

# 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.

**8th Sunday After Pentecost, July 14, 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, Good Morning/Waving Hello  
Prelude: *He is So Precious to Me*.....C. Gabriel  
\*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: “This is My Father’s World” .....#824  
1. This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father’s world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees and skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.  
2. This is my Father’s world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker’s praise. This is my Father’s world; he shines in all that’s fair. In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev’rywhere.  
3. This is my Father’s world; oh, let me not forget that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,. God is the ruler yet. This is my Father’s world; why should my heart be sad? The Lord is king, let the heaven ring, God reigns, let earth be glad!

\*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: *Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring*.....J. S. Bach

Performed by Greg Gehman as a duet with himself on pipe organ and piano

First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

<sup>7</sup> This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; <sup>9</sup> the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” <sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” <sup>12</sup> And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup> but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” <sup>14</sup> Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup> and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’” L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 85:8-13 (Congregational responses in bold)

<sup>8</sup> I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup> **Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,**  
**that your glory may dwell | in our land.**

<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;  
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup> **Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,**  
**and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup> The LORD will indeed <sup>1</sup> grant prosperity,  
and our land will <sup>1</sup> yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup> **Righteousness shall go be-<sup>1</sup> fore the LORD  
and shall prepare for <sup>1</sup> God a pathway.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. 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 6:14-29 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of the disciples' preaching, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup> But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup> For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup> for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup> But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup> And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup> Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup> The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup> brought

his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

Children's Message  
Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service".....#712

1. Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who, upon the cross forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the deeds and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

\*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, "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

\*Blessing C: **Amen** (sung response)

\*Sending Song: "Let Justice Flow Like Streams".....#717

1. Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure, enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.
2. Let righteousness roll on as others cares we heed, an ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed.
3. So may God's plumb line, straight, define our measures true, and justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.

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

Postlude: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*.....T. Hastings  
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 Karen Oglesby and Judy Dengler. 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!

**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 if we have your email address on file. If you did not receive a link in your email, just click on the link on the church website, [mcchurch.org](http://mcchurch.org). 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 table under the church mailboxes in the sanctuary. You may return them in the marked box at the same location. Thank you for taking the time to fill out the survey!

If you have already filled out the survey, we thank you very much!! Thank you to the 32 people to date who have filled out the survey either online or on paper.

#### **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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**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 August 13 or August 27. 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.

**We Welcome Barbara Erickson** as a new member of Muddy Creek. Barbara, who is at Ephrata Manor, is the daughter of Kris Tafuri-Carretta, the mother-in-law of Tom Carretta, and the grandmother of Emma Tafuri-Carretta. Welcome, Barbara!

**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:** Linnie Ansel, Dorothy Beam, Sara and Ken Frazer, James Henderson, Pastor David Klepper, Betty Kramer, the Martin family, Helen Martin, Josephine Martin, Katie McCalicher, Charles Moyer, Yvonne Weaver and her brother Denny Moyer at the death of her sister-in-law/his wife Jean Moyer, Paul Moyer, Tom and Audrey Riggie, Joanne Saylor, Mary Ann Seidel, Susan Siegel, Becky Thunberg, Michael Weinhold

**Attendance and Giving:**

Attendance July 7: 8:00 a.m. - 18, 9:00 a.m. - 58, Online views (includes livestream) - 30

Received through end of June: \$129,884.46      Expenses thru June: \$102,896.32

Received on July 7: \$5,635.50      Received July to date: \$5,635.50

**9 AM Worship Helpers Today:**

Acolyte -                      Money Counters - Brenda Berger, Judy Nichol, Audrey Noll

Lay Reader - Brenda Berger                      Cantor - David Sensenig

**9 AM Worship Helpers Next Sunday, July 21:**

Acolyte -                      Lay Reader - Nancy Beck

Cantor - Gail Bare                      Money Counters - Ray and Susan Sweigart