

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.

12th Sunday After Pentecost, August 11, 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: *Thanks Be to Thee, O Lord*.....G. F. Handel
*Confession and Forgivenesspages 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: “Give to Our God Immortal Praise!”#848
1. Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and truth are all his ways.
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.
2. He sent his Son with pow’r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.
3. Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more!

*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: Performed by Will Meckley

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

⁴ Elijah went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.”⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.”⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷ The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.”⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

Psalm 34:1-8 (Congregational responses in bold)

¹ I will bless the LORD ¹ at all times;

the praise of God shall ever be ¹ in my mouth.

² **I will glory ¹ in the LORD;**

let the lowly hear ¹ and rejoice.

³ Proclaim with me the greatness ¹ of the LORD;

let us exalt God’s ¹ name together.

⁴ **I sought the LORD, who ¹ answered me**

and delivered me from ¹ all my terrors.

⁵ Look upon the LORD ¹ and be radiant,

and let not your faces ¹ be ashamed.

⁶ **I called in my affliction, and ¹ the LORD heard me**

and saved me from ¹ all my troubles.

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who ¹ fear the LORD

and de- ¹ livers them.

⁸ **Taste and see that the ¹ LORD is good;**

happy are they who take ref- ¹ uge in God!

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2

²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1} Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to 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: John 6:35, 41-51 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁵ Jesus said to the crowd, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." ⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" ⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

Children's Message
Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: "I Am the Bread of Life"#485

1. "I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger, and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."
Refrain: "And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.
2. "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever. (Refrain)
3. "Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you." (Refrain)
4. "I am the resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever." (Refrain)
5. Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who has come into the world. (Refrain)

*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

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: "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing".....#545

1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;

let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

2. Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound.

May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.

Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

3. Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,

let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.

May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

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

Postlude: *Praise the Lord*.....C. Franck

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 Mary Zerbe and Brenda Berger. Thanks!!

And Happy 93rd Birthday, Mary, this past Wednesday!

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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Collection of School Supplies (Notebooks, Pens and Rulers) and Soap Bars: Please bring in school supply items and bars of soap for the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering and place them in the marked bin by church mailboxes. Due to your past generosity and surplus leftovers, this year will only be focusing on collecting spiral notebooks, pens and rulers. The collection ends Sept. 8th. We will be assembling the school kits after the 10:15 a.m. service on Sept. 15. Thanks!

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!

The Altar Flowers Today are given in memory of Harting and Kathryn Leid by the family.

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.

Upcoming “Over 80” Birthdays:

August 14 - Bea Ebersole, 99 (our oldest Muddy Creek member!)

August 18 - Dorothy Heister, 82

In Our Prayers: Gloria Aseli, Linny Ansel, Dorothy Beam, Butch Ebbert, Sara and Ken Frazer, Molly Fritz, James Henderson, Missy Joppy, 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

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance Aug. 4: 8:00 a.m. - 24, 9:00 a.m. - 48, Online views (includes livestream) - 23

Received through end of July: \$146,295.75 Expenses thru July: \$119,134.00

Received on Aug. 4: \$4,864.03 Received Aug. to date: \$4,864.03

9 AM Worship Helpers Today:

Acolyte - Jack Lammey Lay Reader - Joe Sanchez

Cantor - Gail Bare Money Counters - David and June Sloat

9 AM Worship Helpers Next Sunday, August 18:

Acolyte - Mason Sheaffer Lay Reader - Brad Rauch

Cantor - David Sensenig Money Counters - Michelle Dimitris, Jane Wenger