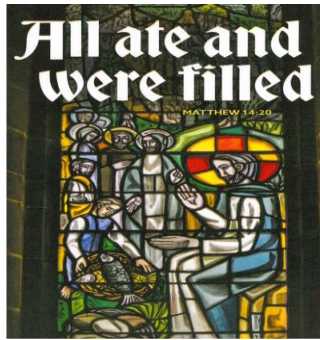




Millcreek Lutheran Church

August 2, 2026

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

A warm welcome to our church! We appreciate your presence here today and enjoy the new and the familiar faces as we gather together. If you are a visitor and believe that Christ is your Savior and present in the Sacrament, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. All children who have received Communion instruction and have been approved to receive Holy Communion either here or at another church are also welcome to commune with us. Any child may come forward for a blessing. Visitors, please sign our guest book or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack. We're glad you're here!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, whose Son is unlimited in his ability to satisfy our needs: Give us receptive hearts to his ministry on our behalf; and use us in his ministry to serve others who hunger for his Word. Thus may our world know the satisfaction of feeding on our Savior's love. In his name we pray.
Amen.

Serving you this morning:

Interim Pastor,	Pastor Frank Terhune
Lay Leader,	Jennifer Rosengrant
Organist/Pianist,	Debbie Tice
Lay Reader,	Julie Strickler
Ushers/Audio,	Scott Johnson & Frank Hoffman

The Service

Prelude of Entrance

Announcements

Prelude of Preparation

***Confession & Forgiveness**

LBW p. 56

Opening Hymn: *Let the Whole Creation Cry

LBW #242

Let the Whole Creation Cry



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
 2 War - riors fight - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with his word,
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise him, our al - might - y king!"
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise him, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 Kings of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702, adapt.

***Greetings:**

LBW p. 57, line 5

***The Kyrie**

LBW p. 57-58, line 6

Hymn of Praise, *This is the Feast*

LBW p. 60

Prayer of the Day (read in unison)

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. Amen.

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

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.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 (read responsively)

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 upon 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 forever and ever.**

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

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.

The Holy Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Break Now the Bread of Life
Break Now the Bread of Life

LBW #235



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me, your ho - ly
4 Oh, send your Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me, that he may



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blest the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live
touch my eyes and make me see. Show me the truth con-cealed



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.
with - in your word, and in your book re - vealed I see my Lord.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury. 1841–1913, alt.
Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin. 1826–1888

*The Apostles' Creed

LBW p. 65

*The Prayers

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.

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. Merciful God, **receive 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. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony. As this week we remember the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity; have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God, **receive 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. Merciful God, **receive 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. Merciful God, **receive 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.**

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)	LBW p.68
*The Preface	LBW p.68
*The Sanctus: <i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	LBW p.69
*Words of Institution	LBW p.69
*The Lord's Prayer	LBW p.71
Communion of the Faithful	
*Communion Blessing	LBW p.72
*Post-Communion Canticle, <i>Thank the Lord</i>	LBW p.72
*Post-Communion Prayer	LBW p.74
*Blessing:	
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. Amen.	
*Closing Hymn <u><i>Dear Lord and Father of Mankind</i></u>	LBW #506

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind



1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fev - 'rish
2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the Syr - ian
3 Oh, Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, oh, calm of hills a -
4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy



ways; re - clothe us in our right - ful mind; in
sea, the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
bove; where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the
cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak



pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - 'rence, praise.
us, like them, with - out a word rise up and fol - low thee.
si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still small voice of calm!

Text: John G. Whittier, 1807–1892

Music: REST, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

Moments of Meditation (seated)

***Dismissal**

LBW p.74

Postlude

*The flowers & bulletins are given in honor
& glory of God and in memory of Betty Templin,
by her family.*





Our Mission:
Motivating Lives Through Christ and our
community, our congregation, & ourselves.

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Sunday, August 2, 2026

You can **listen to the worship service** over the phone patch at **AM**.
Just dial **717-628-0125**. You will hear a message welcoming you to Millcreek.
At that point you are connected to our church sound system, so just stay on
the line. You may also watch the service later on You Tube.



Motivating Lives Through Christ and our Community

EVANGELISM IN-GATHERING "STICKY NOTE" PROJECT:

Devastating losses can occur in the blink of an eye! During the January 2025 California wildfires your PERSONAL CARE KITS helped many of those people affected. Lutheran World Relief was asked specifically for those kits which filled a critical need! Doesn't that make you feel good? Let's do what we can- like last year, grab a sticky note or two, purchase the item(s) listed and bring to church during July & Aug.! We thank you for your support!

PERSONAL CARE KIT "STICKY NOTE" ITEMS

1. One lightweight bath towel (dark color recommended)
approx. 20" x 40" to 52" x 27". **see note**
2. Three bath size bars of soap, any brand (4 to 5 oz.), in original wrapping
3. One adult size toothbrush (packaged) ***see note***
4. One sturdy comb (LARGE TEETH), -remove packaging- NO fine tooth combs.
5. One "ADULT SIZE" (No infant size) metal nail clippers, with or without file, -
remove packaging

If using multi-pack toothbrushes, you may seal one in a business size envelope.

