# Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

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# Celebrating 290 Years!

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# Both services will be livestreamed and posted today on our YouTube channel and Facebook Page.

***11th Sunday after Pentecost, August 21, 2022, 8:00 a.m.***

\* = *Please stand as you are able*  *All congregational responses are in* ***bold***

*Welcome to Muddy Creek! Masks are currently optional for worship.*

Announcements, Waving Hello

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: O God, we thank you for the unity you give all Christians through the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank you on this day for the common witness of Muddy Creek and Peace U.C.C in our community and as a joint congregation with a history together for 238 years as Muddy Creek Reformed and Lutheran Churches. We pray that you could continue to inspire us and all Christians to faithfully follow you in service and love toward our fellow humans. In Jesus Christ we pray, C: **Amen**

 First Bible Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14
 9bIf you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, 10if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. 11The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. 12Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.
 13If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; 14then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

Psalm 103:1-8 (Congregational responses in bold)

 1Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.
 2**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God’s benefits—**
 3who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;
 4**who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**
 5who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle’s.
 6**O Lord, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**
 7You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.
 8**Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,**

 **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Second Bible Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

 18You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, 19and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. 20(For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” 21Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) 22But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.
 25See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! 26At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” 27This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. 28Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; 29for indeed our God is a consuming fire. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

\*Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

 10Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 11And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” 13When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. 14But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” 15But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? 16And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” 17When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

 Children’s Message

 Sermon

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\*Prayers of the Church P: Lord, in your mercy C: **Hear our prayer**

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\*Blessing: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be

 gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. 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 plate or give it to the pastor. Welcome!

**Pulpit Exchange Today: Welcome to Pastor Betsy Bruaw of Peace U.C.C. Church!** We are grateful to Pastor Bruaw for preaching at both services today and for leading worship at the 9 a.m. service as part of Muddy Creek’s 290th anniversary celebration. Pastor Peter will be leading worship at the 8 a.m. service and then leave to go preach at Peace U.C.C Church at their 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. services. Thank you, Pastor Bruaw, for helping us celebrate our anniversary year with this special pulpit exchange!

**History of the Muddy Creek Union Church:** For 238 years, Muddy Creek Lutheran Congregation worshiped together with Muddy Creek Reformed Congregation in the same Muddy Creek Church building, alternating worship on Sundays. These “Union Parishes” were common in this area, as German immigrants of Lutheran and Reformed faiths, bound together by their language and culture, shared church buildings. In 1970, the union was formally dissolved and Muddy Creek Reformed Church became Peace United Church of Christ, located near us on the site of the old Muddy Creek Church Picnic Fairgrounds. We still jointly operate the Muddy Creek Cemetery.

**The 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Services Will Be Streamed Online Today** and posted on our Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube channel and Facebook page.

**School Kit Items Donations Needed for Lutheran World Relief:**  Please bring in new items for our yearly collection for School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Needed are 70 sheet spiral notebooks (wide or college-ruled, approx. 8 x10 ½), small blunt scissors (or safety scissors), black or blue ballpoint pens (new), 2 1/2” erasers, crayons (16 or 24 per box), rulers, small pencil sharpeners, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, new bars of soap in original wrappers (4—5 oz. size). Items can be placed in the marked bin by the mailboxes. Everyone is invited to help assemble the school kits after the second service on Sunday, September 18th.

**The Altar Flowers Today** are given by Brad and Doris Rauch in honor of teachers and the start of school.

**Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships**: To sign up to sponsor the flowers or the bulletins, please sign up in the folder outside Pastor Peter’s office. Sponsorships may be made in honor or in memory of someone, if you wish. The cost is $35 for altar flowers, and $15 for bulletins.

**In our Prayers**: Gloria Aseli, Lesia Aungst, Dorothy Beam, Lydia Bearinger, Nedra Bearinger, Walter Buohl, Cindy Frankhouser, Janet Frantz, Elaine Gehman, Fred Hainley, Alex Harding, Pat Kagarise, Tina Lavrenchuk, Michael Martin family, Lynn Merring, Sandy Miles, Mary Miller, David Moodhart, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, Paul Moyer, George Nagle, Betty Ramsey, the Riggle family, Larry Shober, Millie Shober, Walt Siegel, Lucy Snader, Becky Thunberg, Kim Walmer, Harold Weinhold, Michael Weinhold, Charmaine Wenrich, Gerald Wingenroth.

**Attendance and Giving:**

Attendance Aug. 14: 8:00 a.m. – 12, 10:15 a.m. – 36, Online (YouTube) - 14

Received through end of July: $96,379.60 Expenses thru July: $120.539.03

Received on Aug. 14: $1,741.00 Received Aug. to date: $5,851.55

Air Conditioning Fund Total as of Aug. 14: $5,292.55

**Worship Helpers Today:**

9:00 a.m. Acolyte: Denise Burkhart 9:00 a.m. Lay Reader: Brad Rauch

9:00 a.m. Cantor: Greg Gehman

9:00 a.m. Money Counters: Brad and Doris Rauch

**Worship Helpers Next Sunday (August 28):**

9:00 a.m. Acolyte: 9:00 a.m. Lay Reader: Lynn Breidenstein

9:00 a.m. Cantor: Gail Bare

9:00 a.m. Money Counters: Walter and Marie Buohl