Good Soil Lutheran Ministries

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



2nd Sunday after Pentecost/Imago Dei Sunday June 2nd, 2024 9:30 am



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<u>Welcome</u>

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

For Parents with Children

Good Soil loves kids and the "holy noise" they bring! Your children are warmly welcome in worship. Sing, pray, and respond; your children will learn by worshiping with you. There's also a "prayground" area in the back of the sanctuary and a nursery/cry room behind that on the back left side. We pray that worshiping together as a family is a meaningful experience!

For Those Needing Hearing Assistance

Please ask an usher about our hearing assistance devices to enhance your worship experience.

Holy Communion

Christ is truly present with us in worship and through this meal. All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion here at Good Soil. Children may commune with elements or receive a blessing depending on parent/guardian preference. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

Bulletin Key Bold Font – Spoken by the Congregation Regular Font – Spoken by the Pastor or Worship Assistant † – Please stand as you are able, in body or spirit.

2nd Sunday after Pentecost/Imago Dei Sunday

In the beginning, when God breathed the breath of life in us, God blessed us & called us very good. On Imago Dei Sunday, we celebrate that all are created in the image of God. We cry out for justice & rejoice in the beauty of our embodied selves. We imagine new ways of loving ourselves and our neighbors. Through the gospel, Jesus shows us that all are beloved of God & deserve wholeness, dignity, and respect at all times & in all places.

Cathaving
<u>Gathering</u> The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
Prelude and Welcome
 † Call to Worship Source of Life, in the beginning, you made us and called us beloved. When we forget how to love, you remind us we are beloved. When the powers of the world try to oppress, you name us beloved. When people use condemning language for your children, you claim all of us beloved. We are your beloved, and today we sing your praises, Amen.
† Gathering Hymn: Morning Has Broken (ELW 556)
 Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning, God's recreation of the new day! Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965 Text © Miss E. Farjeon Will Trust, by permission of David Higham Associates

The assembly and presiding minister	† Greeting
greet one another. (scriptural reference: 2 Corinthians)	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.
	† Hymn of Praise: Now the Feast and Celebration (ELW 167)
	<i>Refrain</i> : Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!
	 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. <i>Refrain</i>
	2 Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. <i>Refrain</i>
	 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new. <i>Refrain</i>
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The Prayer of the	† Prayer of the Day
Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.	Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Renew our hearts daily so that we recognize your belovedness in ourselves and in one another. Remind us that we are made in your image and restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
	<u>The Word</u> God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.
	First Reading: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
	¹ Lord, you have searched me out; O Lord, you have known me. ² You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

	
	 ³You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. ⁵You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it. ¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well. ¹⁵My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be. ¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them! ¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours. Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God.
We welcome the gospel by singing the Gospel Acclamation. We rise, if able, in anticipation of Christ being revealed to us through the Living Word of the Gospel.	† Gospel Acclamation: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Repeat alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter - nal life.

† Gospel: Mark 2:23-3:6

Before and after the reading of the Gospel, we give thanks and praise to Jesus Christ, who is revealed to us through the Gospel reading

To put this gospel reading into context:

Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.

The holy Gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

²³One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." ²⁷Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

^{3:1}Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

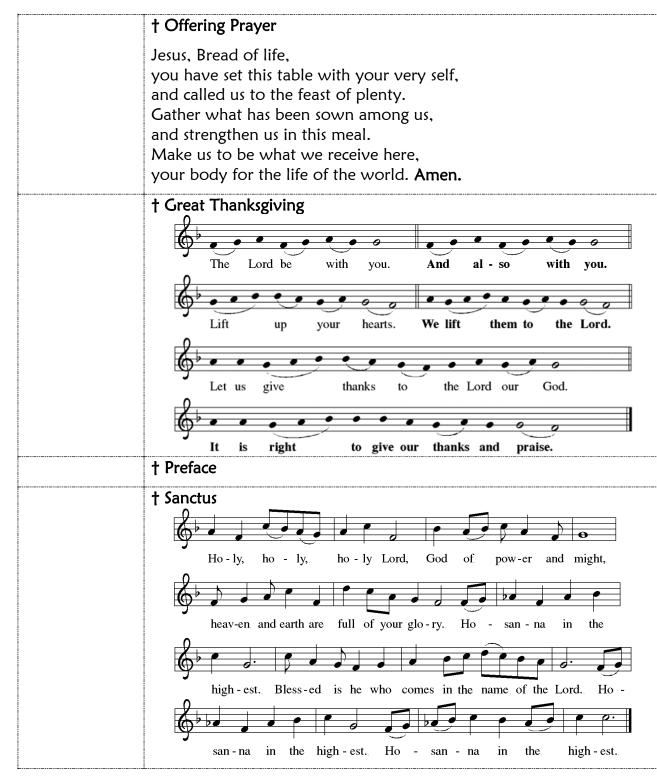
Children's Sermon

Sunday School is on summer break! Young children are welcome to remain in the sanctuary during the sermon or go to the "learn and grow in faith" area (nursery room at the end of the hall on the east side of the building). Children must be supervised by an adult.

	Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison
	Silence for Reflection.
	<i>Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You're invited to reflect on the following question:</i>
	Think of a word, phrase, or image that reminds you that you are beloved (ex: a precious memory, a loved one, a nickname, a gift God has given you, etc.). Adopt this as a focus word for the month of June. How will you use this focus word to remind you of your belovedness? How will you use it to remind others of their belovedness to God?
The Hymn of the	† Hymn of the Day: All Are Welcome (ELW 641) ν. 1, 3-5
Day is the assembly's proclaimed response to the sermon—making the sermon event a mutual conversation of faith.	 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
	<i>Refrain:</i> All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
	 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: <i>Refrain</i>
	 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: <i>Refrain</i>

	 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: <i>Refrain</i> Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950 Text © 1994 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638.
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As the church,	† Prayers of Intercession
we pray for those in our	We pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.
<i>community and around the</i>	A brief silence.
world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our own	We come with joyful hearts for the gift of diversity and bodies of all colors, sizes, and genders. For the gift of love and different ways in which we can love one another. For the gift of community and families that extend beyond biology. Merciful God, receive our prayer .
participation. Each petition addresses a different topic, often in the same pattern: + The Church + Creation + Nations and leaders +Those in need + This faith community + The great cloud of witnesses/those now resting with God	We come with broken hearts for a society that makes tiny boxes and wants us all to fit in them. For love that is conditional and asks us to be who we aren't. For relatives and friends that don't honor our full selves or who forget us when we need them. Merciful God, receive our prayer .
	We come with repentant hearts for the ways we participate in systems and structures that cause harm to your creation and to one another. We pray for all impacted by war and natural disasters, especially the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Haiti, and those experiencing insufferable heat in southern Asia. Merciful God, receive our prayer.
	We come with prayerful hearts for all who need to feel your great love or who are in need of healing. We pray especially for Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Barbins of the Northeastern Ohio Synod, Helen, Gail, Carl, Pam, Mary Lou, Joe, Tim, Frank D., Frank & Vicki, friends & family of Pr. Daryl, Kate, family & friends of Mark, especially his sisters, Susan, Rich, Shawn, Archer, Jim P., Ruth, Steve, Dick, Mindy, Kristina, family & friends of Sandy, Jeanette, Khams & his

	 people & family in Manipur, India and all those we name aloud or in our hearts. Merciful God, receive our prayer. We come with thankful hearts for strength and courage to be and exist in this world as we are. For dreams of new ways to dismantle oppression and prejudice. For love and hope knowing a different world is possible. For the promise of eternal life with you that starts now. Merciful God, receive our prayer. Receive our prayers, O God, through the power of your Holy Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.
A practice of the ancient church, we recognize Christ's peace in each other & share it together.	† Passing of the Peace To celebrate that we are all loved, forgiven, embraced, and cherished by God, I invite you to pass the peace of Christ to one another with a blessing: "You are beloved." Let us share the peace of God with one another and those online. "You are beloved!"
God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God & support the ministry of the church.	The MealOfferingGod feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, & youroffering makes that possible. Help Good Soil continue making an impactby giving today by using the QR code or at https://tinyurl.com/drtvut77 Aim your phone camera at the QR code, but don't take a picture. A linkwill appear to click on that will take you to Good Soil's support page.
The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.	 † Offering Hymn: Praise to You O God of Mercy, ELW 208 v. 1 & 2 1 Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever! Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever! 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you forever! Truth and justice you have taught us: thanks be to you forever!
	<i>Ending:</i> Thanks be to you forever! Text: <i>Now the Feast and Celebration</i> , Marty Haugen, b. 1950 Text © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.



