

ALL SAINTS DAY

November 1, 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.

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 Ted Droneburg by his wife, Donna Droneburg.

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

Lay Reader: Jennifer Abrecht
Recording Assistant: Donna Droneburg
Usher: Diane Reever
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,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.
Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you. **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG** **#422 –For All the Saints**

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**
Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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 **Revelation 7:9-17**
9 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. 10 They cried out in a loud
voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
11 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, 12 singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and
where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who 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.
15 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.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,

17 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**

PSALM **Psalm 34:1-10, 22**
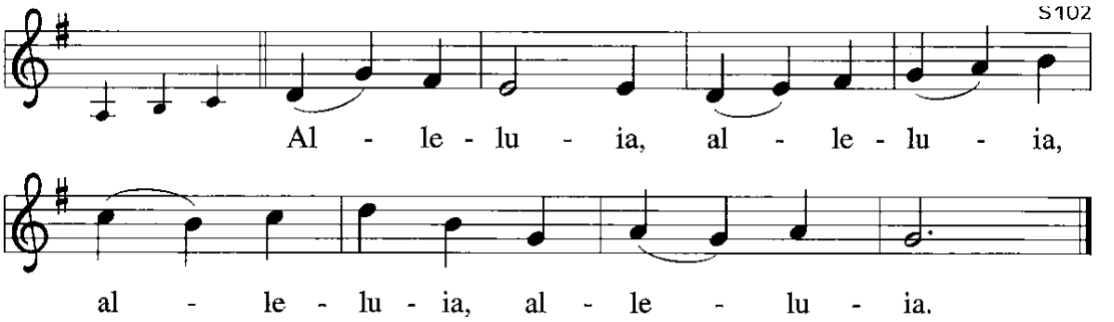
1 I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
2 **I will glory in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.
4 **I sought the LORD, who answered me**
and delivered me from all my terrors.
5 Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me**
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.
8 **Taste and see that the LORD is good;**
happy are they who take refuge in God!
9 Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
10 **The lions are in want and suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
22 O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished

SECOND READING: **1 John 3:1-3**

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.
3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL:** **Matthew 5:1-12**

Glory to you, O Lord

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his
disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of
evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in
heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON **Pastor Sean**

***HYMN OF THE DAY** **#695 – As Saints of Old**

SPECIAL MUSIC **Litany of the Saints**

HONORING OUR SAINTS

Constance Ray Powell - 2022

Gloria J Gladhill - 2023

Robert E Measell - 2024

Robert "Buckwheat" Dixon - 2025

Pauline Flanigan - 2025

Charlotte E Shaffer - 2025

Nancy O Smith - 2025

Bonnie Dixon - 2026

Barbara Trimmer Christie - 2026

***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,
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**
United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Here other intercessions may be offered.

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

OUR OFFERING FOR GOD'S WORK

OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

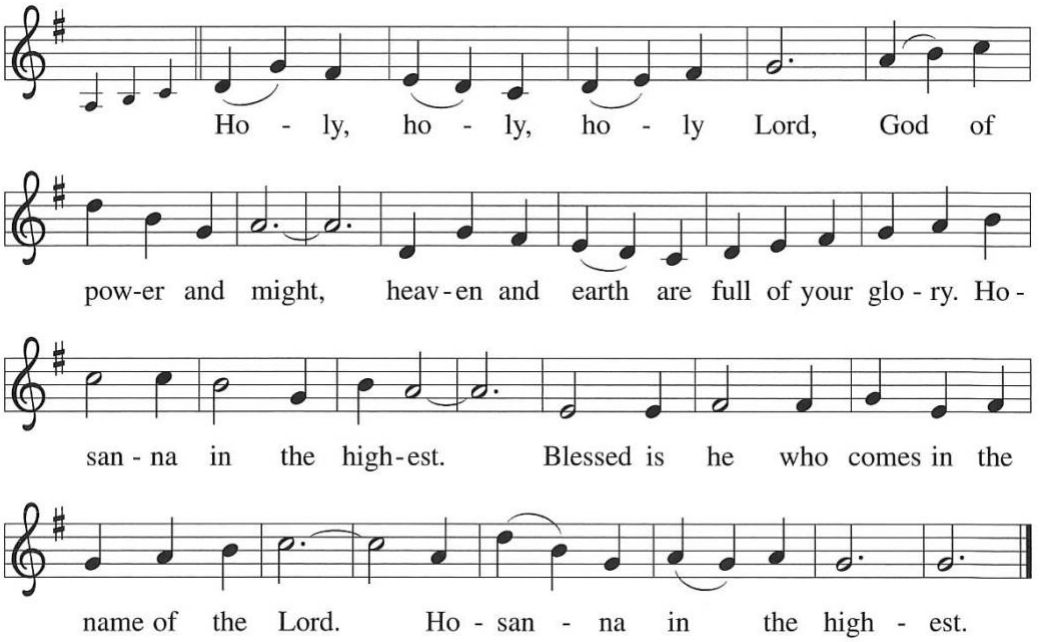
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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**

