# MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

## 5th Sunday after Pentecost

*June 28, 2026*

### READINGS

JEREMIAH 28:5-9

PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18

ROMANS 6:12-23

MATTHEW 10:40-42

# ✢ 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 yourself.

**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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**AED:** Located just outside the doors to the left of the altar.

## ✢ GATHERING ✢

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

**Welcome**
Announcements

♫ **Prelude** "Built on the Rock" ..... G. Young

**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:** "Built on the Rock"..... #652

**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.
O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: **Amen**.

*Please be seated.*

♫ **Choir:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"..... Women's Choir #631

**Young People's Message**

## ☩ WORD ☩

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

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 28:5-9

*Jeremiah encourages others not to believe Hananiah's predictions unless they witnessed them. God later confirmed the word of Jeremiah.*

5 The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of
the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of
the Lord, 6 and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so;
may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to
this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the
exiles. 7 But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the
hearing of all the people. 8 The prophets who preceded you and me from
ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many
countries and great kingdoms. 9 As for the prophet who prophesies peace,
when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that
the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18**

*Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing.*

1 Your love, O Lord, forever | will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.
**2 For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- | lished forever;**
**you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.**
3 "I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:
**4 'I will establish your | line forever,**
**and preserve your throne for all | generations.'"**
15 Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!
They walk, O Lord, in the light | of your presence.
**16 They rejoice daily | in your name;**
**they are jubilant | in your righteousness.**
17 For you are the glory | of their strength,
and by your favor our might | is exalted.
**18 Truly, our shield belongs | to the Lord;**
**our king to the Holy | One of Israel.**

**Second Reading**: Romans 6:12-23

*Sin can cause us to live self-serving, lives. However, we have been set free from the bondage of sin to live under God's grace, into the free gift of eternal life.*

12 Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their
desires. 13 No longer present your members to sin as instruments of
unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been
brought from death to life, and present your members to God as
instruments of righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you,
since you are not under law but under grace.

15 What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under
grace? By no means! 16 Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to
anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey,
either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to
righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin
have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you
were entrusted 18 and that you, having been set free from sin, have become
enslaved to righteousness.

19 I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as
you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness,
leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves
to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

20 When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to
righteousness. 21 So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which
you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. 22 But now that
you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads
to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is
death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 10:40-42

*As Jesus sends his disciples out to the nations, he promises to reward all who offer aid to his followers and support their ministry.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] 40 “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, 42 and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

♫ **Hymn of the Day**: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” ..... #656

*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.*

Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(Together aloud, we pray…) **Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. Provide for all who are in need as we also pray for Russell Beck, Pat Marino, Larry Shober, and Josh Weinhold. Be with those we lift silently or aloud before you now…** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places. 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**

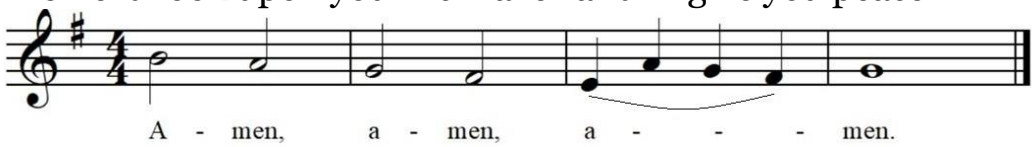
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against 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**: "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" ..... #551

**Dismissal**

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

♫ **Postlude:** "The Solid Rock"..... W. Bradbury

## TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor — Rev. Stacy Chavis
Music Director — Greg Gehman

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

## JULY 5th WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolyte..... Russel Beck

Cantor..... Hollie Kemper

Communion Assistants.....8:30am Karen Oglesby, Judy Dengler
9:30am Hollie Kemper, Audrey Noll

Counters..... Ted and Gail Bare

Lector .....8:30am Scott Strickland
9:30am Doris Rauch

Ushers .....8:30am Bill Lausch, Greg Gehman
9:30am Mike Leid, Jane Wenger

## This Week's Office Hours

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| Monday | June 9th | 8am-2pm |
| Wednesday | July 1st | 8am-2pm |
| Thursday | July 2nd | 8am-2pm |

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## 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.

**TODAY**

- **Altar Flowers**
  Flowers are given by Linda and Brenda Berger in memory of Kathryn and Leroy Berger**.**
- **Fellowship In the Grove- Sunday, June 28th**
  Today, we will have Fellowship hour in the in the grove. Refreshments have been provided by Karen Ogelsby and Judy Dengler.

**UPCOMING**

- **Family & Friends Day - Sunday, August 9th**
  Bring a covered dish to share and enjoy time together in fellowship with friends and family.

**ONGOING**

- **Bulletin and Flower Sponsorship**
  Sponsor a bulletin ($15) or altar flowers ($45). The sign up book is just outside the sanctuary doors closest to the altar.
- **Bulletin Recycling**
  If you are not keeping your bulletin, we recycle! Place it in a recycling container, helping Muddy Creek be a good steward of our resources.
- **Communion Kits for Home Use**
  Prefilled communion kits (wafers and grape juice) are available for those who are not able to be onsite for Communion.

## PARTNER MINISTRY EVENTS

### Brenda and Friends Bus Trips

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

- July 9, 2026 (Thursday) - "Joshua" at Sight & Sound Theatre –
  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 & deluxe motorcoach.
- August 7, 2026 (Friday) - "Dear Soldier Boy" at Bird-in-Hand Stage Includes a buffet meal and deluxe motorcoach.
- August 12-15, 2025 (Wednesday-Saturday) - Islands of Ohio
  A day spent at Put-In-Bay, plus African Safari Wildlife Park,
  Merry-Go-Round Museum, Maritime Museum of Sandusky, and more.

## *This Week's Reflection*

*The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.*

*Thoughts for the week:*

*As Lutherans, we promise to serve all people, following the example of Jesus and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.*

*In what new ways are you being called to serve - in the church and community?*

*How is God calling you to strive for justice in your neighborhood, state, and country?*