

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

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The 10:15 a.m. service will be livestreamed and posted today on our YouTube channel and our website.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2024, 10:15 a.m.
Scout Recognition Sunday
Online Edition

** = Please stand as you are able All congregational responses are in bold*
(Young Families: There is an "activity box" for children located under the ushers' bench at the rear of the sanctuary.)

Welcome to Muddy Creek!

Announcements, Recognition of Cub Scouts, Good Morning/Waving Hello

Prelude: *Jesus Lives!*.....J. Peterson

*Gathering Hymn: "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"#393

1. A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand, Alleluia! Alleluia!
and with his faithful foll'wers see their Lord ascend in majesty.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. To whom the shining angels cry, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky? Alleluia! Alleluia!
"This is the Savior!" thus they say, "this is his glorious triumph day!"

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. "You see him now ascending high up to the portals of the sky." Alleluia! Alleluia!
"Hereafter Jesus you shall see returning in great majesty."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5. O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord: Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Greeting L: 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**page 138

*Kyrie.....page 138

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: 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. C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us , gracious Lord. C: **Amen.**

*Canticle of Praise (“Glory to God in the highest...”).....page 139

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

C: 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 sin 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 C: **Amen**

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.” L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 23 (Congregational responses in bold)

¹The LORD¹ is my shepherd;

I shall not¹ be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down¹ in green pastures
and leads me be-¹ side still waters.**

³You restore my¹ soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways¹ for your name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall¹ fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they¹ comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is¹ running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the¹ LORD forever.**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness

before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

*Gospel Acclamation:page 142
(**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia**)

*Gospel: John 10:11-18 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

L: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message
Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”.....#789

1. Savior like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.
2. We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.
3. You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow’r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
4. Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

*The Apostles’ Creed

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

*Thanksgiving for Offering C: **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.**
(Offering to Muddy Creek or Disaster Relief may be contributed online through the church website, mclchurch.org, "Give Online" button on the home page.)

*Hymn #752 ("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 the Church P: Lord, in your mercy C: **Hear our prayer**

Lord's Prayer.....page 145

Our Father, who are 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.

*Blessing C: **Amen** (sung response)

*Sending Song: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus".....#392

*Dismissal P: Go in Peace. Serve the Risen Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Hail to the Brightness*.....L. Mason

Immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service, you are invited to stay in the sanctuary for a time of fellowship and refreshments, courtesy today of Audrey Noll. Thanks!

Announcements

Welcome to everyone, especially all visitors and guests! If you are visiting today, it would be really appreciated if you would fill out the yellow card in your pew and put it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor. Welcome!

Notes for Online Participants:

If you would like to pick up prefilled home communion kits of wafers and grape juice in order to participate online along with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month, please contact Pastor Peter or pick them up from the box on the table under the church mailboxes. Or, if you wish, you may use bread and grape juice/wine from your own home.

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At the 10:15 AM Service Today, We Will Celebrate Scout Recognition Sunday. Adamstown Cub Scout Pack 3204 and their leaders, whom we host in our church every Sunday evening, will be recognized today. Welcome to the Cub Scout Pack and their leaders and parents!

Hymn Sing at Muddy Creek Next Sunday: Next Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 p.m., you and your friends/neighbors are invited to a Hymn Sing at Muddy Creek. Our organist, Greg, will be playing hymns and special music. You may make hymn requests using the forms located on the table by the mailboxes. The deadline for requests is today. Please note: We may not be able to sing all requested hymns. Hope to see you next Sunday!

Sign Up to Volunteer and Pack Food at Blessings of Hope. On Monday evening, May 20, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., Muddy Creek is again volunteering to pack food for the Blessings of Hope food ministry at the warehouse on Becker Road. Please sign up on the clipboard under the mailboxes, or contact Pastor Peter. This event is once again sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee.

The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets at Yvonne Weaver's house, on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. There will be no gathering this Tuesday, April 23. Contact: Yvonne Weaver at 717-371-6453. All are invited!

The Altar Flowers Today are given in honor of Mary Ann Seidel by Traci Galen.

The Sign Up for Altar Flower Sponsorships is on the table outside Pastor Peter's office. If you wish, you may sponsor flowers in honor or in memory of someone. Cost is \$45.

In our Prayers: Linny Ansel, Gloria Aseli, Dorothy Beam, Tom Carretta, Elaine Gehman, Ken Frazer, Pat Kagarise, Pastor David Klepper, Betty Kramer, the Martin family, Helen Martin, Katie McCalicher, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, Paul Moyer, George Nagle, Betty Ramsey, Tom and Audrey Riggie, Joanne Saylor, Jared Schutter, Mary Ann Seidel, Susan Siegel, Becky Thunberg, Sharon Weinhold

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance April 14: 8:00 a.m. - 29, 10:15 a.m. - 57, Online Views (includes livestream) - 52	
Received through end of Mar.: \$53,440.18	Expenses thru Mar.: \$48,425.35
Received on April 14: \$1,861.75	Received Apr. to date: \$7,137.06

10:15 am Worship Helpers Today:

Acolyte - Grace Youndt	Lay Reader - Will Wood
Cantor - Hollie Kemper	Money Counters - Ray and Susan Sweigart

10:15 am Worship Helpers Next Sunday, April 28:

Acolyte - Jack Lammey	Lay Reader - Doris Rauch
Cantor - Pastor Peter	Money Counters - Linda Gerhart, Hollie Kemper