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION **Pastor Sean**

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

SPECIAL MUSIC **Blest Are They**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

BENEDICTION
The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

***SENDING SONG** **Salvation Belongs to Our God**

***DISMISSAL**
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

WOODSBORO LUTHERAN PRAYER LIST

Carolyn Abrecht, Arvella (Artie) Anders, Kelli Angleberger, Shirley Baker, Larry Beard, Mack Burdette, Donna Carbone, Christie, Donald Creager, Ruby Darner, Doug Eaves, Shari Eby, 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, Patricia Ramsburg, Kevin Riffle, Connie Michaels Sloniger, Gary Smith, Greg Smith, Mike Stottlemyer, Lois Summers, Donald and Peggy Trimmer, Paul 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 November 3rd from5-6:30. All are welcome so invite your family and friends. Volunteers are always needed. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Sean.

Offerings of Gratitude continue through Sunday, November 22nd. Please pick up a jar for your offerings. Thank you.

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 October 26th 2026, is $120,753.67 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 November 17th at 7pm in the conference room. 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.

Caring Closet will be collecting items for their program. November's focus will be on Thanksgiving dinner items - mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, stuffing, gravy, etc. 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, November 18th, at 11:30 am, we are planning to go to El Rancho Restaurant at 111 Walkers Village Way, Walkersville, MD. Invite a friend. If you are interested in going, please call Doris at 301-676-8742. New members are always welcome.

November Birthdays

6-Nov	Rick Lookingbill
8-Nov	Shirley Blank
8-Nov	Sarah Compton
12-Nov	Jacob Ray
16-Nov	Kenneth Smith
18-Nov	David Lenhart
18-Nov	Jacob Reever
21-Nov	Ashley Wisner
22-Nov	Michelle Burns
24-Nov	Reggie Blank
25-Nov	Parker (Boomer) Smith
26-Nov	Ty Lenhart
29-Nov	Jennifer Abrecht
29-Nov	Roger Myers
30-Nov	Joann Houck
30-Nov	Matthew Lenhart

Upcoming Events

Holiday Soup and Sandwich, Friday, November 20th. Order our famous chicken corn soup, chicken salad and/or country ham sandwiches and pick up between noon - 1pm. To order visit our website or call or text Roger Myers at 301.606.5046

Holiday Bazaar, Saturday, November 21st from 9am – 2pm. Come and shop for those Christmas treasures and enjoy breakfast or lunch. Vendor spaces are still available, contact Robin Delauter at 301.639.1206 for more information

Annual Christmas Concert – FREE to the Community. Sunday, December 6th from 6 – 8pm. Directed and Orchestrated by our own Gary Schwartz and Bernadette Harper, this year's concert is planned to be one you don't want to miss. There will be lots of great music and lots of Christmas cookies and snacks

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th. WLC will have two services, a 3pm service and our traditional 9pm Candlelight service with special music. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend

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