

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

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The 10:15 a.m. service will be livestreamed and posted today on our YouTube channel and our website.

4th Sunday after Pentecost, July 6, 2025, 9:30 a.m. Online Edition

* = 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: *This is My Song*J.Linker

*Confession and Forgivenesspages 94 – 96

*Gathering Hymn: “This Is My Song”#887

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Verse 1. This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

Verse 2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine. So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

Verse 3. This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms, your kingdom come; on earth your will be done. O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you, and hearts united learn to live as one. So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations; myself I give you; let your will be done.

*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

*Canticle of Praise (“This is the feast...”)...page 140

*Prayer of the Day

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her—
¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast,
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious bosom.
¹² For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream,
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm
and bounced on her knees.

¹³ As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bodies shall flourish like the grass,
and it shall be known that the power of the Lord is with his servants,
and his indignation is against his enemies.

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

Psalm 66:1-9 (Congregational responses in (bold))

¹ Be joyful in God, | all you lands;
be joyful, | all the earth.

² **Sing the glory | of God's name;**
sing the glory | of God's praise.

³ Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!
Because of your great strength your enemies | cringe before you.

⁴ **All the earth bows | down before you,**
sings to you, sings | out your name."

⁵ Come now and see the | works of God,
how awesome are God's deeds | toward all people.

⁶ **God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wa- | ter on foot,**
and there we re- | joiced in God.

⁷ Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- | ver the nations;
let no rebels ex- | alt themselves.

⁸ **Bless our | God, you peoples;**
let the sound of | praise be heard.

⁹ Our God has kept us a- | mong the living
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.

Second Reading: Galatians 6: 7-16

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh.

¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of 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: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ ⁶ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ ¹⁶ ‘Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.’”

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸ He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

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

Children’s Message

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”.....#802

Verse 1: Let us ever walk with Jesus,
follow his example pure,
through a world that would deceive us
and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading,
travelers here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love,
let us do our Savior’s bidding,
Faithful Lord, with me abide,
I shall follow where you guide.

Verse 2: Let us suffer here with Jesus,
and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
we shall reap celestial joy:
all discomforts that annoy
shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
help me there your joy to know.

Verse 3: Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death he conquered death,
he will free us from destruction,
give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
that would lead us into sin;
and the grave that shuts us in
shall but prove the gate of heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die,
there to live with you on high.

Verse 4: Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
that to life we may awaken.
Jesus, you are now our head,
we are your own living members;
where you live, there we shall be
in your presence constantly,
living there with you forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be;
life eternal grant to me.

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**

Holy Communion

- Great Thanksgiving.....page 144
Proper Preface
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Words of Institution
Lord's Prayer.....page 145
Distribution of Communion (please come up the center aisle at the direction of the ushers)
*Post Communion Blessing
*Communion Sending Prayer
*Blessing C: **Amen** (sung response)
*Sending Hymn: “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”.....#888

Verse 1 O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.

Verse 2 O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.

Verse 3 O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine allabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine every flaw
Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law.

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

Postlude: *God Bless America* I. Berlin

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 Audrey & Roger Noll. Thanks!

Announcements

Notes for Online Participants:

We are so glad you are participating in worship online! Welcome!

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 the pastor 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.

Offering to Muddy Creek or Disaster Relief may be contributed online through the church website, mclchurch.org, "Give Online" button on the home page.

The monthly newsletter can be found on the church website under "What's Happening"

Invitation to Communion: Everyone is invited to receive communion today by coming up the center aisle at the direction of the usher, taking an empty glass for wine or a pre-filled glass with white grape juice. You may kneel or stand at the communion rail. Please hold out your hands to receive the bread from the pastor (if you want a gluten-free wafer, please tell the pastor). Then, receive and drink the wine poured into your glass from the Communion Assistant. If you have opted for a pre-filled glass of grape juice, you may drink it when the Communion Assistant comes to you. You may then return to your seats by either outside aisle. If you would prefer to have communion in your pew, please inform an usher.

We Welcome Pastor Stacy Chavis serving as our Interim Pastor. We are pleased that she has accepted our invitation to lead our congregation during this transition period.

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 in honor of Roger's 86th birthday given by Audrey Noll.

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, family of Leroy Berger, Michael Breidenstein Jr., Jane Enck, Ken Frazer, Molly Fritz, Cathleen Fuchs, Elaine Gehman, Larry Gehman, Lisa Gehman, Diane Weinhold Grubb, Fred Hainley, Michael Martin family, Audrey Opra, Joanne Saylor, Mary Ann Seidel, Charlotte Shober, Donald Steinmetz, Thelma Sweigart, Philip Webber.

Memorial Fund: Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Leroy Berger. Leroy, a longstanding member of the church, passed away on Sunday. A memorial account has been set up in his honor.

Attendance and Giving:

June 29: 8:00 a.m. - 23, 10:15 a.m. - 37, Online Views (includes livestream) - 36
Received on June 29: \$1411.03. Received June to date: \$9,759.59

Worship Helpers Today:

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

Worship Helpers Next Sunday July 13:

9:30 am Acolyte - Mason Sheaffer
9:30 am Lay Reader - Doris Rauch
9:30 am Cantor - Greg Gehman
9:30 am Money Counters - Marie Buohl, Connie Hoover, Charles Leid