

# 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.

## Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 22, 2025, 9:30 a.m. Online

\* = 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: *Blessed Assurance/Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* ..... J. N. Beck

\*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: “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”.....#843

1.Praise the One who breaks the darkness with liberating light; praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness in to sight. Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

2.Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word; praise the One who drove out demons with piercing, two edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert’s burning sand; from this well comes living water quenching thirst in every land.

3.Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place: Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

\*Greeting P: 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: : Isaiah 65:1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine’s flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, “Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.” These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, “Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,” so I will do for my servants’ sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

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

Psalm 22:19-28 (Congregation responses in bold)

19 But you, O LORD, be not | far away;

O my help, hasten | to my aid.

**20 Deliver me | from the sword,  
my life from the power | of the dog.**

21 Save me from the | lion’s mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.

**22 I will declare your name | to my people;**

**in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.**

23 You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

**24 For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them;**

**but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.**

25 From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

**26 The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**

**Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

**28 For dominion belongs | to the LORD,**

**who rules o- | ver the nations.**

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. 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: Luke 8:26-39 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the

Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.  
 P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Children's Message

#### Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day: "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" .....#617

1. We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul, and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.
2. As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain, come, risen Christ, among us still with power to heal again.
3. You touch us through physicians' skills, through nurses' gifts of care, and through the love of faithful friends, who lift our lives in prayer.
4. When nights are long with wakefulness, though days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.
5. We come to you, O loving Lord, in your distress and pain, in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.

\*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 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 Hymn: "Blessed Assurance" .....#638

*Refrain:* This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long: this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight: angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Special Music: Women's Chorus "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" ..... #774

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

Postlude: *On Our Way Rejoicing* .....F. Havergal

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 Judy D and Karen O. 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!

**Today We Welcome** Pastor Stacy Chavis to serve as our Interim Pastor. 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 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.

**A call committee has been established to search for a permanent Pastor.** Stacy Aungst, Nick Duong, Marleise Emrhein, Hollie Kemper, Mike Leid, Joe Sanchez.

**Today** We have a Women's Chorus assigned to sing in worship at the 9:30 service. We will be singing *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* (#774 in the hymnal). The men will be singing in July followed by a mixed chorus in August. No rehearsal needed - just be there for worship.

**Attention Redner's Shoppers:** Thank you for bringing in your receipts and placing them in the marked bins in the entryways. Our Good Samaritan Fund will receive \$75.00 for this quarter from Redner's. Please bring in the entire receipt. It cannot be used if it is cut.

**The Altar Flowers Today** are given in loving memory of Bill Nichol by Judy Nichol.

**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.

**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., Jane Enck, Ken Frazer, Molly Fritz, Cathleen Fuchs, Larry Gehman, Lisa Gehman, Fred Hainley, Michael Martin family, Audrey Opra, Tom Riggle, Joanne Saylor, Mary Ann Seidel, Charlotte Shober, Donald Steinmetz, Thelma Sweigart, Philip Webber.

**Attendance and Giving:**

June 15: 8:00 a.m. - 15, 10:15 a.m. - 40, Online Views (includes livestream) - 41

Received through April: \$55,222.40 (includes \$475 of Qualified Charitable Distributions received in the latest month)

Expenses through May: \$81,887.77

Received on June 15: 1,487.03. Received June to date: \$5,907.53

**Worship Helpers Today:**

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

**Worship Helpers Next Sunday June 29:**

9:30 am Acolyte -

9:30 am Lay Reader - Lynn Breidenstein

9:30 am Cantor - David Sensenig

9:30 am Money Counters - Nick Duong and Thai Phan, Pat Brendle