MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026

READINGS

JEREMIAH 20:7-13

PSALM 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

ROMANS 6:1B-11

MATTHEW 10:24-39

✢ 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 closest to the altar.

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✢ GATHERING ✢

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

Welcome
Announcements

♫ **Prelude** "Faith of Our Fathers" ..... G. Warren

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:** "Faith of Our Fathers"..... #812

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.
Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: **Amen**.

Please be seated.

♫ **Hand Bells:** "Seek Ye First".....Men and Children

All are welcome to come forward

Young People's Message

☩ WORD ☩

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

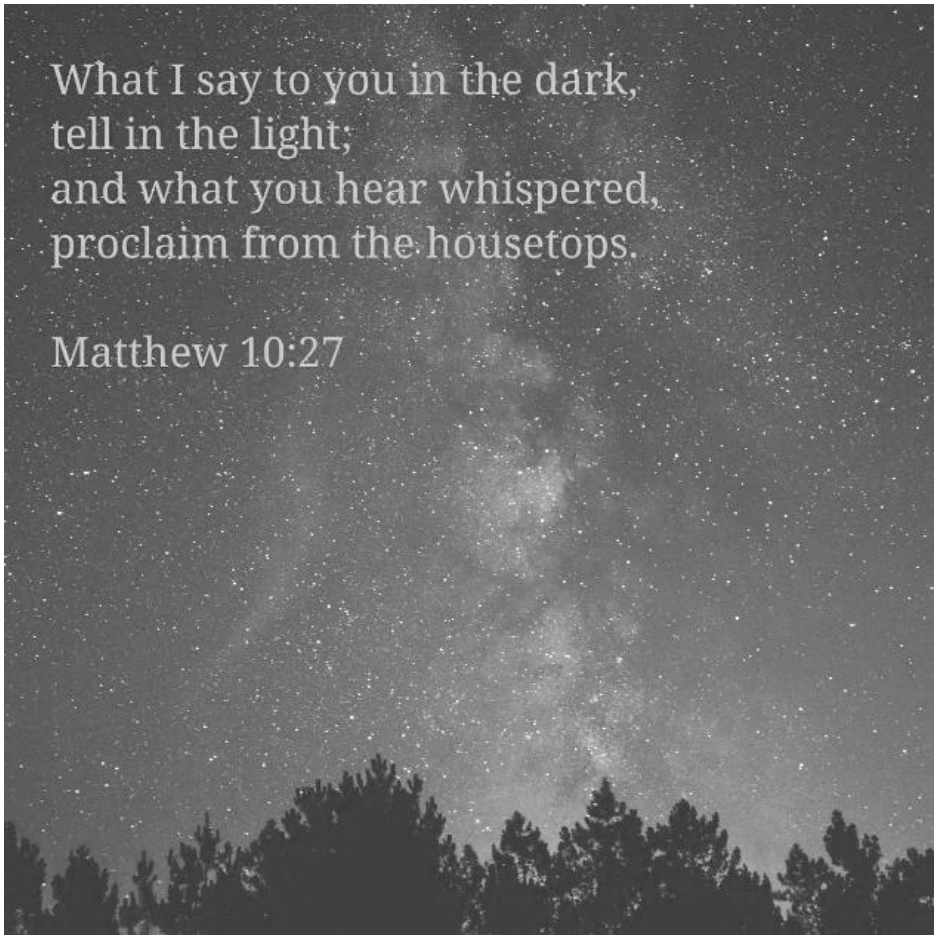
First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that will meet opposition yet, Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against enemies.

7 O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
8 For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
9 If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
10 For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."

11 But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
12 O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.
13 Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.
L: The word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God**



Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind.

7 Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,
    and shame has cov- | ered my face.
8 **I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,**
    an alien to my | mother's children.
9 Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;
    the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.
10 **I humbled my- | self with fasting,**
    but that was turned to | my reproach.
11 I put on | sackcloth also,
    and became a by- | word among them.
12 **Those who sit at the gate mur- | mur against me,**
    and the drunkards make | songs about me.
13 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have | set, O Lord:
    "In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your un- | failing help.
14 **Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink;**
    let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of | the deep waters.
15 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swal- | low me up;
    do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.
16 **Answer me, O Lord, for your | love is kind;**
    in your great compassion, | turn to me.
17 Hide not your face | from your servant;
    be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.
18 **Draw near to me | and redeem me;**
    because of my enemies de- | liver me.

