

# Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

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 The 8:00 a.m. service will be livestreamed and posted today on our YouTube channel and our website.

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, July 2, 2023, 8:00 a.m. – Online Edition*

*\* = Please stand as you are able All congregational responses are in bold*

*Welcome to Muddy Creek!*

Announcements, Waving Hello

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.**

Prayer of the Day C: **Amen**

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

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

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 (Congregational responses in bold)

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup>**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;  
 you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>“I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

<sup>4</sup>**‘I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.’ ”**

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout!

They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

<sup>16</sup>**They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

<sup>18</sup>**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

<sup>12</sup>Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no

means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

\*Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the twelve: <sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.” L: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message  
Sermon

\*The Apostles’ Creed.....p. 105

**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 to heaven, he is seated at the right hand of God 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 contributed online through the church website, mclchurch.org,  
“Give Online” button on the home page.)

\*Prayers of the Church P: Lord, in your mercy C: **Hear our prayer**

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer.....page 145

**Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

Distribution of Communion (please come up the center aisle at the direction of the ushers)  
(Note for online followers – Prefilled grape juice and wafer kits are available from Pastor Peter at any time for use at home as you follow along with Communion from home. Just email, call, or talk to Pastor Peter to get some.)

Post Communion Blessing

Communion Sending Prayer

Blessing C: **Amen**

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

### 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!

#### **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. We have a brand-new supply that just came in.

Offering may be contributed online through the church website ([mclchurch.org](http://mclchurch.org)) “Give Online” button on the home page.

**Please Note:** The 8 a.m. service, not the 9 a.m. service, will be livestreamed today and next Sunday while Pastor Peter is on vacation.

**Invitation to Communion:** Everyone is invited to receive communion today by coming up the center aisle, taking an empty glass for wine or a pre-filled glass with white grape juice, holding your hands out to receive the bread (if you want a gluten-free wafer, please tell the pastor). Then, proceed to the chalice station to receive wine or a blessing for your grape juice. Please return to your seats by the outside aisle. If you would prefer to have communion in your pew, please inform the usher.

**Our Thanks Today to Pastor David Klepper** for preaching and leading worship this week and next while Pastor Peter is away. Welcome, Pastor Klepper!

**Pastor Peter is on Vacation** until July 12. In case of a pastoral emergency during this time, please call Pastor Sandy Gideon at 717-484-1172.

**Peter’s Porch Food Collection:** Today (the first Sunday of the month), we are collecting food for our local food pantry, Peter’s Porch. Donations can be placed in the entryway bins.

**9 AM Fellowship Time/Coffee Ministry Resumes! Please Sign Up!** Can you help volunteer to bring cookies on some Sunday? In a modified and easier format, we are suggesting you sign up for a Sunday to bring a light snack of cookies and a cold drink for the congregation to enjoy after the service. As well, you would be in charge of putting water into the Keurig coffee maker and turning it on. The sign up sheet is on the fellowship table in the middle of the annex pews. If you have any questions, please contact Audrey Noll at 717-336-3592.

**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. Contact: Yvonne Weaver at 717-371-6453. All are invited!

**Celebrating Children at Muddy Creek - Young Families:** There is an "activity box" for children located under the ushers' bench at the rear of the sanctuary. Children are always very welcome in worship here at Muddy Creek. We know that God put the wiggle in little children – don't feel like you have to suppress it in God's house! In the same manner, we also love to hear the voices of children during the service! So, please don't worry about that either. If you have to leave with your child in the middle of the service, feel free to do so, but please come back! You are welcome to make use of the unstaffed nursery located on the lower level. It has lots of toys, a changing table, and you can also hear the audio from the service on the overhead speakers there. The presence of children is a gift to the church, and a reminder that Jesus proclaimed, "Let the children come unto me!"

**Summer Family Fun and Ice Cream Evening:** On Tuesday, July 25, from 5:45 p.m. – 7:15 p.m., all families with young children and elementary-aged children are invited to Muddy Creek for Summer Family Fun and Ice Cream Evening! Friends, families of friends, and grandparents are invited, too! We will start out in Fellowship Hall with hot dogs and ice cream. And then we'll enjoy songs, a story, parachute play and coloring pages. We'll end in the church Grove with outdoor play on the playground, including bubbles and water brushes.

Please let Pastor Peter ([peter@mclchurch.org](mailto:peter@mclchurch.org), 717-598-5095) know that you are coming and if you can bring any of the following: ice cream, cones, sprinkles, small bottles of water, or bubbles. See you for Summer Family Fun!

**The Hyssongs Gospel Group** will perform a free concert at Leola United Methodist Church, 7 West Main Street, Leola, this Saturday, July 8 at 6:00 p.m.

**The Altar Flowers This Morning** are given by Audrey and Roger Noll in honor of all July birthdays.

**In our Prayers:** Gloria Aseli, Dorothy Beam, Curtis Beck, Penny Bender, Pat Kagarise, Tina Lavrenchuk, Diane Leed, the Martin family, Katie McCalicher, Mary Miller, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, Paul Moyer, Betty Ramsey, Tom Riggle, Susan Siegel, Michelle Steinmetz, Becky Thunberg, Lisa Yohn

**Attendance and Giving:**

Attendance June 25, 8:00 a.m. – , 9:00 a.m. –

Received through end of May: \$76,747.75

Received on June 25:

Expenses thru May: \$90,255.11

Received June to date:

**Worship Helpers Today:**

Bread Baker - Marliese Smith                      8 am Communion Assistant - Scott Strickland

9 am Communion Assistant and Acolyte- Sophia Dimitris

9 am Lay Reader – Brad Rauch                      9 am Cantor - David Sensenig

9 am Money Counters - Brenda Berger, Judy Nichol, Audrey Noll

**Worship Helpers Next Sunday, July 9**

9 am Acolyte -

9 am Lay Reader - Lynn Breidenstein

9 am Cantor - Gail Bare

9 am Money Counters - Ray and Susan Sweigart