

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

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The 10:15 a.m. service will be livestreamed and posted today on our YouTube channel and our website.

Harvest Home Sunday, September 22, 2024, 10:15 a.m. - Online Bulletin

* = 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: *Glory to God* J. S. Bach

*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: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”#693

- 1. Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God’s own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
- 2. All the world is God’s own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
- 3. For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.
- 4. Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,

there, forever purified, in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels come, come, raise the glorious harvest home!

*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**

Choir Anthem: *To God Be the Glory*.....J. Brahms

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

“When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’ ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to

your house.

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

Psalm 65:9-13 (Congregational responses in bold)

You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is /full of water;
you provide the people with grain, for so you /have prepared it.

¹⁰ **You water its furrows abundantly, sett-/ling its ridges,
softening it with showers, and bless- /ing its growth.**

¹¹ You crown the year with /your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow /with richness.

¹² **The pastures of the wilderness /overflow;
the hills gird them-/selves with joy;**

¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck them-/selves with grain;
they shout and sing toge-/ther for joy.

Second Reading: Psalm 104:10-16, 27-28

You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, ¹¹ giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst. ¹² By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches. ¹³ From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. ¹⁴ You cause the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for people to cultivate, to bring forth food from the earth ¹⁵ and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine and bread to strengthen the human heart. ¹⁶ The trees of the field are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. ²⁷ These all look to you to give them their food in due season; ²⁸ when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

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: Mark 4:26-29 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁶ Jesus also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come."

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

Children's Message
Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: "We Give Thee But Thine Own"#686

1. 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.
2. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.
3. The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace - it is a Christ-like thing.
4. And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be:

whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

*The 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 into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of 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 placed anytime in the wooden boxes on the entry tables. Or, you may scan the QR code below with the camera on your cell phone to donate to 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**

*Lord's Prayer.....page 145

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

*Sending Song: "For the Fruit of All Creation".....#679

1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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

Postlude: *Holy is the Lord*.....W. Bradbury

Immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service, you are invited to stay in the sanctuary for a time of fellowship and refreshments, courtesy today of Pat Brendle and Brenda Berger. Thanks!

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!

Today We Are Celebrating Harvest Home Sunday! As we give thanks to God for the Fall harvest, we are celebrating Harvest Home Sunday today. Thank you to Jeanette Leid for creating today's display. Thank you also to all who brought in canned goods and fresh produce for the Harvest Home display. These items will all be given to our local food pantry, Peter's Porch, at Faith United Lutheran Church in Denver.

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.

Offering to Muddy Creek or Disaster Relief may be contributed online through the church website, mclchurch.org, "Give Online" button on the home page.

Sign Up to Repackage Food at Blessings of Hope on Mon. Oct. 21: Muddy Creek's Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a volunteer opportunity on Mon. Oct. 21 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. We will repackage food at the Blessings of Hope warehouse, 500 Becker Rd., Leola (actually Brownstown/Oregon). If you are interested, please sign up on the clipboard under the mailboxes or contact Pastor Peter. Our group size is limited to 25 people, so please sign up now! We will meet at the warehouse at 6:15 p.m.! Come volunteer!

Community Hymn Sing with the Lancaster Chapter of the American Guild of Organists - Next Sunday at 7:00 PM: You are invited to a Community Hymn Sing next Sunday. Sept. 29, at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 3131 Columbia Ave, Lancaster. Come, sing, and enjoy creative hymn tune arrangements by members of the Lancaster Organist Guild, of which our own Director of Music, Greg Gehman, is a member. Admission is free.

If You Would Like to Donate to Mason Sheaffer's Eagle Scout Project to Upgrade Muddy Creek's Playground, you may do so by going to his GoFundMe page at <https://gofund.me/543e2b2f>, or you may scan the following QR code. Any extra funds will be given back to the church as a donation. Thank you so much, Mason!

Scan to donate



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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 by Richard and Barbara Yerger.

The Rosebud on the Altar Today is to celebrate the birth of Richard Robert Ueberroth IV, born on Sept. 11 to Ricky and Mackenzie Ueberroth. Proud big sisters are Rennie and Tierney, and proud grandma is Leanne Ueberroth. Congratulations!

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, Bob and Marilyn Brugger at the death of Bob's uncle Donald Miller on Sept. 10, Addison Butch Ebbert, Charlie Fisher, Janet Frantz, Sara and Ken Frazer, Molly Fritz, Helen Martin, Josephine Martin, the Martin family, Katie McCalicher, Charles Moyer, Paul Moyer, George Nagle, Doug Rauch, Tom and Audrey Riggle, Joanne Saylor, Mary Ann Seidel, Susan Siegel, Donald Steinmetz, Becky Thunberg, Kim Walmer

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance Sept. 15: 8:00 a.m. - 29, 10:15 a.m. - 45, Online views (includes livestream) - 38	
Received through end of August: \$158,166.36	Expenses thru August: \$133,901.02
Received on Sept. 15: \$2,256.75	Received Sept. to date: \$8,798.80

10:15 AM Worship Helpers Today:

Acolyte - Mason Sheaffer	Lay Reader - Brenda Berger
Cantor - David Sensenig	Money Counters - Jeanette and Mike Leid

10:15 AM Worship Helpers Next Sunday, Sept. 29:

Acolyte -	Lay Reader - Nancy Beck
Cantor - Gail Bare	Money Counters - Marie Buohl, Connie Hoover, David Sensenig