*** You can provide the towel if you'd like. Wrap items in the towel and tie securely with ribbon or yarn. If not, the church will be purchasing towels to complete the kits***.
Otherwise grab a sticky note and "LET'S GO"!! Bins will be located in the narthex.

SOCCER SHOTS: Summer camp will be held at MLC outside (or multi-purpose room in case of rain) on August 4, 5, & 6th. Soccer Shots is the most trusted & engaging children's soccer program for ages 18 months to 8 years.* Learn age-appropriate soccer skills, character-building, and have **FUN!** Register at: www.soccershots.com.

MUSIC IN MEMORIAL PARK:

Millcreek Community Group Presents the 2026 Karen Krater Memorial Season:

- Aug. 2nd- Bary Wenrich- Homegrown crooner returns from South Carolina!
- Aug. 9th- Rustic Rewind- A variety of music types to delight!
- Aug. 16th- Richland Express- A local band playing all types of music!
- Aug. 23rd- The Youngers- Original Roots Rock/Americana
- Aug. 30th- Jeff Krick Jr.- A must0see Elvis impersonator!

In case of rain, to be held at Living Stones Church (formerly Millcreek Community Center), 229 E. Main St. Newmanstown.

MINISTERIUM TRAIN RIDE: Saturday Aug. 22 (rain date Saturday Aug. 29)
Picnic & train ride on the Allentown & Auburn Railroad located in Kutztown PA. Train leaves the station at 10:30am. Max 150 people. \$12 per adult, \$8 kids 4-10, 3 and under free to sit on parents' lap.

Includes: hot dogs, burgers, grilled chicken, and drinks. You are welcome to bring a covered dish to share. Enjoy cornhole & other games. Any money raised over the cost of expenses will go to the Ministerium. Pay cash for tickets the day of, at the train station. Call Tulpehocken Trinity (717) 866-5190 to add your name to the reservation list.

CAN TAB COLLECTION: There is now container on the shelf by the men's bathroom for can tab collection, for donation to a local school.

Motivating Lives Through Christ and our Congregation

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE & EVENTS:

****July & August services will be held in the multi-purpose room****

- Sunday August 2- 9:30am communion service
- Sunday August 9- 9:30am regular service
- Sunday August 16- 9:30am regular service with guest Pastor Joel Risser

SUMMER MUSIC:

August 9 - Jamie Keener dance	August 16- open
August 23 - Brian Klinger	August 30 – Brothers in Grace
September 6- open	

FLOWER AND BULLETIN SIGNUP SHEETS for 2026 are available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Flowers-\$30, Bulletins- \$10.

CHURCH BREAKFAST: The Church Breakfast is held on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the Country Fare Restaurant in Myerstown at 8:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome with no reservations needed. Inform the hostess of the group you are looking for and she will direct you to our table. You can choose to come every month or only on an occasion. Either way, we'd love for you to be part of our group. ~Nancy Deiter

ENVELOPE #54? Do you have offering envelope #54? If so, please reach out to David Engle at email: dgengle@yahoo.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL has created a new email address: millcreeklutheranss@gmail.com. We will be using this email to communicate important information throughout the '26/'27 Sunday school year. Please use this email if you need to reach any of the Sunday school teachers. Thank you!

Motivating Lives Through Christ and Ourselves

WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) WITH CARDS & PRAYERS:

Mrs. Elaine Hemperly
Linden Village, Stoy Cottage
100 Tuck Street
Lebanon, PA 17042

PRAYER LIST: Please make requests to Jen M. by noon Wed. each week:
secretary@millcreeklutheran.com or call: 610-589-2570. *Please provide updates when our prayers have been answered, so this list can be kept current.*

MILLCREEK MEMBERS:

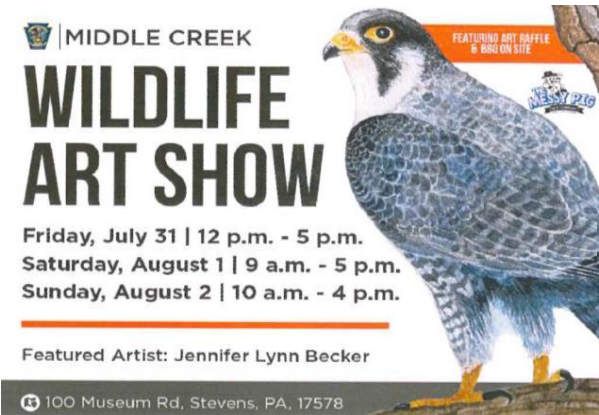
Violet Hepler	Liz Leibig	Michael Yiengst, Jr	Stewart Wolf
Portia Lindermuth	Brian Ream	Devon Yiengst	Norm Sharp
Gerry Strickler	Julie Strickler	Aaron Yiengst	Greer Zellers

