lord and God!”
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound  
 to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.
4. For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine:  
 beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
5. And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light

may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

\*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**

\*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: "For the Fruit of All Creation".....#679

1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For the gifts of ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,

future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,

in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,

most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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

Postlude: *Come, We That Love the Lord*.....A. Williams  
Immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service, you are invited to stay in the sanctuary for a time of fellowship and refreshments, courtesy today of Nedra Bearinger and Brenda Berger. 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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**Happy Father’s Day!** All men, youth and children will be invited to play the colored bells during worship today as part of our celebration of Father’s Day.

**All Women** from the congregation are invited next Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. service to come forward during worship and join in a Women’s Chorus as the special music for next Sunday. No practice or particular singing skill necessary, just come up and join in!

**Please Fill Out the Time, Talent and Interest Survey!** As we plan for the future, the Church Council recognizes that our greatest asset is our people! Please take the time to fill out the Time, Talent and Interest Survey using the link that was sent to you this week. If you did not receive a link in your email, here it is: [Time, Talent and Interest Survey](#)  
Even though completing the survey online is our preference, if you would like to fill out a paper copy instead, copies are available on the entry tables. You may return them in the marked box under the church mailboxes in the sanctuary. Thank you for taking the time to fill out the survey!

**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. Please note: There will be no prayer shawl gatherings on June 25 or July 9. 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.

**Your Lutheran World Relief Blankets and Kits** were used for crewmembers stuck on ships in the Port of Baltimore after the Key Bridge collapse. To view the article about this, go to <https://lwr.org/blog/2024/video-your-quilts-kits-offer-warm-hospitality-ships-stuck-baltimore-after-key-bridge>

**The Altar Flowers Today** are given by Darlene Weidman in honor of all fathers.

**The Bulletins Today** 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 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, Dorothy Beam, Sara and Ken Frazer, Elaine Gehman, Elmer Gockley, Pat Kagarise, Pastor David Klepper, Betty Kramer, Jeanne Lorah, the Martin family, Helen Martin, Katie McCalicher, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, Paul Moyer, George Nagle,

Audrey Noll, Tom and Audrey Riggle, Joanne Saylor, Mary Ann Seidel, Susan Siegel, Becky Thunberg

**Attendance and Giving:**

Attendance June 9: 8:00 a.m. - 32, 9:00 a.m. - 48, Online views (includes livestream) - 35

Received through end of May: \$78,698.09      Expenses thru May: \$86,037.72

Received on June 9: \$7,094.50      Received June to date: \$9,026.50

**9:00 am Worship Helpers Today, June 16:**

Acolyte -      Lay Reader - Fred Hainley

Cantor - Gail Bare      Money Counters - Nick Duong and Thai Phan, Pat Brendle

**9:00 am Worship Helpers Next Sunday, June 23:**

Acolyte - Cannon Youndt      Lay Reader - Bob Kramer

Cantor - Hollie Kemper      Money Counters - Jeanette and Mike Leid