



REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 27, 2024

10:00am

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Serving God and Community

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Welcome to Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church

WELCOME! We are delighted that you have joined us for worship today. If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to sign our guest book at the entrance to the sanctuary. Our ushers are happy to assist you in any way. The Pastor would love to meet you so please introduce yourself. Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We are blessed by your presence today.

The October bulletins are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Don, Dad, Mom, and Dolores by Nancy O. Smith.

Today's altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God.

Lay Reader: Mitzi Smith
Recording Assistant: Roger Myers
Acolyte: Brian Rippeon
Ushers: Peggy Esworthy
Altar Guild: Peggy Esworthy
Flower Coordinator: Donna Droneburg

October 27, 2024
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
GATHERING

**Please stand as able Congregation responses are in bold.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

#504 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

in unison

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks Be to God**

PSALM

Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”**

³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

SECOND READING:

Hebrews 7:23-28

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

S102

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases of the acclamation, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' written below. The second staff continues the melody for the next two phrases, with lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' written below. The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and various note values and rests.

*GOSPEL:

Mark 10:46-52

Glory to you, O Lord

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

(Continued)

⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” ⁵²Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Sean

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

#793 – Be Thou My Vision

***APOSTLE’S 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.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Challenged by God’s Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

Eternal Counselor, guide the church along your paths of mercy. Direct it to be a refuge where all are genuinely welcomed and their gifts are celebrated. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Eternal Nurturer, preserve natural places for rest and rejuvenation. Guide the work of conservationists, park managers, urban planners, gardeners, and all caretakers of natural spaces. Attune us to the wonders we disregard or fail to notice. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Eternal Wisdom, strengthen the voices of those who cry out for change to unjust systems. Give lawmakers, judges, and all those who occupy seats of power listening and compassionate hearts. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Eternal Compassion, train us to respond to the cries of those in any kind of need. Give encouragement and comfort to those who call out for relief from pain, grief, or oppression. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Eternal Servant, grant vision and wisdom to the church so that those who are in need are not ignored. May the command of Jesus to love our neighbor sharpen our focus for work in the kingdom. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal Hope, may the legacy of the saints inspire us every day. We hold fast to the promise that we will be together in your presence forever. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.
Amen.

OUR OFFERING FOR GOD'S WORK

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

in unison

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Amen.

*SENDING SONG

#839 – Now Thank We All Our God

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

WOODSBORO EVANGELICAL PRAYER LIST

Carolyn Abrecht, Arvella (Artie) Anders, Kelli Angleberger,
Shirley Baker, John Black, Amanda Blank, Jessica Bowers,
Juanita Bowers, Mack Burdette, Joan Chesser, Ruby Darner,
Sophie Castro-Davis, Peggy Carey, Nancy and Donald Creager,
Buck and Bonnie Dixon, Shari Eby, The Family of Faye Fogle,
Stephanie Hammond, Philip Hockman, Bob Hyde, Jana Inskeep,
Butch Lewellyn, The Family of Robert Measell, Kasey Melville,
Sue Millione, Millie Miller, Patrick Moseley, Genie Neugebauer,
Charlotte Shaffer, Gary Smith, Nancy O. Smith, Mike Stottlemeyer,
Lincoln Tiemann, Donald Trimmer, Pastor Harry Wolpert, and
Tom Yealey

WELC ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTE: In order to keep your membership active, you must take communion, and complete and submit a card once per year.

Pastor Sean's Weekly Office Hours – Every Thursday from 10:00am-2:00pm. Please feel free to stop by to say hello, give feedback or if you need pastoral care. As always, Pastor Sean can be reached throughout the week at welcpastorsean@gmail.com or 301-606-3632.

Worship Service Social – Join us for coffee, snacks, and fellowship on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month prior to our worship service.

WELC Famous Slippery Pot-Pie – Saturday, November 2nd. To order, visit our website or call Robin Rippeon at 301.271.3309.

Offerings of Gratitude –will be blessed on November 24th during the service. Please pick up your jar in the narthex on your way out. Place coins or bills in your jar anytime you are grateful for something God has done in your life including the very small everyday blessings.

Free Community Dinner –The next community dinner is Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in the Social Hall from 5 to 7pm. In conjunction with St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Walkersville a free community dinner is offered on Saturday, November 16th. All are welcome so invite your family and friends. Volunteers are always needed. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Sean.

The 2024 Flower Chart is posted in the narthex. Please consider volunteering to furnish flowers for Sunday worship. Contact Donna Droneburg at 301-514-0895.

WELC Food Collection – The Latest from the GVCS Food Bank - All donations are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the food bank at 301-845-4229 (Leave a message and your call will be returned.) or email at GVFB21w@gmail.com. Thank all of you for your continued support!

Currently, the greatest needs are:		
Kid's Cereal	Boxed Crackers	Spaghetti Noodles
Spaghetti Sauce	Canned Beans, not green	Baked Beans

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Council Approved Financial Reports and/or Minutes - If you are interested in receiving a copy of either/both, please contact Nancy Swain 301-845-4533.

Year-to-Date Offerings – Thank you very much for your continued support. The updated year to date offering as of October 16, 2024, is \$84,245.13 with an annual budgeted amount of \$145,000.00. Again, we appreciate your financial contributions and ongoing support.

Community Partners will be collecting items for their Caring Closet program. **October's** focus will be on Hair – shampoo, lice shampoo, conditioner, combs, and brushes. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Council Meeting – TBD in the upstairs Conference Room 6:30pm.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Woodsboro Seniors' Luncheon Meeting – On Wednesday, November 20th at 11:30 am. We are planning to go to China Gardens, 506 West Patrick Street, Frederick, MD. Invite a friend. If you are interested in going, please call Doris at 301-304-5244. New members are always welcome.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR to help with **TURKEY and HAM POTPIE and COUNTRY HAM SANDWICH SALE**, which is to be held on Saturday, November 2nd. Help will be needed on Friday, November 1st as well. A work schedule with more information as to times when help is needed will be out in the near future. Any questions, contact Brian Rippeon, 301-271-3309.

Country Music Stars

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