NON-MEMBERS:

Gary Beatty, brother in law of Debbie Hartman
JoAnn Deahl, Brandy Gahres' mother
Linda McMullan, sister in law of Greta McMullan
Jennifer Clinton, daughter of Renee & Layne Strickler
Alethea Grissinger, friend of Deb Buffington
Kevin Kochinsky, family friend of Stephanie Seldomridge
Ann Shallcross, sister of Stephanie Gahres
Kaylee Gordon, family member of Jamie Keener
Rev. Althea Seidel
Candy Hibshman, friend of Rachel Mock

MIDDLE CREEK WILDLIFE ART SHOW will be held at the Middle Creek WMA Visitor Center. Admission is free.

➤ August 2nd from 10am-4pm



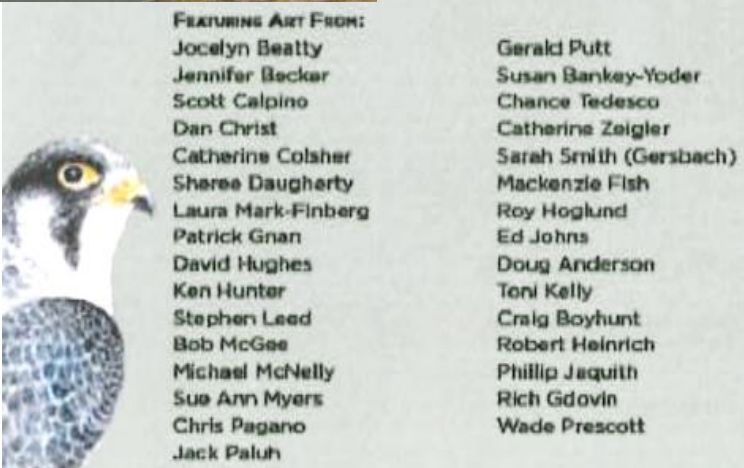
MIDDLE CREEK
WILDLIFE ART SHOW

Friday, July 31 | 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, August 1 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, August 2 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Featured Artist: Jennifer Lynn Becker

100 Museum Rd, Stevens, PA, 17578

MLC member Roy Hoglund will be among the exhibitors.



FEATURING ART FROM:

Jocelyn Beatty	Gerald Putt
Jennifer Becker	Susan Bankey-Yoder
Scott Calpino	Chance Tedesco
Dan Christ	Catherine Zeigler
Catherine Colsher	Sarah Smith (Gersbach)
Sheree Daugherty	Mackenzie Fish
Laura Mark-Finberg	Roy Hoglund
Patrick Gnan	Ed Johns
David Hughes	Doug Anderson
Ken Hunter	Toni Kelly
Stephen Leed	Craig Boyhunt
Bob McGee	Robert Heinrich
Michael McNelly	Phillip Jaquith
Sue Ann Myers	Rich Gdovin
Chris Pagano	Wade Prescott
Jack Paluh	

True Abundance

In our gospel reading, Jesus hears about John the Baptizer's death and wants to be alone, to withdraw "to a deserted place" (Matthew 14:13). But the crowds follow him, the disciples follow him, and it seems everyone wants something from him. Jesus' response is compassionate, and he meets their needs, healing those who were sick. Then evening falls, and the disciples come to him with a request: "You've healed everyone. Now send them home. They can buy food in the villages for themselves."

Some compassion is needed here for the disciples too. With the twelve of them plus Jesus, there are at least thirteen people to feed with what they have—just five loaves and two fish. That's not enough even for them.

So Jesus does this miracle—he takes what he is given and multiplies it so everyone has something to eat, and there are twelve baskets left over. (Twelve baskets means one for each disciple to carry and then realize that true abundance comes from Jesus!)

The miracle fed the people, but it also taught the disciples that, with Jesus, there is always compassion and always enough to share. After feeding the thousands, each disciple now had a basket full of food. By sharing what they had, through Jesus they received back more than they had to begin with.

This is the true message of Matthew's text today: God gives us what we need, we share what we have with others, and in the end, we are given more than we could ever imagine. This is loving the neighbor. This is being God's grace in the world. At no time is sending people away God's answer. Jesus taught his disciples this important lesson, and we continue to learn and struggle with it today.

Jesus Feeds The Five Thousand

They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.
Matthew 14:20 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:13-21 (NIV)



Q W L O A V E S P L T H J E B
R Y T G B V G S B X O A H T A
F I S H L A N D E D W U S Q S
B X E E J T B Q A P N I A J K
J B W I F K H O O I S A T W E
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R P G S A V K S H K I F Q K U

LEFT	BASKETFULS	LANDED	FOLLOWED	LOAVES
THANKS	CROWDS	TWELVE	HEALED	FISH
ATE	FOOD	SATISFIED	JESUS	SICK
FOOT	PEOPLE	LATE	TOWNS	BOAT