

# 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.

*9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, August 6, 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: *Canon in D*.....J. Pachelbel

\*Confession and Forgiveness .....pages 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: “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” .....#461

- 1. All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wand’ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.  
Taste and see that grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
- 2. All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest..  
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood.  
Taste and see that grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
- 3. All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.  
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see that grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

\*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 (“This is the feast...”).....page 140

**Refrain:** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

(Refrain)

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. (Refrain)

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)

\*Prayer of the Day C: **Amen**

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

1Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 3Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. 5See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21 (Congregational responses in bold)

8The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

9**LORD, you are | good to all,  
and your compassion is over | all your works.**

14The Lord upholds all | those who fall  
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

15**The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food | in due season.**

16You open | wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

17**You are righteous in | all your ways  
and loving in | all your works.**

18 You are near to all who | call upon you,  
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

19 **You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;  
you hear their | cry and save them.**

20 You watch over all | those who love you,  
but all the wicked you | shall destroy.

21 **My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD;  
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever.**

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—2I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. 4They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; 5to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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 14:13-21 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” 16Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” 17They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” 18And he said, “Bring them here to me.” 19Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Children's Message  
Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day: “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” .....#484

**Refrain:** You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.

Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;  
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice. (Refrain)

2. With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude  
that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food. (Refrain)

3. Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? (Refrain)
4. The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:  
whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell (Refrain)
5. You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,  
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. (Refrain)

\*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, [mclchurch.org](http://mclchurch.org),  
"Give Online" button on the home page, or you can scan the following QR code with 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**

### Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving.....page 144

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

L: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Proper Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy.....page 144

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

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.**

#### Distribution of Communion

(Note for online followers – Prefilled grape juice and wafer kits are available from Pastor Peter at any time for use as you follow along with Communion and partake from home.. Just email, call, or talk to Pastor Peter to get some.)

\*Blessing           C: **Amen** (sung response)

\*Sending Song: “O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”.....#722

1. O Christ, your heart compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain.  
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breath, God's vast domain.  
The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme  
to write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.
2. As once you welomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
so may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find.  
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,  
and help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.
3. O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,  
that, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors.  
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
that through our live and ministry your love may be revealed.
4. O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall,  
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all:  
come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways,  
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!

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

Postlude: *Holy, Holy, Holy*.....W. Bradbury

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!

#### **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. We

have a brand-new supply.

Offering may be contributed online through the church website ([melchurch.org](http://melchurch.org)) “Give Online” button on the home page, or by scanning the QR code:



**We Welcome to Muddy Creek Today** Emma Tafuri-Carretta, daughter of Kris Tafuri-Carretta and Tom Carretta, who is being baptized at the 8 a.m. service. Godparents are Bernie and Dorothy Dunn. Also, Tom and Kris are joining Muddy Creek today as new members. Welcome, Emma, Kris and Tom!

**Today**, (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!

**The Cookies and Beverages After The 9 AM Service This Morning** are provided by Mary Zerbe. Thanks so much! Mary’s 92nd birthday is tomorrow, Mon., August 7th. Happy Birthday!

**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 honor of Brenda Berger’s birthday by Linda Berger.

**The Special Flower Arrangement** is given in honor of Mary Zerbe’s 92nd birthday tomorrow.

**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!

Note: There is no Prayer Shawl Knitting Gathering this coming Tuesday, Aug. 8. The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets at Yvonne Weaver's house, normally on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Contact: Yvonne Weaver at 717-371-6453. All are invited!

**In our Prayers:** Gloria Aseli, Dorothy Beam, Lydia Bearinger, Curtis Beck, Penny Bender, Kim Craven, Pat Kagarise, Bill Lausch, Tina Lavrenchuk, Diane Leed, the Martin family, Katie McCalicher, Mary Miller, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, Paul Moyer, Betty Ramsey, Tom Riggle, Susan and Walt Siegel, Rebecca Thunberg, Lisa Yohn

**Attendance and Giving:**

Attendance July 30, 8:00 a.m. – 21, 9:00 a.m. – 46, Online Views (YouTube, Facebook) – 29  
 Received through end of June: \$87,176.07      Expenses thru June: \$104,579.36  
 Received on July 30: \$1,881.05      Received July to date: \$12,273.90

**Worship Helpers Today**

8 am Communion Assistant - Scott Strickland      Bread Baker - Marliese Smith  
 9 am Communion Assistant and Acolyte - Stacy Aungst  
 9 am Lay Reader – Nancy Beck      9 am Cantor - David Sensenig  
 9 am Money Counters - Michelle Dimitris, Jim Weber, Jane Wenger

**Worship Helpers Next Sunday, August 13**

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