



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 14

**August 9, 2026
10:00am**

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Serving God and Community**

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Welcome to Woodsboro 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 Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We are blessed by your presence today.

The August bulletins are given to the glory of God by Joan Chesser.

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

Lay Reader: Mitzi Smith
Recording Assistant: Donna Droneburg
Usher: Mitzi Smith
Flower Coordinator: Jennifer Abrecht

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,

all you who are weary

and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

#763 –My Life Flows On in Endless Song

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 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.

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.”

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

PSALM

Psalms 85:8-13

- 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!”

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL:**

Matthew 14:22-33

Glory to you, O Lord

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.”

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Sean

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

#773 – Precious Lord, Take My Hand

***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**

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.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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.

OUR OFFERING FOR GOD'S WORK

SPECIAL MUSIC

Take a Step (*Jeremy Young*)

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,
we offer the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
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, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

✠ one God,

bless, heal, and hold you

today and always.

Amen.

***SENDING SONG**

#785– When Peace Like a River

***DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

WOODSBORO LUTHERAN PRAYER LIST

Carolyn Abrecht, Arvella (Artie) Anders, Kelli Angleberger,
Shirley Baker, Larry Beard, Mack Burdette, Donna Carbone, Nancy and
Donald Creager, Ruby Darner, Doug Eaves, Shari Eby, Ed Esworthy, Luke
Gavin, Evgeni Gevezovski, Richard Harper, Philip Hockman, Faye Hollaway,
Bob Hyde, Jana Inskeep, Chris Johnson, Tom and Terri Johnson, Barbara
Keyser, Doris Lenhart, Rev. Dale Lind, Cathy Long, Sandy Measell, Mark
Moler, Patrick Moseley, Genie Neugebauer, Darren Poindexter, Marla Potts,
Kevin Riffle, Gary Smith, Greg Smith, Mike Stottlemeyer, Donald and Peggy
Trimmer, Emily Vietti, Jeff Wisner, 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.

Free Community Dinner – The next dinner is August 15th from 5-6:30 cosponsored with St. Pauls's Lutheran Church from 5-6:30. All are welcome so invite your family and friends. Volunteers are always needed. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Sean.

The 2026 Flower Chart is posted in the narthex. Please consider volunteering to furnish flowers for Sunday worship. Contact Jennifer Abrecht 301-606-7518.

Year-to-Date Offerings – Thank you very much for your continued support. The updated year to date offering as of July 28th 2026, is \$85,099.21 with an annual budgeted amount of \$169,000.00. Again, we appreciate your financial contributions and ongoing support. If you would like a copy of the financial statement please contact Robin Rippeon at robinrnest@comcast.net.

Council Meeting TBA - To request a copy of minutes please contact Suzanne Yusko at smy196914@gmail.com. If anyone would like a copy of the financial report, please email Robin Rippeon at robinrnest@comcast.net.

FREE – WELC China – We are cleaning out our cupboards. If you would like some WELC China you are welcome to take as few or as many as you want. The China is on tables in the social hall. It will be available through July and then the remainder will be donated. If you have any questions, please see any council member.

School Supply Drive for New Midway/Woodsboro Elementary School – Deadline is August 16th. Items needed are: No.2 pencils, crayons (24 count), dry erase markers, composition books, index cards, scissors, tissues, inexpensive headphones and ear buds (not Bluetooth).

Caring Closet will be collecting items for their program. August's focus will be on pasta, pasta sauce, hamburger helper (or similar item), instant mashed potatoes, flavored rice packets, individual fruit cups (especially mandarin oranges). Your donations are greatly appreciated.

WLC 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	Spaghetti Noodles	Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Beans	Boxed Crackers	Baked Beans

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Woodsboro Lunch Bunch Meeting – Wednesday, August 19th, at 11:30 am, we are planning to go to China Garden at 506 West Patrick Street, Frederick, MD. Invite a friend. If you are interested in going, please call Doris at 301-676-8742. New members are always welcome.

Use the QR Code to donate to WELC



August Birthdays

1-Aug	Pat Nash
2-Aug	Mary Murphy
7-Aug	Lacey Powell Duncan
8-Aug	Corey Chipley
9-Aug	Samuel (Sam) Myers
11-Aug	Katie Henline
12-Aug	Donald Beall
16-Aug	Pastor Sean DeLawder
19-Aug	David Lenhart
19-Aug	Linda Lookingbill
25-Aug	Jerry Lenhart
30-Aug	Patricia Ramsburg
31-Aug	Shari Lenhart

August Anniversaries

6	Jerry & Tina Lenhart
12	Gary & Mitzi Smith
28	Ken & Susan Stitely

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