

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 22, 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 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 in loving memory of Robert Compton on his birthday, November 24th, by his wife Donna Droneburg, his daughters, Holly Stottlemyer and Sarah Compton and grandson, Tyler Marcus.

Lay Reader: Jennifer Abrecht
Recording Assistant: Donna Droneburg
Usher: Diane Reever
Flower Coordinator: Jennifer Abrecht

NOVEMBER 22, 2026
Christ the King Sunday

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 #634 –All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

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 power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As
shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my
sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day
of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them
from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the
mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will
feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture;
there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the
mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie
down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will
bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will
destroy. I will feed them with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat
sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all
the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my
flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he
shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my
servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

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

PSALM **Psalm 95:1-7a**

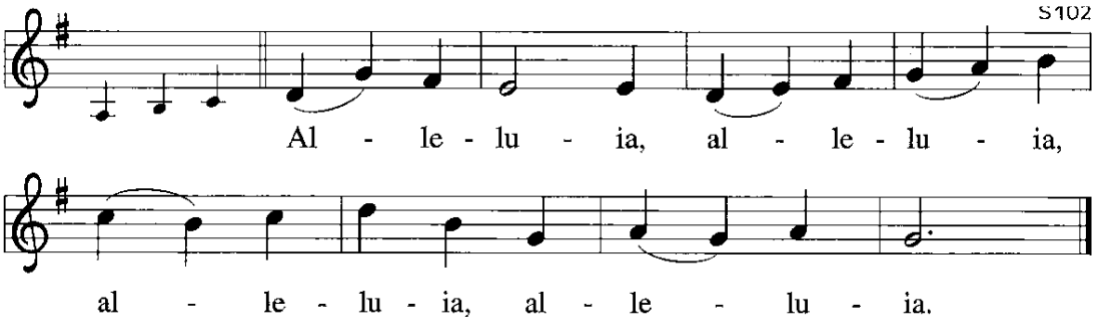
1 Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
2 **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.
3 For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
4 **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are also yours.
5 The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
6 **Come, let us worship and bow down,**
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
7a For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

SECOND READING: **Ephesians 1:15-23**

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46**

Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the
angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be
gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the
goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are
blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the
world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me
something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave
me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'
37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and
gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we
saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was
it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them,
'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine,
you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed,
depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was
hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was
a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and
in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that
we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take
care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to
one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal
punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON **Pastor Sean**

***HYMN OF THE DAY** **#434 – Jesus Shall Reign**

***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**

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

A brief silence.

Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.
All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Here other intercessions may be offered.

Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. 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.

BLESSING OF THE OFFEINGS OF GRATITUDE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OUR OFFERING FOR GOD'S WORK

SPECIAL MUSIC **The King of Glory**

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

***SENDING SONG** **#430– Rejoice for Christ is King**

***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, Wayne Rippeon, 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.

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.

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:		
Kid's Cereal	**Spaghetti Noodles**	**Spaghetti Sauce**
Canned Beans	**Boxed Crackers**	**Baked Beans**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Woodsboro Lunch Bunch Meeting – Wednesday, December 16th, at 11:30 am, we are planning to go to Mountain Gate Restaurant at 133 Frederick Road, Thurmont, 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

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

Caroling at Bell Court, Tuesday, December 8th. Meet at the Bell's Court Community Room at 6pm. All are welcome.

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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