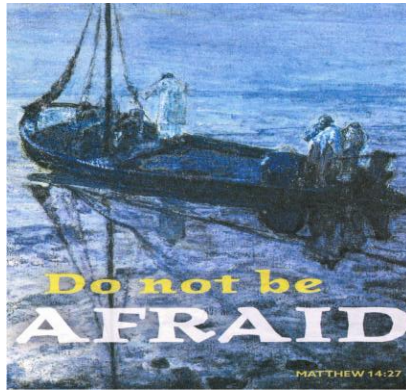




Millcreek Lutheran Church
August 9, 2026
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

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, we hope you will consider joining us- knowing that you can expect to find people who love God and who want to know and love you. Visitors, please sign our guest book or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack. We're glad you're here!

Prayer: Father of grace and power, whose Son gives victory over life's most violent storms: Strengthen our faith as we commit ourselves to the ministry of your church; that we may be secure in our relationship with you, and true to our mission in our world. We pray through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Serving you this morning:

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

The Service

Prelude of Entrance

Announcements

Prelude of Preparation: *Shalom from The David Movie*

***Confession & Forgiveness**

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It Is Well With My Soul

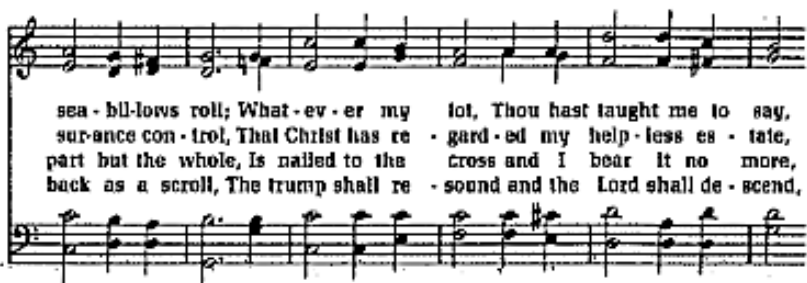
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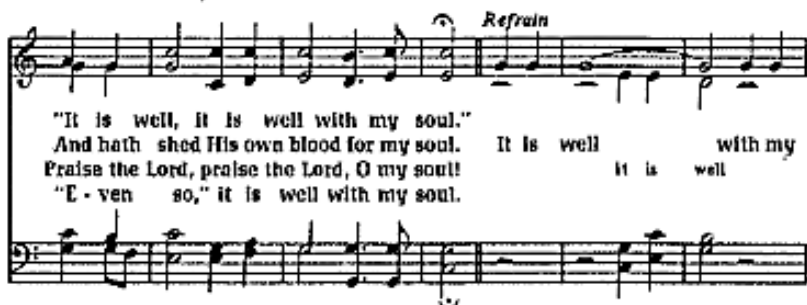
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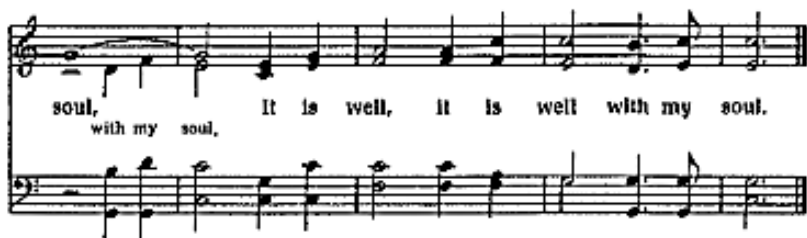
1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, When sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should but - fet, tho' tri - als should come, Let this blest as -
 3. My sin, O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, My sin not in
 4. And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled



sea - bill - lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
 sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
 part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross and I bear It no more,
 back as a scroll, The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,



Refrain
 "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 And hath shed His own blood for my soul. It is well with my
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
 "E - ven so," it is well with my soul.



soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 with my soul,

*Greetings:

LBW p. 57, line 5

*The Kyrie

LBW p. 57-58, line 6

Hymn of Praise, *Glory to God*

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Prayer of the Day (read in unison)

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

Psalms 85:8-13 (read responsively)

⁸ I will listen to what the Lord God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹² The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,

and our land will yield its increase.

**13 Righteousness shall go before the Lord
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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

***Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

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Edward Hopper

John E. Gould

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

1. Je - sus, Sav - ior pi - lot me O - ver life's tem - pes - tuous sea;
2. As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush the o - cean wild;
3. When at last I near the shore, And the fear - ful break - ers roar

D.C. Chart and com - pass come from Thee, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me!

D.C. Won - drous Sov - reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me!

D.C. May I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee!"

