MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

11 South Muddy Creek Rd, Denver, PA 17517

Pentecost Sunday – May 24, 2026
10:15am Service

Online Bulletin

TODAY'S READINGS

ACTS 2:1-21

PSALM 104:24-34, 35B

1 COR. 12:3B-13

JOHN 20:19-23 NIV

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WELCOME TO MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Please stand as you are able; Congregational responses are **bold**

GATHERING

Welcome
Announcements

Passing the Peace
P: The Peace of the Lord be with you.
C: **And also, with you.**

PRELUDE "Breath on Me, Breathe of God"..... R. Jackson

***Confession and Forgiveness**
P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen**.

P: 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**.

P: Let us confess our sins, in the presence of God and of one another. 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.**

P: 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: "**God is Here!"..... #526
1 God is here! As we your people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us
Of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font and pulpit;
Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
Here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome
In the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living
To believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
In an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the Gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
All we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you,
We adore you! We believe!

***Greeting**

P: 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.**

***KYRIE** ..... PG. 138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
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. **Lord, have mercy.**
For this Holy House, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, Gracious Lord. **Amen**.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** ..... PG. 140

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.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
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.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***Prayer of the Day**
R: Let us pray.
O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen**.

Children's Message

THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. 2 And
suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire
house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a
tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to
speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
5 Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at
this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in
the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are
speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native
language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,
Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene,
and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages
we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12 All were amazed and perplexed,
saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled
with new wine."
14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews
and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these
are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was
spoken through the prophet Joel:
17 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
20 The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "
L: The word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (sung responsively)
24 How manifold are your | works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.
25 **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,**
living things both | small and great.
26 There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.
27 **All of them | look to you**
to give them their food | in due season.
28 You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.
29 **When you hide your face, | they are terrified;**
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.
30 You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.
31 **May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;**
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.
32 You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.
33 **I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;**
I will praise my God while I | have my being.
34 May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the LORD.
35b **Bless the LORD, | O my soul.**
Hal- | lelujah!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
3b No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.
4 Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, 5 and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

[12] For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. [13] For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.
L: The word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (sung)
Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***Gospel Reading:** John 20:19-23
P: The Holy Gospel according to John.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**
19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.
21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." **22** And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

***HYMN OF THE DAY**: "Yours, Lord, Is the Glory (Tuya es la gloria)"
Tuya es, la gloria la honra también;
tuya para siempre. Amén. Amén.

1 Yours, Lord, is the glory,
and honor as well;
Yours, Lord, now and always.

Tuya es, la gloria la honra también;
tuya para siempre. Amén. Amén.

2 Yours, Lord, the dominions,
and power as well;
Yours, Lord, now and always.

***The Apostles' Creed**
P: Together, let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostle's Creed,
C: **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 life everlasting. Amen.

***Thanksgiving for Offering**
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.

To make an Offering, you can scan this QR code or place your gift in an offering box. Thank you for supporting the ministries of Muddy Creek!

***HYMN OF REFLECTION**
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 Intercession**
P: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. *A brief silence is held for reflection.*

R: O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

R: You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bring peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(Together aloud, we pray…) **You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name. We pray for Jane Enk, Joyce Litzenberger and for those we lift up silently or aloud before you now…** Lord in your mercy**, hear our prayer.**

R: You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. May all be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARIST

***The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***Proper Preface and Sanctus**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdaleine and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with the angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

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**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe, your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for leading people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: take and eat, this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying;
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. With this bread and cup, we remember our Lords Passover from death to life, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Oh God of resurrection and new life: pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence, **come, Holy Spirit**.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love,
come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with all the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, oh God, blessed and holy trinity, now and forever.
Amen

***The Lord's Prayer**
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.
C: Amen

All are invited to the Lord's table to receive communion or a blessing.
Gluten-free wafers and juice are offered as alternatives.

***Post Communion Blessing**
P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation, you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your spirit, that we may proclaim the redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen

SENDING

***Blessing**
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace
C: **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**: "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" .....#800

1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.

2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you, and, oh, let me find!

4 Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve God and one another in faith.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: "True-hearted, Whole-hearted"..... G. Stebbins

TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor — Rev. Stacy Chavis
Music Director — Greg Gehman

Acolyte..... Barb Yerger

Cantor .....Greg Gehman

Communion Assistants ..... 8am Connie Becker
10:15am Audrey Noll, Hollie Kemper

Counters..... Nedra Bearinger, Judy Dengler, Karen Oglesby

Lector .....Joe Sanchez

Today's altar flowers were donated in honor of all veterans by Linda and Brenda Berger.
Parish Life donated the refreshments for the Fellowship Hour.

MAY 31ST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolyte..... Russel Beck

Cantor .....Gail Bare

Counters.....Hollie Kemper, Jane Wenger

Lector ..... Brad Rauch

This Week's Office Hours

Monday	May 25th	**Office Closed - Memorial Day**
Wednesday	May 27th	9:30am-1:30pm
Thursday	May 28th	9:30am-3:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you chose to worship with us. If you would like us to know more about you or would like a prayer, please use the yellow card in your pew to share what you would like us to know and tell us how we can help. Have a blessed and wonderful week!

Today – Breakfast Fellowship!
This week's fellowship hour will be in the Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming

- **AED Training – May 31st - After both services**
  Julie Emrhein will provide AED training to ensure members are able to properly assist during cardiac emergencies. All are invited to be a part of this lifesaving training.
- **New Service Times -Beginning June 7th, services will be at 8:30 and 9:30am.**
- **Community Yard Sale** – ***Saturday, June 13th – 7:30am-Noon***
  Use the QR Code or This Link to register before June 6th.
  Or you can reach out to *office@mclchurch.org or 717-336-2770*
- **Pastor Chavis' Installation Service -** ***Sunday, June 14th at 2pm***
  Please join us for the Installation and a light meal afterward in the Fellowship Hall.
  On that day, there will be one combined morning service at 9:30am.

Ongoing

- **Share your talents this summer!** – We are looking for soloists, duets, and instrumentalists to provide special music from June through July while the Choir is taking their summer break. Whether you sing, play the piano, flute, or even the ukulele, we welcome your musical gifts! *Contact Greg Gehman at ggehman58@gmail.com.*
- **Annual Veterans Wreath Project**
  In honor of Memorial Day, please consider making a donation to help offset the cost of 247 wreaths for the annual Nov/Dec Veterans Wreath Project. You can make your checks payable to Muddy Creek Lutheran Church, add "Wreath Project" to envelopes or checks, and place your donation in the red buckets on the offering tables..
- **Grounds Care Team – Volunteers Needed**
  Volunteers are needed to help weed and water the flower beds this summer. Information and a summer sign-up schedule will be sent out soon. To volunteer, *contact Judy Nichol at 717-484-1447 or text 717-947-0802.*
- **Redner's Save-A-Tape Program**
  Support the Muddy Creek Good Samaritan Fund by placing your entire (uncut) Redner's receipts in the Redner's containers at church entrances. Thanks!

PARTNER MINISTRY EVENTS

Brenda and Friends Bus Trips

- May 30 (Saturday) - 1-day Mystery Trip
- June 6 (Saturday) - National Zoo in Washington, DC
- June 12 (Friday) - "Real Diamond" – a Neil Diamond Tribute, Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
- June 18 (Thursday) - Johnny Cash Tribute - Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
- June 22-June 26, 2026 (Monday-Friday) Planned by Cape Cod Custom Tours
  Vermont & New Hampshire - From "The Sound of Music" to "On Golden Pond"
  Contact Brenda Berger (717) 336-6886 or berger@dejazzd.com