

# 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.

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, July 9, 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: Zechariah 9:9-12

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Psalm 145:8-14 (Congregational responses in bold)

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

\*Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying: <sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ <sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” <sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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](http://mclchurch.org),

“Give Online” button on the home page.)

\*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 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.**

\*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.

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**Our Thanks Today to Pastor David Klepper** for preaching and leading worship this week 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.

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

**9 AM Fellowship Time/Coffee Ministry Today! Please Sign Up!** Immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service today, you are invited to stay in the sanctuary for a time of fellowship, cookies, coffee and beverages.

Also, 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.

**Men's Chorus Next Sunday:** At the 9 a.m. service next Sunday, all men are invited to come forward to sing in a Men's Chorus. No practice or singing experience is necessary, just come on up when Greg invites you!

**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 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!

**The Cookies and Beverages This Morning** are provided by Brenda Berger and Pat Brendle. Thanks so much!!

**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 Riggles, Susan Siegel, Michelle Steinmetz, Becky Thunberg, Lisa Yohn

**Attendance and Giving:**

Attendance July 2, 8:00 a.m. – , 9:00 a.m. – ,

Received through end of May: \$76,747.75

Received on July 2:

Expenses thru May: \$90,255.11

Received July to date:

**Worship Helpers Today:**

9 am Acolyte -

9 am Lay Reader - Lynn Breidenstein

9 am Cantor - Gail Bare

9 am Money Counters - Ray and Susan Sweigart

**Worship Helpers Next Sunday, July 16**

9 am Acolyte - Mason Sheaffer

9 am Lay Reader - Will Wood

9 am Cantor - Greg Gehman

9 am Money Counters - Linda Gerhart, Hollie Kemper