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Un - known waves be - fore me roll, Hid - ing rocks and treach - 'rous shoal;
Bois - t'rous waves o - bey Thy will When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
'Twixt me and the peace - ful rest Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast,

*The Apostles' Creed

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Special Music:

Canticle of the Turning (Using Davidic Covenant Tambourine)

"Canticle of the Turning" is a modern hymn written in 1990 by Rory Cooney. It is a modern paraphrase of the Magnificat (the Song of Mary from Luke 1:46-58) and set to the Irish folk tune "Star of the County Down."

Canticle of the Turning Lyrics:

verse 1:

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the one who waits.
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Chorus:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
For the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.

verse 2:

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me.
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

verse 3:

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
These are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.

verse 4:

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forbears heard
is the promise that holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

***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.

We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may
be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted,
strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve
biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of
a changing climate. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. 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 Lord's Prayer**

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***Blessing:** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

***Closing Hymn**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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Moments of Meditation (seated)

***Dismissal**

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Postlude

***The flowers & bulletins are given in honor & glory
of God, and in memory of Diana, John III, Kenny,
and John Tschudy Jr.***



Eternal Father, Strong to Save



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.

Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876



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

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Sunday, August 9, 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.

MUSIC IN MEMORIAL PARK:

Millcreek Community Group Presents the 2026 Karen Krater Memorial Season:

- 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.

Motivating Lives Through Christ and our Congregation

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE & EVENTS:

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

- Sunday August 9- 9:30am regular service
- Sunday August 16- 9:30am regular service with guest Pastor Joel Risser
- Sunday August 23- 9:30am regular service
- Sunday August 30- 9:30am regular service

SUMMER MUSIC:

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

July Offerings

Current Offerings	7,680
Plate	342
Recycling	11
Bldg. Rental	150

Flowers	115
Bulletins	45
World Hunger	100
Empowering our Future Campaign	1,335

Total: \$9,778

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

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!

BINGO FUNDRAISER to benefit the Millcreek Memorial Cemetery in Newmanstown. Saturday, August 29th @ 1pm. Millcreek Lutheran Church Multi-Purpose Room- Cash Bingo, Raffle Baskets and Baked goods. Doors open at 12:15. Tickets are \$20 for 20 games. Tickets will be available at the door. There are ad-on games for \$5 that include 3 special games at the end. 50/50 raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Top of the Hill Clean-Up Saturday, September 12, 2026 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the multi-purpose room. Please dress appropriately and be prepared to work on your given task. Each person will be responsible for whatever cleaning supplies or equipment is necessary to complete the job. Should you find that your

schedule does not allow you to work with the group on September 12th, you may sign up for one of the tasks and take care of that responsibility as you are able. Any questions, please feel free to call or email Nancy Deiter:
email: lndeiter@comcast.net Phone: 717-866-4665 or 717-383-0899

RALLY DAY: Mark your calendars for our annual Rally Day, Sunday September 13th - Connecting and Reconnecting with God's Family. Service will be outdoors followed by a covered dish picnic (MLC will provide the hot dogs), and the Giant Slip N Slide. Lots of Fun to be had with Trivia, Giant Connect Four, Giant Jenga and a Foam Blaster on the slip n slide. We hope you and your family can join us!

Motivating Lives Through Christ and Ourselves

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

Gerald Strickler
Lebanon Skilled Nursing & Rehab, Rm. #175
900 Tuck St.
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
Kaylee Gordon, family member of Jamie Keener
Rev. Althea Seidel

Take Heart

Can you recall a time in your life when something happened that was so strange or out of place that your initial reaction was fear? Maybe you doubted what you were experiencing or seeing and even thought, *This is not possible. This can't be.*

The disciples must have been terrified when they saw something so strange that it should have been impossible—someone walking on water, toward their boat, during a storm. They thought they were seeing a ghost until Jesus said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid” (Matthew 14:27).

Some say seeing is believing, but sometimes belief comes through experiencing. So, with Jesus’ encouragement, Peter stepped out of the boat and began to walk on the water. But when he realized how hard the wind was blowing, Peter started sinking and shouted, “Lord, save me!” Jesus reached out, steadied Peter, and said, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” (vv. 30-31). Then the storm ended.

We may be more like Peter than we realize. Maybe there are times when it’s relatively easy to trust in God—until we face something unexpected, frightening, or out of our control. Then doubts immediately overwhelm us.

The good news is that Jesus hears our cries and saves us. He is with us in our weakest moments, holding us even as our spirits sink. Take heart—Jesus is always with you, bringing peace amid the storms, faith amid your doubts, and new life out of death.

Jesus Walks on the Water

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. Matthew 14:25 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)



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