

# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
# PROPER 28

**November 15, 2026**
**10:00am**

**Woodsboro Lutheran Church**
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**Serving God and Community**

**Reverend Sean DeLawder**

**Bernadette Harper and Gary Schwartz, Music Directors**



## 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 Robert Compton by his wife, Donna Droneburg.***

***Today's altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of our son Matthew's 30th birthday on November 30th; our granddaughter Madison Ott's 18th birthday on November 12th; and our grandson Owen Ott's 14th birthday on November 24th, by Cheryl and Bob Lenhart.***

**Lay Reader: Robin Rippeon**
**Recording Assistant: Donna Droneburg**
**Usher: Robin Rippeon**
**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 #707 –Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**

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**
**Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST READING Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD,
for the day of the LORD is at hand!
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,

a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

**PSALM** **Psalm 90:1-12**

1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,**
**from age to age you are God.**
3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past**
**and like a watch in the night;**
5 you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is green and flourishes;**
**in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
7 For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have set before you,**

**and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**
9 When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
10 **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;**
**yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**
11 Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?
12 **So teach us to number our days**
**that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will
come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden
destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there
will be no escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to
surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are
not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us
keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk
get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the
breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has
destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who
died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore
encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**




***GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON** **Pastor Sean**

***HYMN OF THE DAY** **#726 – Light Dawns on a Weary World**

***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.*

You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing. God, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. 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**

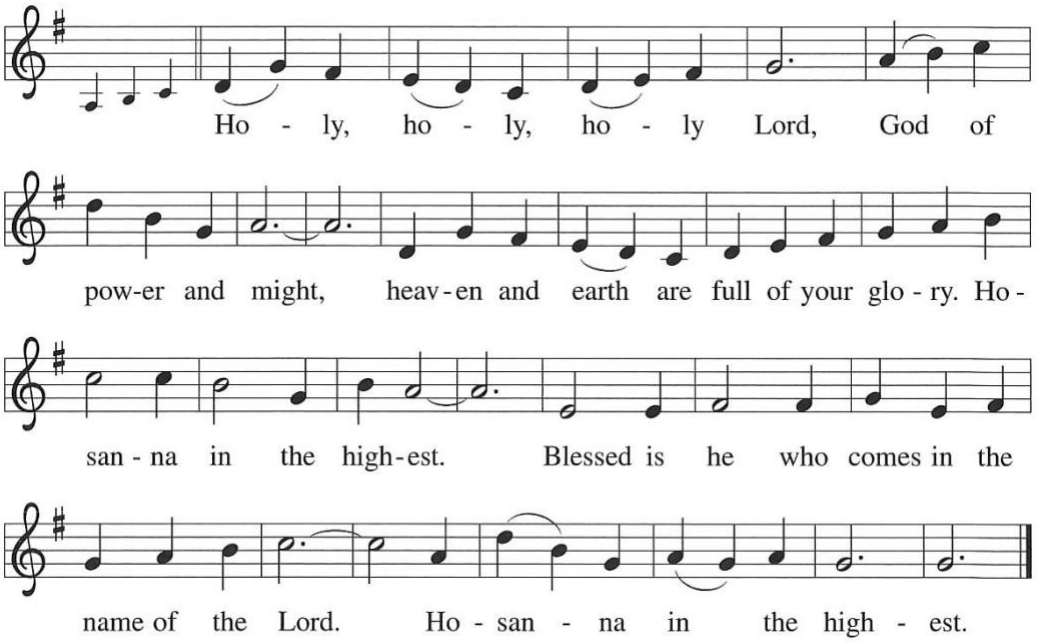
**OFFERING PRAYER**
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
**Amen.**

**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**

**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** **#890 – Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory**

***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, Mitzi 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 - Dinner with Santa!** December 1st from5-6:30. All are welcome so invite your family and friends. Volunteers are always needed. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Sean.

**Soup and sandwich Prep work** will take place on Thursday, the 19th and Friday the 20th. Volunteers are needed on Thursday to peel and dice vegetables, pull chicken and make chicken salad sandwiches. Chicken will be ready to be pulled by 9:30.

On Friday the Chicken corn soup will be made and volunteers are needed by 8am to help prepare the soup and then dip into containers.

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

**Mitten Tree for the Holiday Toy Shoppe** - All toys, clothing, and gift cards are due by Sunday, November 29 at the church, unless you plan to deliver them to St. Timothy's Catholic Church on Monday, November 29 between 7:30-9:00 pm. Please read all directions on how to buy and package each gift. Make sure the mitten or snowman is fastened to each. Thank you for your continued support.

**Decorating the Church – November 16th from 3-5pm.** The church will be decorated early for Christmas this year so that it is decorated for the Holiday Bazaar. If you would like to help to decorate please join us. Everyone is welcome!

**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 24th 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:** | | |
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| **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**

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| 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**

**Use the QR Code to donate to WELC**

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