

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 27

November 8, 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 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: Cheryl Lenhart
Recording Assistant: Donna Droneburg
Usher: Mitzi Smith
Flower Coordinator: Jennifer Abrecht

NOVEMBER 8, 2026
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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** **#244 –Rejoice! Rejoice Believers**

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 justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING **Amos 5:18-24**

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

PSALM **Psalm 70**

[1] Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
[2] **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
[4] **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"
[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING: **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

[13] We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL:** **Matthew 25:1-13**

Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON **Pastor Sean**

***HYMN OF THE DAY** **#638 – Blessed Assurance**

***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.

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Here other intercessions may be offered.

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. 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

SPECIAL MUSIC **Thy Word**

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** **#327– Through the Night of Doubt or Sorrow**

***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, 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 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.

The 2026 Flower Chart is posted in the narthex. Please consider volunteering to furnish flowers for Sunday worship. Contact Michelle Burns 301-788-7734 or Suzanne Yusko 301-471-1539.

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 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.

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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