

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.

13th Sunday After Pentecost, August 18, 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: *How Great Thou Art*J. Linker
*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: “How Great Thou Art”#856

- 1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;
Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!
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- 2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
(Refrain)
- 3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin; (Refrain)
- 4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!”
(Refrain)

*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: *All Creatures of Our God and King* - Greg Gehman on the piano

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

¹Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. ²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. ³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, ⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!” To those without sense she says, ⁵“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.” L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 34:9-14 (Congregational responses in bold)

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints ¹ of the LORD,
for those who fear the ¹ LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and ¹ suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing ¹ that is good.**

¹¹Come, children, and lis- ¹ ten to me;
I will teach you reverence ¹ for the LORD.

¹²**Who among you takes plea- ¹ sure in life
and desires long life to en- ¹ joy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your ¹ tongue from evil
and your lips from ¹ lying words.

¹⁴**Turn from evil ¹ and do good;
seek peace ¹ and pursue it.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the

time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 6:51-58 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, 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.” ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

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

Children’s Message
Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: “O Living Bread from Heaven”#542

1. O living bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest! The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest. O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes! My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o’erflows!

2. My Savior, you have led me within your holiest place, and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace; for you have freely given what earth could never buy, the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.

3. You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy. And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy. My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown, and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.

4. Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened with heav’nly food while here my course on earth is lengthened, to serve you, free from fear; and bring me home to praise you where none can peace destroy, where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy.

Baptisms of Malia Noelle Mancini and Bradlee Anthony Mancini.....p. 227
L: People of God, do you promise to support Malia and Bradlee and pray for them in their new life in Christ? C: **We do.**

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 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.

L: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: Let us welcome our newly baptized sister and brother.

C: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share; join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Reception into Membership of Jessica Mancini.....p. 234

L: People of God, do you promise to support Jessica and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

L: Let us rejoice with this sister in Christ.

C: **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*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: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again".....#536

1. God be with you till we meet again; by good counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

Refrain: Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

2. God be with you till we meet again; holy wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

3. God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

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

Postlude: *Joyful, Joyful*.....L. Van Beethoven

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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We Welcome Today in Baptism at the 9:00 a.m. service Malia Noelle Mancini and Bradlee Anthony Mancini, daughter and son of Jessica and Anthony Mancini. Additionally, welcome to Jessica, who is also joining Muddy Creek. Welcome Malia, Bradlee and Jessica!

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!

Check Out the Updated History Display Case in the Sanctuary! Thank you to the Archive Task Force of Gail and Ted Bare, Julie and Dave Emrhein, Marleise Emrhein and Pastor Peter for updating the history display case in the sanctuary by the church mailboxes. The Task Force is continuing to catalog and organize the items in the Archive Room, and is also working on an additional history display case in the downstairs hallway across from the Archive Room.

Coming Up in September:

- Sunday, Sept. 1 (Labor Day Weekend) - Last Sunday of summer worship schedule, Communion
 - Food Collection for Peter's Porch Food Pantry
- Sunday, Sept. 8 - Fall Worship Schedule begins with services at 8:00 and 10:15 a.m.
 - Sunday School for K-6th at 9:00 a.m. begins
 - Volunteer Fair at Muddy Creek after both services
 - Muddy Creek T-Shirt Sunday (wear yours if you already have one, free ones available for those who have not yet received one)
 - Jesus 'n Me Playgroup: "God Made Me"
 - Last day of collection of school kit supplies and soap
- Sunday, Sept. 15 - School Kit Assembly after the 10:15 a.m. service
 - Adult Forum: "Prophets of Justice"
- Sunday, Sept. 22 - Harvest Home Sunday

In-Person Meetings of the Prayer Shawl Knitting Group have been suspended for the time being. Knitters will continue to make prayer shawls from their homes. Thank you, knitters!

The Altar Flowers Today are given in honor of Muddy Creek Lutheran Church by Nick Duong and Thai Phan.

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: Gloria Aseli, Linny Ansel, Dorothy Beam, Butch Ebbert, Sara and Ken Frazer, Molly Fritz, James Henderson, 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. 11: 8:00 a.m. - 25, 9:00 a.m. - 53,	Online views (includes livestream) - 27
Received through end of July: \$146,295.75	Expenses thru July: \$119,134.00
Received on Aug. 11: \$2,421.50	Received Aug. to date: \$7,285.53

9 AM Worship Helpers Today:

Acolyte - Mason Sheaffer	Lay Reader - Brad Rauch
Cantor - David Sensenig	Money Counters - Michelle Dimitris, Jane Wenger

9 AM Worship Helpers Next Sunday, August 25:

Acolyte -	Lay Reader - Fred Hainley
Cantor - Pastor Peter	Money Counters - Julie and David Emrhein, Kim Eshleman