



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**May 11, 2025**

**10:00am**

**Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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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.

*May bulletins are given to the glory of God and in memory of Donald Gladhill,  
from his daughter, Donna Droneburg*

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my  
mother, Laura Mildred Simpson, in honor of my daughter, Laura Smith Crouse, and to  
all mothers everywhere, by Mitzi Smith.*

**Lay Reader: Mitzi Smith**  
**Recording Assistant: Donna Droneburg**  
**Ushers: Mitzi Smith**  
**Flower Coordinators: Michelle Burns and Suzanne Yusko**

**May 11, 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**GATHERING**

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

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✠ the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,

that our every day is shaped by these waters

that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**Amen.**

## **\*GATHERING SONG**

**#793 – Be Thou My Vision**

## **\*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**

**O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

**Acts 9:36-43**

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas.

She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and

died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was

near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the

request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and

when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him,

weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with

them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the

body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.

<sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed

her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

<sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

## PSALM

## PSALM 23

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## SECOND READING:

## Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**\*GOSPEL:**

**John 10:22-30**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one.”

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Sean**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**#856 – How Great Thou Art**

## **\*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**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world,  
and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all  
who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us  
forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore  
species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony  
with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges,  
lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration,  
empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our  
communities. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints, we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

**MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER**

**OUR OFFERING FOR GOD'S WORK**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**#733 – Great is Thou Faithfulness**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Risen One,  
you have gathered us in this place of worship  
along with our gifts to bring.  
Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**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**

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.  
**Amen.**

## **\*SENDING SONG**

**#631 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

## **\*DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

## **WOODSBORO EVANGELICAL PRAYER LIST**

Carolyn Abrecht, Arvella (Artie) Anders, Kelli Angleberger,  
Shirley Baker, Larry Beard, Amanda Blank, Jessica Bowers, Juanita Bowers,  
Mack Burdette, Donna Carbone, Nancy and Donald Creager, Ruby Darner,  
Buck and Bonnie Dixon, Doug Eaves, Shari Eby, Dion and Evgeni  
Gevezovski, Stephanie Hammond, Philip Hockman, Bob Hyde, Jana Inskeep,  
Chris Johnson, Barbara Keyser, Doris Lenhart, Marilyn Lenhart, Butch  
Lewellyn, Sandy Measell, Kasey Melville, Sue Million, family of Millie  
Miller, Patrick Moseley, Genie Neugebauer, Darren Poindexter, Kizzy Giles-  
Rayford, Charlotte Shaffer, Gary Smith, Greg Smith, Nancy O. Smith, Mike  
Stottlemeyer, Lois Summers, 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](mailto:welcpastorsean@gmail.com) or 301-606-3632.

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

**Free Community Dinner** – The next dinner is **Saturday, May 31st**, please note the change in date for May only. Dinner is from 5 to 7pm in cooperation with St, Paul's Lutheran Church of Walkersville. 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 Michelle Burns at 301-788-7734 or Suzanne Yusko at 301-471-1539.

**Year-to-Date Offerings** – Thank you very much for your continued support. The updated year to date offering as of April 29, 2025, is \$66,027.60 with an annual budgeted amount of \$149,000.00. Again, we appreciate your financial contributions and ongoing support.

**Community Partners** will be collecting items for their Caring Closet program. May's focus will be on cleaning supplies: dish soap, cleaners, all purpose, bathroom, window cleaners, sponges/brushes, etc. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

**Council Meeting** –TBA. To request a copy of minutes please contact Suzanne Yusko at [smy196914@gmail.com](mailto:smy196914@gmail.com)

**Church Indoor/Outdoor Yard sale** – Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Donations will be accepted downstairs (up to June 10<sup>th</sup>) Contact Robin Delauter for information – 301-639-1206

**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](mailto:GVFB21w@gmail.com). Thank all of you for your continued support!

Currently, the greatest needs are:		
Kid's Cereal	Spaghetti Noodles	Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Beans	Boxed Crackers	Baked Beans

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Woodsboro Seniors' Luncheon Meeting** – On Wednesday, May 21st at 11:30 am. We are planning to go to Oscar's Restaurant, 906 North East Street, Frederick, MD. Invite a friend. If you are interested in going, please call Doris at 301-304-5244. New members are always welcome.

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