

# 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.

## **3rd Sunday After Pentecost June 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m. - Online Edition**

\* = 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!*

Announcements, Presentation on Synod Assembly by Will Wood, Good Morning/Waving Hello  
 Prelude: *The Lord is My Light and My Salvation*.....F. Allitsen

\*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: “How Marvelous God’s Greatness” .....#830

1. How marvelous God’s greatness, how glorious God’s might!

To this the world bears witness in wonders day and night:  
 in form of flow’r and snowflake, in morn’s resplendent birth,  
 in afterglow at evening, in sky and sea and earth.

2. Each tiny flow’ret whispers the great lifegiver’s name;  
 the mighty mountain masses his majesty proclaim;  
 the valleys deep are hymning God’s shelter for his own;  
 the snowcapped peaks are pointing to God’s almighty throne.

3. The ocean’s vast abysses in one grand psalm record  
 the deep mysterious counsels and mercies of the Lord;  
 the icy waves of winter are thund’ring on the strand;  
 and grief’s chill stream is guided by God’s all-gracious hand.

4. The starry hosts are singing through all the light-strewn sky  
 of God’s majestic temple and palace courts on high;

when in these outer chambers such glory gilds the night,  
oh, what transcendent brightness is God's eternal light!

\*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: *Rock of Ages*.....Toplady/Hastings  
performed by the Cantor Quartet: Gail Bare, Hollie Kemper, Greg Gehman and Dave Sensenig

First Reading: John 1:14, 16-18

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 130 (Congregational responses in bold)

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you is forgiveness,**

**in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

**<sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,  
more than those who keep watch | for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love;  
with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.

**<sup>8</sup>For the LORD shall | redeem Israel  
from | all their sins.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. <sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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 3:20-35 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went home; <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that Jesus and the disciples could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. <sup>28</sup>"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." <sup>33</sup>And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

Children's Message  
Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day: “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”.....#510

1. Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav’n descending;  
touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
2. Word eternal , throned on high, Word that brought to life creation,  
Word that came from heav’n to die, crucified for our salvation,  
saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, your love outpouring.
3. Word that speaks God’s tender love, one with God beyond all telling ,  
Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling,  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

\*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: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”.....#543

1. “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping I am with you, you are my own. In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”
2. “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”
3. “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

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

Postlude: *Look and Live*.....W. Ogden  
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 Michelle and Scott Dimitris. 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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**Thank you to all** who helped with our Community Yard Sale in our Grove yesterday!

**Next Sunday is Father's Day!** All men, youth and children will be invited to play the colored bells during worship as part of our celebration.

**All Women** from the congregation are invited on Sunday, June 23 at the 9:00 a.m. service to come forward during worship and join in a Women's Chorus as the special music for that Sunday. No practice or particular singing skill necessary, just come up and join in!

**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.

**The Altar Flowers Today** are given in honor of Doris Rauch's birthday this Wednesday, June 12, by Brad and Doris Rauch.

**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, Gloria Aseli, Dorothy Beam, 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, Jared Schutter, Mary Ann Seidel, Susan Siegel, Becky Thunberg, Sharon Weinhold

**Congratulations to Zach Sheaffer** who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout this past Monday, June 3rd. Congratulations, Zach!

**Attendance and Giving:**

Attendance June 2: 8:00 a.m. - 21, 9:00 a.m. - 40, Online views (includes livestream) - 28

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

Received on June 2: \$1,932.00      Received June to date:\$1,932.00

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

Acolyte -      Lay Reader - Brad Rauch  
Cantor - David Sensenig      Money Counters - Gail and Ted Bare

**9:00 am Worship Helpers Next Sunday, June 16:**

Acolyte -      Lay Reader - Fred Hainley  
Cantor - Gail Bare      Money Counters - Nick Duong and Thai Phan, Pat Brendle