

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 27, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - Online Edition
** = Please stand as you are able All congregational responses are in bold*

Welcome to Muddy Creek!
Announcements, Dedication of Prayer Shawls, Waving Hello
Prelude: *Praise the Lord! O Heavens Adore Him*.....F. J. Haydn

*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: “Praise the Lord! O Heavens”.....#823

1. Praise the Lord! O heav’ns adore him; praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him’ praise him gleaming stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken; worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws which never shall be broken for their guidance he has made.
2. Praise the Lord, for he is gracious; never shall his promise fail.
God has made his saint victorious; sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation; hosts on high, his pow’r proclaim;
heav’n and earth, and all creation, laud and magnify his name!

*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.**

*Hymn 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: *In the Garden*..... duet performed by Gail Bare and Hollie Kemper

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

1Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. 2Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. 3For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. 4Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. 5I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. 6Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalms 138 (Congregational responses in bold)

1I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.

**2I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your
steadfast | love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things.**

3When I called, you | answered me;
you increased my | strength within me.

**4All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.**

5They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
that great is the glory | of the LORD.

**6The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty | from afar.**

7Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
 you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right | hand shall save me.
8You will make good your pur- | pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon
the works | of your hands.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

1I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, 5so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. 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 16:13-20 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

13Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” 17And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” 20Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. L: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”.....#676

1. Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in living echoes or your tone;
 as you have sought, so let us seek your straying children, lost and lone.
 2. Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the wand’ring and the wav’ring feet;
 oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed your hung’ring ones with manna sweet.
 3. Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the precious truths with you impart;
 and wing our words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
 4. Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord, until our very hearts o’erflow
 in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

*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 give to the General Fund or other funds at Muddy Creek, and to Disaster Response and World Relief.)



*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 art 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 L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

C: **Amen** (sung response)

*Sending Song: "O Zion, Haste".....#668

1. O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is light; that he who made all nations is not willing one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

Refrain: Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

2. Publish to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation that God, in whom they live and move, is love; tell how he stooped to save his lost creation and died on earth that we might live above. (Refrain)

3. He comes again! O Zion, ere you meet him, make known to ev'ry heart his saving grace; let none whom he has ransomed fail to greet him, through your neglect, unfit to see his face.

(Refrain)

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

Postlude: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*.....T. Hastings
 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.

The Cookies and Beverages After The 9 AM Service This Morning are provided by Audrey and Roger Noll. Thanks so much!!

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.

Sign Up to Volunteer Repackaging Food at “Blessings of Hope” on Sat. Sept. 23: Sign up now on the clipboard under the mailboxes to volunteer with Muddy Creek at the Blessings of Hope Warehouse on Saturday, Sept. 23. Group size is limited to 20 people. We will carpool from Muddy Creek leaving at 8 am, or else you may meet directly at 500 Becker Rd at 8:15 am. Our shift is 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. This volunteer opportunity is sponsored by our Social Ministry Committee.

Reminder of Fall Worship Schedule: Beginning Sunday, Sept. 10, the Fall Schedule will begin again with a worship service at 8 am, Sunday School at 9 am, and worship at 10:15 a.m.

The Altar Flowers Today are given by Brad and Doris Rauch in honor of their daughter Johanna’s birthday.

The Special Flower Arrangement Today is given by Barbara Erickson in loving memory of her grandson Dillon Kane and her father Arthur Erickson, who both passed away on August 25th.

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.

Today in Worship We are Dedicating Prayer Shawls which have been knitted by the Prayer Shawl Knitting Group. Following each worship service today, you may take one or more prayer shawls for anyone you know who might need the warm embrace of God's love and our prayers along with the shawl. A bin of prayer shawls (as well as bags of children's shawls) is also now located in the sanctuary under the mailboxes for easy access so that you can take shawls anytime.

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!

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.

Next Sunday, (the first Sunday of the month), we are collecting food for our local Peter's Porch Food Bank. Items may be placed in the marked bins at the entryways. Thanks!

Three More Volunteers Are Needed to help on an Outdoor Church Property Team to do occasional light outdoor work at Muddy Creek. Please contact Property Chairperson Tim Fritz at tfritz1947@gmail.com, 717-335-0776 if you can help.

In our Prayers: Gloria Aseli, Dorothy Beam, Lydia Bearinger, Curtis Beck, Tom Carretta, 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. 20, 8:00 a.m. – 14, 9:00 a.m. – 40, Online Views – 30

Received through end of July: \$100,878.76 Expenses thru July: \$119,762.35

Received on Aug.20: \$2,236.44 Received Aug. to date: \$10,617.44

Worship Helpers Today

9 am Acolyte - Sophia Dimitris

9 am Lay Reader - Joe Sanchez

9 am Cantor - Hollie Kemper

9 am Money Counters - Gail and Ted Bare

Worship Helpers Next Sunday, Sept. 3

8 am Communion Assistant - , Bread Baker - Marliese Smith 9 am Cantor - Pastor Peter

9 a.m. Communion Assistant and Acolyte -

9 am Lay Reader – Brad Rauch 9 am Money Counters - Nick Duong and Thai Phan, Pat Brendle