MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026

Online Bulletin

READINGS

HOSEA 5:15-6:6

PSALM 50:7-15

ROMANS 4:13-25

MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26

✢ WELCOME TO WORSHIP ✢

Visitors
Please use the yellow card in your pew if you would like a prayer or would like to tell us more about you. Have a blessed and wonderful week!

Bulletin Information
This bulletin is used for both the 8:30am liturgical service and the 9:30am service with music. The musical symbol - ♫ - is used to denote the music or songs that are only used in the 2nd service.

Children
Children's activity boxes are in the rear of the sanctuary.

Communion
All are invited to participate in the Sacrament of Communion. We offer gluten-free wafers and juice as alternatives to bread and wine. Parents/ guardians choose whether youth will receive communion or a blessing.

Connect, Watch, Follow
Follow us on Facebook and YouTube. Our 9:30am service is livestreamed and posted on our website and YouTube channel.

Fellowship
After the second service, please stay for light refreshments and an opportunity to connect with one another. See you in the annex!

Offering
To give: use this QR Code or place your gift in the offering boxes at the entrance tables. Thanks for supporting our ministries.

Restrooms
Restrooms are in the hallway outside of the exit doors closest to the altar.

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✢ GATHERING ✢

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries/Online Viewers

♫ **Prelude** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" ..... arr. Alice Jordan

Peace

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Please remain standing as you are able.

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:** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"..... #634

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.

2 O seed of Israel's chosen race
now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all.

3 Hail him, you heirs of David's line,
whom David Lord did call --
the God incarnate, man divine --
and crown him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine --
and crown him Lord of all.

4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

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

P: Let us pray.
O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: **Amen**.

You may be seated.

Young People's Message

✢ WORD ✢

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Hosea 5:15—6:6

15 I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:

6:1 "Come, let us return to the Lord,
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
2 After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
3 Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth."
4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

Psalm 50:7-15

7 "Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear wit- | ness against you;
for I am | God, your God.
8 I do not accuse you because | of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are al- | ways before me.
9 I will not accept a calf | from your stalls,
nor goats | from your pens;

10 for all the wild animals of the for- | est are mine,
the cattle on a | thousand hills.
11 I know every bird | of the mountains,
and the creatures of the | fields are mine.
12 If I were hungry, I | would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all | that is in it.
13 Do you think I eat the | flesh of bulls,
or drink the | blood of goats?
14 Offer to God a sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to | the Most High.
15 Call upon me in the | day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall | honor me.

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

13 The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham
or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of
faith. 14 For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is
null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath, but where there
is no law, neither is there transgression.

16 For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest
on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to
the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham
(who is the father of all of us, 17 as it is written, "I have made you the father
of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who
gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not
exist. 18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the
father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your
descendants be." 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his
own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred
years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20 No distrust made him
waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he
gave glory to God, 21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he
had promised. 22 Therefore "it was reckoned to him as
righteousness." 23 Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written
not for his sake alone 24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who
believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was
handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

♫ **Gospel Acclamation** ..... pg. 142

Please stand as you are able.

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the
tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and
followed him.
10 And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners
came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees
saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax
collectors and sinners?” 12 But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are
well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn
what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call
the righteous but sinners.”

18 While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in
and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and
lay your hand on her, and she will live.” 19 And Jesus got up and followed
him, with his disciples. 20 Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering
from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the
fringe of his cloak, 21 for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his
cloak, I will be made well.” 22 Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take
heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made
well from that moment. 23 When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw
the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, 24 he said, “Go away,
for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. 25 But when
the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and
the girl got up. 26 And the report of this spread through all of that district.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated.

Sermon

♫ **Hymn of the Day**: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"..... #733

Please stand as you are able.

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Apostles' Creed

Please stand/remain standing as you are able.

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.

♫ **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: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world. *A brief silence is held for reflection.*

God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, all you have made is yours. Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(Together aloud, we pray…) **God of relief, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction and comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need as we also pray for Jane Enck and Joyce Litzenberger. Be with those we lift silently or aloud before you now…** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness. May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

✢ EUCHARIST ✢

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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 who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection, open to us the way of everlasting life.

♫ And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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

Holy, Holy, Holy, You are indeed Holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;

We ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, oh God, father, son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen

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**

You may be seated, kindly following the direction of the ushers

Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able.

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 ✢

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

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**: "Jesus, Still Lead On" ..... #624

1 Jesus, still lead on
till our rest be won.
And, although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless;
guide us by Your hand
to our Fatherland.

2 If the way be drear,
if the foe be near,
let not faithless fears o'ertake us,
let not faith and hope forsake us;
for, thro' many a woe,
to our home we go.

3 When we seek relief
from a long-felt grief–
when oppressed by new temptations,
Lord, increase and perfect patience.
Show us that bright shore
where we weep no more.

4 Jesus, still lead on
till our rest be won;
Heav'nly Leader, still direct us,
still support, console, protect us,
till we safely stand
in our Fatherland.

Dismissal

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

♫ **Postlude:** "On Our Way Rejoicing"..... F. Havergal

This Week's Reflection

The weeks of summer coincide with the Pentecost season.
Summer brings sunny warmth, growing crops,
and the promise of harvest: images of the Holy Spirit's presence
and activity in our lives, the church, and the world.

Today's text from the book of Hosea speaks of God's presence
as the dawn, as a gentle shower, as light.

In our life together as a community of faith, what needs light,
warmth, and watering to grow and flourish?
How might we be attentive to others' needs to receive
this nourishment through God's words of life and holy supper?

TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor — Rev. Stacy Chavis
Music Director — Greg Gehman

Acolyte ..... Barb Yerger

Cantor ..... Hollie Kemper

Communion Assistants ..... 8:30am Karen Oglesby, Scott Strickland
9:30am Audrey Noll, Lynn Breidenstein

Counters ..... June and Neal Leid

Lector ..... 8:30am Connie Becker
9:30am Judy Nichol

Ushers ..... 8:30am Mike Leid, Stacy Aungst
9:30am Dave, Julie and Marleise Emrhein

Altar flowers were donated by Jane Wenger in memory of Dean Oberholtzer.
Jessica Mancini donated the refreshments for the Fellowship Hour.

JUNE 14TH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolyte ..... Malia Mancini

Cantor ..... David Sensenig

Counters ..... David and June Sloat

Lector ..... Lynn Breidenstein

Ushers ..... Ted and Gail Bare

This Week's Office Hours

Monday	June 8th	8:30am-12:30pm
Tuesday	June 9th	8:30am-12:30pm
Wednesday	June 10th	7:30am-11:00am

Cover art – Steve Bremmer-Hem of his garment

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

UPCOMING

- **Community Yard Sale** – Saturday, June 13th – 7:00am-Noon
- **Sunday, June 14th**
  - **One combined morning service** at 9:30am this Sunday.
  - **Pastor Chavis' Installation Service** will be at 2pm.
    Please plan to attend this joyous occasion for the church! A light meal will be served afterward in the Fellowship Hall, and we invite you to bring your favorite dessert and/or snack to add to the celebration.
- **Fellowship In the Grove- Sunday, June 28th**
  On this Sunday, we will have Fellowship hour in the in the grove.

ONGOING

- **Share your musical talents!** – We are looking for soloists, duets, and instrumentalists to provide music for 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.
- **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. *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
Brenda Berger (717) 336-6886 or berger@dejazzd.com

- 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"