

# 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.

**9th Sunday After Pentecost, July 21, 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: *Gather Us In* .....J. Behnke  
\*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: “Just As I Am, Without One Plea” .....#592  
1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd’st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
2. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
3. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
4. Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev’ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

\*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 - Men’s Chorus: *The Old Rugged Cross*

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. <sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

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

Psalm 23 (Congregational responses in bold)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD<sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;

I shall not<sup>1</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down<sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be-<sup>1</sup> side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my<sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways<sup>1</sup> for your name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall<sup>1</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they<sup>1</sup> comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence<sup>1</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is<sup>1</sup> running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days<sup>1</sup> of my life,**

**and I will dwell in the house of the <sup>l</sup> LORD forever.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

<sup>11</sup> Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup> He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup> So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup> for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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 6:30-34, 53-56 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. <sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup> When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup> and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed. L: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O**

**Christ.**

Children’s Message

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day: “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” .....#611

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.” I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.” I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light; look unto me,

your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.” I looked to Jesus, and I found in him, my star, my sun; and in that light of life I’ll walk till trav’ling days are done.

\*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: “Jesus, Still Lead On”.....#624

1. Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, although the way be cheerless, we will follow, calm and fearless; guide us by your hand to the promised land.
2. If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faithless fears o’ertake us, let not faith and hope forsake us; safely past the foe to our home we go.
3. When we seek relief from a long-flet grief, when temptations come alluring, make us patient and enduring; show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
4. Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav’nly leader still direct us, still support, console, protect us, till we safely stand in the promised land.

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

Postlude: *Higher Ground*.....C.  
Gabriel

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 Sandy Schutter and Kathleen Ebling. 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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**Deadline to Fill Out the Time, Talent and Interest Survey: July 31.** 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, [mclchurch.org](http://mclchurch.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 33 people to date who have filled out the survey either online or on paper.

**During the 9:00 AM Worship Service Today, All Men** will be invited to come forward to sing the hymn “The Old Rugged Cross” as a Men’s Chorus. No practice or special singing ability necessary!

**Congratulations to Zach Shaeffer** who will be receiving his Eagle Scout Award in a Court of Honor this coming Tuesday. Congratulations, Zach!

**We Are Delighted to Welcome as New Members to Muddy Creek Today** Kurt and Tracy Fichthorn and their son Kole. Welcome Kurt, Tracy and Kole!

**On Sunday August 4**, we are honored to have Jeanette Leid displaying her latest artwork in the sanctuary before and after both worship services. Thank you, Jeanette!

**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.

**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, Dorothy Beam, Sara and Ken Frazer, Molly Fritz, James Henderson, Betty Kramer, Helen Martin, Josephine Martin, the Martin family, Katie McCalicher, Charles Moyer, Paul Moyer, Tom and Audrey Riggle, Joanne Saylor, Mary Ann Seidel, Susan Siegel, Becky Thunberg, Michael Weinhold, Missy Joppy

**Attendance and Giving:**

Attendance July 14: 8:00 a.m. - 30, 9:00 a.m. - 43, Online views (includes livestream) - 36

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

Received on July 14: \$3,867.85      Received July to date: \$9,503.35

**9 AM Worship Helpers Today:**

Acolyte -

Lay Reader -

Cantor - Gail Bare

Money Counters - Ray and Susan Sweigart

**9 AM Worship Helpers Next Sunday, July 28:**

Acolyte - Jack Lammey

Lay Reader - Hollie Kemper

Cantor - Greg Gehman

Money Counters - Linda Gerhart, Hollie Kemper