	† Words of Institution	
The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.	† Lord's Prayer Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus first taught us Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdou come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this da our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those wh trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.	
	† Invitation to the Table	
	Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!	
	Communion	
	Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil.	
	Children are welcome to come to the Lord's table for communion or for a blessing, depending on parent/guardian's preference.	
	When you receive the elements, you are invited to respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."	
	Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding up front. You are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail.	
	Gluten-free bread is available on request. The wine (red) is in the outer rings of the tray, the grape juice (white) is in the center. Communion cups can be returned at the end tables on your way back to your seat.	
	Communion Hymn: God of the Sparrow (ELW 740)	
	 God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say Praise 	
	 God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast How does the creature say Woe 	

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	 God the source of all we eat: you are host at ev'ry table, we are hungry; feed us now. 4 God the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth, God the table-turning prophet, God the resurrected truth: you are present ev'ry moment,
	we are searching; meet us now.
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	† Post-Communion Table Blessing
	Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.
	<u>The Sending</u> God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.
	Blessing of Graduates
	Matthew Molnar, <i>Perspectives Academy</i> Andrew Sykaluk, <i>Cuyahoga Community College</i> Allan Wylie, <i>Westlake High School</i>
	† Blessing
	The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. Amen.
Through the	† Sending Hymn: Canticle of Turning (ELW 723)
sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.	 My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn. 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. Refrain 3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne. The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. Refrain 4 Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast: God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp. This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. Refrain The dimissal sendy to erwer. Worship has ended, & our service begind t Dismissal Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God. Manne. Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.		
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You are warmly invited to gather upstairs in the lounge for a special coffee fellowship honoring our graduates following worship. Then downstairs in the fellowship hall for the Lunch & Learn featuring the movie "1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture."

Today's Worship Servants:

Livestream: Joe Lanter	Reader: Michael Wancata
Ushers: Bill & Darlene Wahl	Counters: Michael Wancata & Joe Lanter
Online Usher: Dave Blocksom	Acolyte: TJ Lanter



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, June 2, 2024

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Barbins of the NEO Synod, Helen Andrews, Gail Boggs, Carl Bruns, Pam Bruns, Mary Lou Busby, Tim Chiang, Frank Dunaway, Joe Forshey, family & friends of Joe Gray, Frank & Vicki, family & friends of Daryl Hanson, Kate Labuda, family & friends of Mark- especially his sisters, family & friends of Char Mattson, Susan Omerod, Shawn O'Neil, Archer Oster, Jim P., Ruth Patrick, Steve Patrick, Rich Petrusky, Dick Schluep, Mindy S., Kristina Seeley, family & friends of Sandy Towberman, Jeanette Weidlich, Khams Zotal & his family & people of Manipur, India, & the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, & Haiti.

For those celebrating birthdays: Steve Regan (6/3).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Pr. Marissa & Trey Harrison (6/4) & Larry & Chris Jacobson (6/5).

For those celebrating baptism anniversaries: David Paine (6/4), Brynn Carlson (6/6), & Ed Fink (6/8).

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the Glory of God in honor of Larry & Chris Jacobson's anniversary and Allan Wylie's graduation.

Flower Sign-Up- Interested in signing up to adorn Christ's altar with flowers for worship? You can sign up with the flower list on the bulletin board in the hallway or online using this QR code. <u>Please note</u>: The physical flower list on the bulletin board has first priority. Best efforts will be made to ensure the



digital calendar reflects the physical one, but if you happen to digitally sign-up for a date that is already taken on the physical sheet, you will be contacted to reschedule.

June 2, Screening of 1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture. A feature documentary that follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. It chronicles the discovery of never-before-seen archives at Yale University which unveil astonishing new revelations, & casts significant doubt on any biblical basis for LGBTQIA+ prejudice. Featuring commentary from prominent scholars as well as opposing pastors, including the personal stories of the film's creators, 1946 is at once challenging, enlightening, & inspiring. Lunch and snack provided. Open to the public.

Newsletter- Want to keep up with the latest Good Soil news or share the e-news with a friend? Sign up for or share our newsletter *Seeds* with this QR code to the right or this URL: <u>https://tinyurl.com/bddjk7yp</u> The final e-news edition before summer break will be 6/14.



Annual Congregation Meeting 6/9 immediately after worship we will celebrate the ministry of the 2023-2024 program year & elect new council members. Not sure if you are a voting member? Contact admin@goodsoillutheran.org for more info.

Suburban Cooperative Nursery School has been successfully educating westside preschoolers since 1961. They're now enrolling for Fall with openings in the age 3 preschool program and the age 4 Pre-K program. For more info or to schedule a tour, call 440-331-9929, email <u>suburbancoop@gmail.com</u>, or visit <u>www.suburbancooperative.com</u>

Calendar of Events		
Date	Event	Time
Sun, Jun 2	In-Person and Livestream Worship: Graduate Sunday	9:30 am
	1946 Movie screening and discussion	11:00 am
Sun, Jun 9	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am
	Annual Meeting to celebrate the ministry of the 2023-	10:30 am
	2024 program year and vote on new council members	
Sun, Jun 16	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am
	Father's Day Fellowship/Coffee Hour	10:30 am
Sun Jun 23	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am