

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.

10th Sunday After Pentecost, August 13, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - Online Edition
** = Please stand as you are able All congregational responses are in bold*

Welcome to Muddy Creek!

Announcements, Waving Hello

Prelude: *Peaceful Meditation II*.....P. Fey

*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: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”#756

- 1. Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 2. O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amidst the storm didst sleep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 3. O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 4. O Trinity of love and pow’r, all trav’lers guard in danger’s hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe’er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

*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 - Mixed Chorus - *I Love to Tell the Story*.....TSH #199

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-16

9At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” 10He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

11He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; 12and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 13When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” 14He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” 15Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 85:8-13 (Congregational responses in bold)

8I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

**9 Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**

10 Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

**11 Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

12 The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.

**13 Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” 6 But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 11 The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13 For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” 14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? 15 And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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: Matthew 14:22-33 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

22 Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. 25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

28 Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” 29 He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” 32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

Children's Message
Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand".....#773

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

3. When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

*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, melchurch.org, "Give Online" button on the home page. Or you can scan the following QR code with the camera on your cellphone as an easy way to connect and give offering to the General Fund of 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**

*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** (sung response)

*Sending Song: "When Peace like a River".....#785

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well, with my soul. (Refrain)

Refrain: It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ had regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)

3. He lives - oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)

4. Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll.
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

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

Postlude: *The Banner of the Cross*.....J. McGranahan

You are invited to stay for a time of fellowship, cookies and beverages in the sanctuary
immediately following the service.

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!

Note 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.

9 AM Fellowship Time/Coffee Ministry: You are invited to stay after the 9 am service today to enjoy cookies and beverages in the sanctuary!

Volunteers are needed to host future fellowship times. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet over at the fellowship table in the sanctuary. In a modified and easier format, we are suggesting you 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. If you have any questions, please contact Audrey Noll at 717-336-3592.

School Kit Item Collection: From now until Sept. 10, we are collecting items for school kits to send to children in the developing world through Lutheran World Relief. Please see the newsletter for items. Items may be placed in the marked bins in the sanctuary by the mailboxes.

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

The Sign Up for Flower Sponsorships on Sundays 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.

Trophies on Display Downstairs: During the month of August, historic trophies are on display in the downstairs hallway outside the history room. These trophies were all won by teams from Muddy Creek competing in church leagues in Bowling, Softball, and Dartball (throwing darts at a picture of a baseball diamond to score runs). Maybe you even competed on one of these teams? A listing of the trophies is found on each table downstairs and in the sanctuary on the table under the mailboxes. Beginning in September, you are free to take any trophy that you'd like.

Want to Give a Prayer Shawl? Easier Now Than Ever! A bin of prayer shawls (as well as bags of children's shawls) is now located in the sanctuary under the mailboxes. This is to make it easier to take one at any time to give to someone you know who might need the warm embrace of God's love and our prayers along with it. It is also no longer necessary to sign the clipboard to take a shawl. Just take one or more shawls at any time!

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!

Free "Live Generously" T-Shirts from Thrivent are available over by the mailboxes.

Give to Ephrata Area Social Services (EASS) to Support Families Displaced by Aug. 8 Fire: EASS is coordinating the response to help the 12 Ephrata families who were displaced by the apartment complex fire on Aug. 8. Financial donations are being requested through the EASS link: <https://www.mygiving.net/campaign/Assist-Fire-Victims>. These funds will go towards assisting with hotel stays, security deposits, clothing and household goods, and short term and long term aid.

In our Prayers: Gloria Aseli, Dorothy Beam, Lydia Bearinger, Curtis Beck, the family of Penny Bender who passed away on Aug. 5, Kim Craven, Pat Kagarise, Bill Lausch, Tina Lavrenchuk, the Martin family, Katie McCalicher, Mary Miller, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, Paul Moyer, Betty Ramsey, Tom Riggle, Susan and Walt Siegel, Rebecca Thunberg, Sev Yerger, Lisa Yohn

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance Aug. 6, 8:00 a.m. – 30, 9:00 a.m. – 44,	Online Views (YouTube, Facebook) – 38
Received through end of July: \$100,878.76	Expenses thru July: \$119,762.35
Received on Aug. 6: \$6,220.30	Received Aug. to date: \$6,220.30

Worship Helpers Today

9 am Acolyte - Jack Lammey	9 am Lay Reader - Hollie Kemper
9 am Cantor - Gail Bare	9 am Money Counters - Julie and David Emrhein, Kim Eshleman

Worship Helpers Next Sunday, August 20

9 am Acolyte - Mason Sheaffer	9 am Lay Reader - Jill Youndt
9 am Cantor - Greg Gehman	9 am Money Counters - Linda and Tim Fritz