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

In baptism we were incorporated into Christ's death and resurrection.
We have been made new in Christ to live freed from sin.

1b Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? 2 By no
means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? 3 Do you not know
that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his
death? 4 Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so
that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so
we also might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will
certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our
old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed,
so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For whoever has died is freed
from sin. 8 But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with
him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die
again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 The death he died, he
died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 So you also
must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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 10:24-39

Jesus warns his disciples that ministry in his name will meet with opposition.
However, he tells them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light.

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] 24 "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a
slave above the master; 25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher
and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house
Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

26 "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be
uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. 27 What I say to
you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim
from the housetops. 28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill
the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to
the ground apart from your Father. 30 And even the hairs of your head are
all counted. 31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many
sparrows.
32 "Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will
acknowledge before my Father in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before
others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.
34 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not
come to bring peace but a sword.
35 For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,
36 and one's foes will be members of one's own household.
37 "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and
whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, 38 and
whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of
me. 39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for
my sake will find it."
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

♫ **Hymn of the Day**: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" .....#807
Please stand as you are able.

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.*

Life-giving God, you have called your people to surrender their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, you know every sparrow of the air. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(Together aloud, we pray…) **Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those who are suffering; comfort those experiencing illness. We pray for Russell Beck, Pat Marino, Larry Shober, Josh Weinhold, and the family of Molly Fritz. Be with those we lift silently or aloud before you now…** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

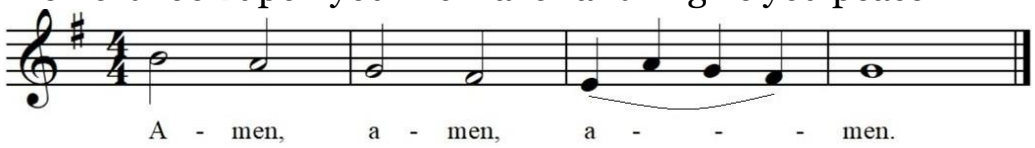
Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

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



♫ **Sending Hymn**: "Jesus Loves Me!" ..... #595

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

♫ **Postlude:** "Fling Out the Banner" ..... J. Calkin

This Week's Reflection

God does not promise that the disciple's path will be easy. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, and division, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

Thoughts for the week:
How does the way you handle division and rejection reflect your witness as a Christian?

In what areas are you sharing the Light and Love of Christ in spaces where conflict and neglect are prevalent?

TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor — Rev. Stacy Chavis
Music Director — Greg Gehman

Cantor.....Greg Gehman

Counters..... Dave, Julie & Marleise Emrhein

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

Ushers ..... 8:30am Ted and Gail Bare
9:30am Craig Brossman, Joe Sanchez

Darlene & Audrey donated refreshments for Fellowship Hour.

JUNE 28TH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolyte.....Russel Beck

Cantor..... Gail Bare

Counters.....Tim and Linda Fritz

Lector .....8:30am Stephanie Spangler
9:30am Brenda Berger

Ushers .....8:30am Bill Lausch, Lauren Gallagher
9:30am Craig Brossman, Joe Sanchez

This Week's Office Hours

Tuesday	June 23rd	8am-12pm
Wednesday	June 24th	8am-12pm
Thursday	June 25th	8am-12pm
Friday	June 26th	8am-12pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Prayers - Thank you for your patience as we transition to a Prayer Ministry. We will still publish names of people and families seeking timely prayers and we will begin having intentional, communal prayer - likely in the form of morning and/or evening prayer call. In the interim, please keep Muddy Creek members and families, and our country in your prayers.

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 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
- July 22, 2026 (Wednesday) - "Ned & Nancy See America" at Bird-in-Hand Stage- Includes a buffet meal before the show, deluxe motorcoach and a tip for the driver.