MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

READINGS

ISAIAH 55:1-5

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21

ROMANS 9:1-5

MATTHEW 14:13-21

✢ 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/Birthdays/Anniversaries

♫ **Prelude** "O Day of Rest and Gladness" ..... 18th cent. German melody

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:** "O Day of Rest and Gladness" .....#521

1 O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright:
on you the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,
sing "Holy, holy, holy,"
to the great God triune.

2 On you, at earth's creation,
the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation,
Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious
the Spirit sent from heav'n;
and thus on you, most glorious,
a three-fold light was giv'n.

3 Today on weary nations
the heav'nly manna falls;
to holy convocations
the silver trumpet calls,
where gospel light is glowing
with pure and radiant beams
and living water flowing
with soul-refreshing streams.

4 New graces ever gaining
from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining
to spirits of the blest.
We sing to you our praises,
O Father, Spirit, Son;
the church its voice upraises
to you, blest Three in One.

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.
Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: **Amen**.

Please be seated.

Young People's Message

✢ WORD ✢

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

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all people.

1 Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
3 Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
5 Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

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

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

8 The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
9 **LORD, you are | good to all,**
and your compassion is over | all your works.
14 The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.
15 **The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,**
and you give them their food | in due season.
16 You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.
17 **You are righteous in | all your ways**
and loving in | all your works.
18 You are near to all who | call upon you,
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.
19 **You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;**
you hear their | cry and save them.
20 You watch over all | those who love you,
but all the wicked you | shall destroy.
21 **My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD;**
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

This section in Paul's letter highlights how Israel's heritage includes, making covenants, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

1 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience
confirms it by the Holy Spirit—2 I have great sorrow and unceasing
anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed
and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters,
my own flesh and blood. 4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the
adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship,
and the promises; 5 to them belong the patriarchs, and from them,
according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed
forever. Amen.

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 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude, yet he considered those in need and performed one of his greatest miracles.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

13 Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the
Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by
himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot
from the towns. 14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and
he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15 When it was
evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place,
and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go
into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16 Jesus said to them,
"They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17 They
replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." 18 And
he said, "Bring them here to me." 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit
down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked
up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the
disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And all ate
and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken
pieces, twelve baskets full. 21 And those who ate were about five
thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

♫ **Hymn of the Day**: "Break Now the Bread of Life"..... #515

Please stand as you are able.

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you, O living Word.

2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my All-in-All!

3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live with you above;
teach me to love your truth, for you are love

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: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
A brief silence is held for reflection.

For your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your word. Bless the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers, that God's word is broken open and shared with all. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed and nourished. Bless the work of farmers, farmworkers, those who fish, and all whose labor brings your abundance to our tables. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony. Keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(Together aloud, we pray…) **Comfort all who cry out with great sorrow and anguish; feed all who struggle with food insecurity; and have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit. Provide for all who are in need as we also pray for the victims of the Venezuelan earthquakes, Cindy Frankhouser, Janet Frantz, and the families of Frank Davis, Joyce Litzenberger, and Larry Shober.**
Be with those we lift silently or aloud before you now…
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this congregation, that it bears faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here, that they may become blessings for this community.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in your mercy, that their witness continues to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**
P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. **Amen.**

Please be seated. Kindly follow the direction of the ushers for communion.

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.

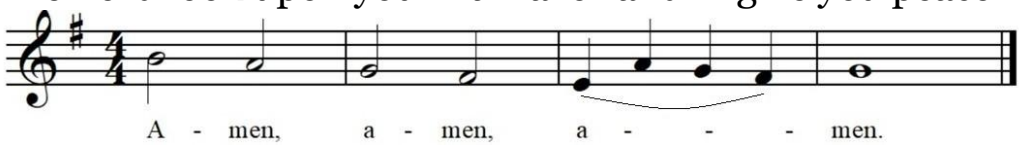
C: Amen

✢ 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



♫ **Sending Hymn**: "O Living Bread from Heaven"..... #542

1 O living Bread from heaven,
how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing!
O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
in thankful song o'erflows!

2 My Savior, you have led me
within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me
with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given
what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven,
that now I shall not die.

3 You gave me all I wanted;
this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted
the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
the favor you have shown,
and all my soul and spirit
bow down before your throne.

4 Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened
with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened,
to serve you, free from fear:
and bring me home to praise you
where none can peace destroy,
where I will ever raise you
glad songs in endless joy.

Dismissal

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

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

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TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor — Rev. Stacy Chavis
Music Director — Greg Gehman

Acolyte..... Russel Beck

Cantor..... Hollie Kemper

Communion Assistants.....8:30am Scott Strickland, Connie Becker
9:30am Hollie Kemper, Lynn Breidenstein

Counters..... Brad and Doris Rauch

Lector ..... 8:30am Lee Anne Ueberroth
9:30am Brad Rauch

Ushers .....8:30am Bill Lausch, Lauren Gallagher
9:30am Gail and Ted Bare

AUGUST 9th WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolyte..... Russel Beck

Cantor..... David Sensenig

Counters..... Brenda Berger, Judy Nichol, Audrey Noll

Lector .....8:30am Stephanie Spangler
9:30am Judy Nichol

Ushers .....8:30am Russel and Nancy Beck
9:30am Brad and Doris Rauch

This Week's Office Hours

Tuesday	August 4th	8am-2pm
Wednesday	August 5th	8am-2pm
Friday	August 7th	10am-4pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Prayers - We lift Cindy Frankhouser, Janet Frantz, and the families of Frank Davis, Joyce Litzenberger, and Larry Shober in prayer. Memorial funds have been opened for Joyce and Larry.

TODAY

- **Altar Flowers**
  Flowers are sponsored by Brad and Doris Rauch in honor of loved ones.
- **Fellowship**
  Refreshments have been provided by Brender Berger and Mary Zerbe.

UPCOMING

- **World Clap Day - August 16th 10am**
  At one exact coordinated moment, people all around the world will clap their hands for one second. It is a celebration of being alive. A reminder that beyond language, culture, or beliefs, we are human first. The goal is unity. Through this simple, we prove that billions of people can synchronize, not because of crisis, but simply to celebrate existence.

ONGOING

- **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 for your support!

PARTNER MINISTRY EVENTS

Brenda and Friends Bus Trips

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

- August 7, 2026 (Friday) - "Dear Soldier Boy" at Bird-in-Hand Stage Includes a buffet meal and deluxe motorcoach.
- August 20, 2026 (Thursday) - River Lady Lunch Cruise & Historic Smithville, NJ

This Weeks Reflection

Jesus is able to feed us abundantly, even with scraps. He meets earthly needs by feeding the crowds and continues now to offer himself as holy meal, freely given to all, no matter their income or rank in society.
With food freely given, with quantity enough to feed only a few, Jesus makes this miracle, and there are leftovers!

Thoughts:
In what ways have you experienced God's abundance?
How might this be reflected in your prayers for family, church, and community?

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