MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

3RD Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

Online Bulletin

READINGS

EXODUS 19:2-8A

PSALM 100

ROMANS 5:1-8

MATTHEW 9:35-10:8

✢ 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 Sundays -1st Sundays of the Month
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

♫ **Prelude** "The Church's One Foundation" ..... 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:** "The Church's One Foundation" .....#654

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

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. 139

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
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 sins 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

P: Let us pray.
God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: **Amen**.

You may be seated.

♫ **Special Music: "**Lord, I Want to Be a Christian in My Heart"
arr. C. Berry (Greg Gehman, piano)

Young People's Message

✢ WORD ✢

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

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a

At Sinai, God commissioned Israel to serve as mediating priests for the nations.

2 [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai,
and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the
mountain.3 Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the
mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the
Israelites: 4 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you
on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.

5 Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be
my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is
mine, 6 but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.'
These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."
7 So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before
them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. 8a The people all
answered as one, "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."L: The
word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 100

We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all you lands!
2 Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence | with a song.
3 **Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom | we belong;**
we are God's people and the sheep | of God's pasture.
4 Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the | courts with
praise;
give thanks and bless God's | holy name.
5 **Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is | everlasting,**
whose faithfulness endures from | age to age.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

We have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.

1 Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord
Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in
which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.
3 And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that
affliction produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and
character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because
God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that
has been given to us.
6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the
ungodly. 7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though
perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. 8 But God
proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.
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 9:35—10:8

Jesus' followers are called to continue the mission of Jesus. Here, he teaches his first disciples how to proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

35 Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues
and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease
and every sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for
them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a
shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the
laborers are few; 38 therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out
laborers into his harvest."

10:1 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority
over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every
sickness. 2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also
known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his
brother John; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax
collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Cananaean
and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not
take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, 6 but
go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 As you go, proclaim the
good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' 8 Cure the sick; raise
the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received
without payment; give without payment.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated.

Sermon

♫ **Hymn of the Day**: “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”..... #579

Please stand as you are able.

1 Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,
And the gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to your purpose
With renewed integrity:

Refrain:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
For the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
Life abundant meant for each,
Give us all new fervor, draw us
Closer in community:

Refrain

3 Lord, you make the common holy:
"This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
Daily lift life heavenward,
Asking that the world around us
Share your children's liberty:

Refrain

4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:
“Father, what they do, forgive.”
Yet we hoard as private treasure
All that you so freely give.
May your car and mercy lead us
To a just society:

Refrain

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
“I am with you to the end.”
Faith and hope and love restoring,
May we serve as you intend
And, amid the cares that claim us,
Hold in mind eternity:

Refrain

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 freedom, you ransomed Israel from enslavement to be a holy people. As we consider Juneteenth this week, free us to be a people who proclaim your liberating love. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, you call all the earth to make a joyful noise to you. Let us join the chorus of the natural world in proclaiming your glory.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, you sent Jesus as peace for all of humankind. Bring an end to war and conflict, bring hope to places devastated by destruction, and sustain those who advocate for peace.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(Together aloud, we pray…) **God of grace, you pour hope and love into our hearts in times of shame and doubt. Protect those experiencing housing insecurity and uplift anyone struggling with hopelessness, illness, or other worries. Provide for all who are in need as we also pray for Pat Marino and Josh Weinhold. Be with those we lift silently or aloud before you now…** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all, you call your children to serve in a plentiful harvest. Give us the wisdom to know how best to serve our local community and our neighbors. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of faith, we give thanks for all the saints who earnestly seek you. Guide us as we seek to follow those who have led your church. 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.**

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.**

✢ 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**: "Rock of Ages" .....#623

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleanse me from guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring;
simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Dismissal

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

♫ **Postlude:** "Jesus Shall Reign".....J. Hatton

This Week's Reflection

In today's gospel reading, Jesus speaks of the church's mission with images drawn from daily life. The harvest is already plentiful, he says, but laborers are needed for work in the fields of daily life.

What are we called to do?
We are to do that to which our worship invites us: Let our conversation be shaped by the good news, extend Christ's peace wherever we find ourselves, and share our bread with the hungry.

In what areas do you notice God's acts of grace and plenty?
How are you sharing this with others?

TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor — Rev. Stacy Chavis
Music Director — Greg Gehman

Acolyte ..... Malia Mancini

Cantor ..... David Sensenig

Counters ..... David and June Sloat

Lector ..... Lynn Breidenstein

Ushers ..... Ted and Gail Bare

Altar flowers were donated by Pat Brendle and Kim Eshleman
in memory of John Brendle.

JUNE 21ST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Cantor ..... Greg Gehman

Counters ..... Dave, Julie & Marleise Emhrein

Lector ..... 8:30am Lee Anne Ueberroth
9:30am Hollie Kemper

Ushers ..... 8:30am Ted and Gail Bare
9:30am Mike and Lynn Breidenstein

This Week's Office Hours

Monday	June 15th	7:30am-11:30am
Tuesday	June 16th	7:30am-11:30am
Wednesday	June 17th	7:30am-11:30am
Thursday	June 18th	7:30am-11:30am

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

TODAY

- **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.

UPCOMING

- **Fellowship In the Grove- Sunday, June 28th**
  On this Sunday, we will have Fellowship hour in the in the grove.

ONGOING

- **Bulletin and Flower Sponsorship**
  You can sponsor a bulletin ($15) or altar flowers ($45) using the sign-up sheet on the table outside the rear sanctuary doors.
- **Communion Kits for Home Use**
  Prefilled communion kits (wafers and grape juice) are available on the table under the mailboxes for those who are not able to be in the church for the Sacrament of Communion.

PARTNER MINISTRY EVENTS

Brenda and Friends Bus Trips

Brenda Berger (717) 336-6886 or berger@dejazzd.com

- 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"
- July 9, 2026 (Thursday) - "Joshua" at Sight & Sound Theatre - We will also enjoy a buffet meal at Hershey Farms Restaurant after the show