

26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST November 17, 2024 10:00am

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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.

Holy Communion is open to everyone who wants to experience the presence of Christ in this sacrament. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. Both wine and grape juice are offered. Gluten free wafers are available. Prepackaged communion cups with wafer are available on request, let the usher know if you prefer a prepackaged communion cup.

The November bulletins are given to the glory of God and in memory of my late husband, Robert, who passed away on November 21, 2008, just 3 days before his 53rd birthday, November 24th, by Donna Droneburg.

Today's altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of our son Matthew's 28th birthday on November 30th; our granddaughter Madison Ott's 16th birthday on November 12th; and our grandson Owen Ott's 12th birthday on November 24th, by Cheryl and Bob Lenhart.

> Lay Reader: Cheryl Lenhart Recording Assistant: Donna Droneburg Acolyte: Brian Rippeon Ushers: Pat Nash Altar Guild: Diane Reever Flower Coordinator: Jennifer Abrecht

November 17, 2024 26th Sunday after Pentecost <u>GATHERING</u>

*Please stand as able Congregation responses are in bold.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.** Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin. **Silence is kept for reflection.** Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen. These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. Amen.

*GATHERING SONG

#870 - We Praise You, O 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**

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

¹ "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

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

PSALM

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

- ² All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.
- ³ But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴ I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.
- ⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶ My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.
- ⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.
- ⁸ I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16

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in unison

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰ For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

¹¹ You will show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING:

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

¹¹ Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³ and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds,"

¹⁷ he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*GOSPEL: Glory to you, O Lord

¹ As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ² Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

#438 – My Lord, What A Morning

***NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

(Continued)

Pastor Sean

Mark 13:1-8

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

O God, in the washing of water you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized in the covenant you have made with us, as we strive for your justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

By your merciful might you sustain all creation. Stir us from complacency with the harm we inflict on the earth, and urge us to adopt sustainable ways of life that protect and restore our planet. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence. Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

In your presence you give fullness of joy. Care for all for whom joy feels distant. Be present with persons experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, or any mental illness. Bring them healing and wholeness. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving we remember saints and angels who delight in your everlasting presence. As their lives inspire ours, provoke us always to love, holding fast to the confession of our hope in you. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

HARVEST HOME BLESSING

OUR OFFERING FOR GOD'S WORK

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. **Amen.**

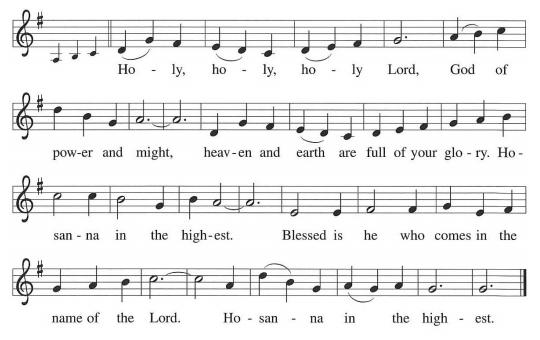
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR THE DAY

Pastor Sean



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor Sean

in unison

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

SPECIAL MUSIC

#785 - When Peace Like A River

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, + bless you now and forever. Amen.

*SENDING SONG

#757 - All My Hope on God Is Founded

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. Thanks be to God

WOODSBORO EVANGELICAL PRAYER LIST

Carolyn Abrecht, Arvella (Artie) Anders, Kelli Angleberger, Shirley Baker, Amanda Blank, Jessica Bowers, Juanita Bowers, Mack Burdette, Joan Chesser, Ruby Darner, Nancy and Donald Creager, Buck and Bonnie Dixon, Shari Eby, Stephanie Hammond, Philip Hockman, Bob Hyde, Jana Inskeep, Barbara Keyser, Doris Lenhart, Butch Lewellyn, Kasey Melville, Sue Millione, Millie Miller, Patrick Moseley, Genie Neugebauer, Darren Poindexter, Kizzy Giles-Rayford, Charlotte Shaffer, Gary Smith, Nancy O. Smith, Mike Stottlemyer, 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 <u>welcpastorsean@gmail.com</u> or 301-606-3632.

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

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.

Holiday Bazaar, Saturday – December 7th from 9am – 2pm. - Come shop for those Christmas treasures, visit with Santa Claus and enjoy breakfast or lunch. Vendor spaces are still available, contact Robin Delauter at 301.639.1206 for more information.

Free Community Dinner – The next free community dinner in the WELC Social Hall is Saturday, November 16, 2024, in conjunction with St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Walkersville from 5 to 7pm. 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 Jennifer Abrecht at 301-606-7518.

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.

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 <u>GVFB21w@gmail.com</u>. 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

Community Partners will be collecting items for their Caring Closet program. **November's** focus will be on Paper Products – toilet paper, paper towels, and tissues. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Year-to-Date Offerings – Thank you very much for your continued support. The updated year to date offering as of October 27, 2024, is \$93,290.13 with an annual budgeted amount of \$145,000.00. Again, we appreciate your financial contributions and ongoing support.

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.

Chapel's All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet – Saturday, December 7th, 7-11:00am. Take your family and/or friends and enjoy a delicious breakfast (Adults - \$12.00, Children (5-10) - \$5.00). Please contact Chris Beard at 301-418- 0148 if you have any questions.

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