

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

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The 10:15.am. service is livestreamed on the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel (see website) and posted there and on Facebook following the service.

17th Sunday After Pentecost, September 19, 2021, 10:15 a.m.

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

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Announcements, Waving Hello
Prelude – *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*.....J. Pethel
*Gathering Hymn: “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” (verses 1 and 2).....#843
(If you choose to sing, please wear a mask while singing)

Psalm 54 (Congregational responses in bold)
¹Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.
²**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**
³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.
⁴**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**
⁵Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.
⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**
⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Prayer of the Day C: Amen

Bible Reading: James 3:13-18
¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

*Gospel: Mark 9:30-37 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**
³⁰Jesus and the disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

Children’s Message

Sermon

*Hymn: “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” (verses 1 and 2).....#712
(If you choose to sing, please wear a mask while singing)

*Apostle’s Creed.....page 105

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

*Lord’s Prayer.....page 112

*Blessing

*Sending Hymn: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” (verses 1 and 2).....#545
(If you choose to sing, please wear a mask while singing)

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

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

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 Pastor Peter. Welcome!

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School Kit Assembly after the 10:15 a.m. Service Today: You are invited down to the Fellowship Hall after the 10:15 a.m. service today to help assemble the school kit bags that are being sent to Lutheran World Relief. Please wear a mask. Thank you to everyone who donated and brought in items for the school kits!

Christian Education at 9 a.m. Today: The Confirmation Gathering for Parents and Youth will be held in the Grove at 9 a.m. today (indoors in the Fellowship Hall if it rains). Masks required. Sunday School for all ages for all other children and youth will be held at the picnic tables in the Pavilion in the Grove at 9 a.m. Masks are required for all Sunday School participants and leaders to protect those who are unvaccinated. All adults are invited to come to the Adult Augsburg Bible Study, led by John Schutter, in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m.

Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup Next Sunday: All little ones and their parents/caregivers are invited to meet in the Grove next Sunday at 9 a.m. for an outdoor playgroup. The theme is “The Little Lost Lamb”. Masks required for all adults.

Harvest Home is Next Sunday! Next Sunday is Harvest Home Sunday! We will have a display as we celebrate the gifts of God to us and the bringing in of the harvest. Thank you to all who have been bringing in canned, bagged, and boxed food for the Peter’s Porch Food Pantry. These items will be used for the display on Sunday. If you have any additional items to bring in for the display, the church office is open on Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – noon.

New Ministry Comes to Muddy Creek Starting in October: You are invited to help assemble women’s pads for the GAIN Warehouse (now called UNTO). These pads are sent to women in developing countries for inexpensive and sanitary hygiene. Muddy Creek is now hosting the LCBA Club which makes the pads, and will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9 a.m. to noon on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month starting October 6th. Please wear a mask. If you would like to donate cloth for these pads, please place your donations in the box by the mailboxes. For questions, please contact Pat Brendle, 717-799-2591, pattigb@ptd.net.

Christmas Cards for Deployed PA Soldiers: Pick up a pack or two of Christmas cards from the table near the mailboxes, sign and return them. See the newsletter for details.

Helping as Lay Readers, Acolytes, and Communion Assistants have been temporarily suspended due to the rise of the CoVid Delta Variant.

The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group will not yet resume at Yvonne’s due to CoVid transmission in the community. Please keep up the good work knitting on your own!

Altar Flowers this morning are given in memory of J. Stanley and Arwilda Leid by Peggy Leid and the Leid family.

In our Prayers: Pat Artz at the loss of her friend Miriam Bailey, the family of Diet Aseli who passed away on Monday, Lesia Aungst, Dorothy Beam, Nancy and Russell Beck, Erik Bentz, Sharon and Cindy Frankhouser, Eugene and Hazel Fry, Nick Gehman, Alex Harding, Pat Kagarise, Margaret Kuhlman, Tina Lavrenchuk, Jeffrey Leid, Nolan Leid, Michael Martin family, Mary Miller, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, Betty Ramsey, Ella Sensenig, Millie Shober, Lucy Snader, Becky Thunberg, Jean Wolf.

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance Sept. 12 - 8 a.m.: 42, 10:15 a.m. - 46, Livestream & Online: 19

Received through end of Aug.: 111,645.03 Expenses thru July: \$128, 736.59

Received on Sept. 12: \$2,396.00 Received Sept. to date: \$7,208.00

Elevator Fund as of Sept. 5: \$223,964.79 (Donations to the Elevator Fund are still being gratefully accepted, since additional expenses are coming)

Money Counters today: Jeanette and Mike Leid

Money Counters next Sunday, September 26: Marie and Walter Buohl, John Schutter