

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.

Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 29, 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: *My Hope Is in the Lord*N. Clayton

*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.**

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: “How Firm a Foundation.....”.....#796

- 1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word! What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2. “Fear not, I am with you, oh be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid; I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”
- 3. “When through fire trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply. The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”
- 4. “Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love; and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.”

*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

Special Music All Your AnxietyE. Henry

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Then the LORD said to Elijah, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.” So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

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

Psalm 16 (Congregation responses in bold)

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

**2 All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

3 But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**4 I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names up on my lips.**

5 O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;
it is you who up- | hold my lot.

**6 My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**

7 I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night | after night.

**8 I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken.**

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.

**10 For you will not abandon me | to the grave,
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**

11 You will show me the | path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. 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 9:51-62 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

Children’s Message

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"#818

1. O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true; tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me your patience; share with me a closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,
4. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future’s broadening way, in peace that only you can give; with you, O Master, let me live.

*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)

*Sending Hymn: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"#810

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain for ever near me, my master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

2. Oh, let me feel you near me; in the world is ever near. I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.

3. Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will. Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you that where you are in glory your servant shall be too. And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

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

Postlude: *Jesus Shall Reign* J. Hatton

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 Marie B. 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!

We Welcome Pastor Stacy Chavis on her 2nd Sunday 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.

The Altar Flowers Today are given in memory of Kathryn Berger, by Linda and Brenda Berger.

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.

In Our Prayers: Linny Ansel, Gloria Aseli, Leroy Berger 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 22: 8:00 a.m. - 23, 10:15 a.m. - 49, Online Views (includes livestream) - 58

Received on May 25: \$2,441.03. Received May to date: \$8,348.56

Worship Helpers Today:

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

Worship Helpers Next Sunday July 6:

8:00 am Communion Assistant - Judy Dengler

9:30 a.m. Communion Assistant - Lynn Breidenstein 9:30 am Acolyte - Barbara Yerger

9:30 am Lay Reader – Will Wood 9:30 am Cantor - Gail Bare

9:30 am Money Counters - Jeanette and Mike Leid

Bread Baker - Marliese Smith