## Good Soil Lutheran Ministries

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



Holy Trinity Sunday May 24th, 2024 9:30 am



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#### Welcome

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.

## Holy Trinity Sunday

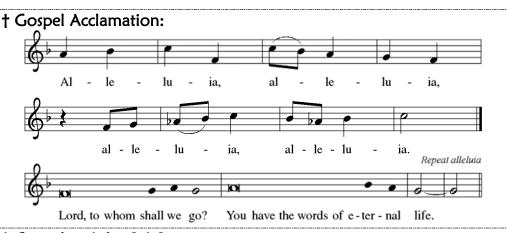
When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

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	Gathering The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.  Prelude and Welcome		
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	† Call to Worship		
	God our Creator, we call You Father, Mother, Author of Life: Draw us closer to You, O God.		
	Christ our Savior, we call You the Son, the Messiah, the One who Saves: Draw us closer to You, O God.		
	Holy Spirit, we call You the Advocate, the Inspirer, Breath and Wind of God: <b>Draw us closer to You, O God.</b>		
	Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory: <b>Draw us closer to You, O God.</b>		
	Draw us in, Spirit, Christ and Creator, that we might journey with You more fully and deeply, in this life and beyond. Amen.		
	† Gathering Hymn: Come, Join the Dance of the Trinity (ELW 412)		
	1 Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun—		
	the interweaving of the Three,		
	the Father, Spirit, Son. The universe of space and time		
	did not arise by chance, but as the Three, in love and hope,		
	made room within their dance.		
	2 Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;		
	then bloodied by a crown of thorns		
	outside Jerusalem. The dance of Trinity is meant		
	The dance of finity is medit		

	for human flesh and bone; when fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.
	3 Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name. We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth; go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
	4 Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun, we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son. Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free, to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.  Text Richard Leach b1953 Text©2001 Selah Publishing Co Inc selahpub.com All rights reserved. Used by permission.
The assembly and	† Greeting
presiding minister 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.
Along with the return of the	† Hymn of Praise: Now the Feast and Celebration (ELW 167)
Alleluia, the Hymn of Praise returns on Easter Sunday to signify the joy of the resurrection.	Refrain: Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!
	1 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>

	3 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	† Prayer of the Day	
the Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.	Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.	
	<u>The Word</u>	
	God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.	
	New Testament Reading: Romans 8:12-17	
	To put this reading into context:	
	In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.	
	Hear now the reading.	
	<sup>12</sup> Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— <sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.	
	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.



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

## † Gospel: John 3:1-9

To put this gospel reading into context:

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⑦Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ®The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

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.
	Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You're invited to reflect on the following question:
	Nicodemus asks, "How can these things be?" The concept of the Trinity is a mystery. What other "mysteries of God" do you wonder about? Who could you talk with about those?
	† Hymn of the Day: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty (ELW 413)
	1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
	2 Holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
	3 Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
	4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
	Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.
As the church, we pray for	† Prayers of Intercession

those in our community and around the world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our own participation. addresses a

Each petition 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

ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

faith and teach us to honor our shared humanity. Merciful God, receive our prayer. Your love and power burst forth in the flashes of lightning, the dance of the wind, and the deeply rooted trees of the forest. Sustain fragile and interconnected ecosystems, that they flourish for generations to come. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities,

Abba God, you have brought us into your family, claiming us as

beloved children. Bless your family of faith with gifts of cooperation

and graciousness. Increase our hospitality toward all expressions of

Give your blessing of peace to the nations. Shelter all who risk life and livelihood to protect others from violence, conflict, and injustice. On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who have lost their lives in war and conflict. Be especially with the people of Ukraine,

Russia, Israel, Palestine, and Haiti. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

all who struggle with shame, regret, or questions of self-worth. Teach us to forgive ourselves and one another. Restore wholeness to all who seek hope and 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., family & friends

You are a God of love and not of condemnation. Quiet the hearts of

of Joe, Frank & Vicki, Daryl, Kate, family & friends of Mark, especially his sisters, family & friends of Char, Susan, Rich, Shawn, Archer, Jim P., Ruth, Steve, Dick, Mindy, Kristina, Sandy, Jeanette, Khams & his people & family in Manipur, India... & all those we name aloud or in our hearts. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

The Spirit bears grateful witness to all children of God who have now come into their inheritance among the saints. As they lived with hope in your gift of eternal life, so strengthen us in faith, that we recognize your eternal presence even in this mortal life. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

	Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.	
A practice of the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace in one another and share it together.	† Passing of the Peace  The Peace of Christ be with you always And also with you.  The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you" sharing the peace of Christ with one another in a no-touch or low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.	
God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God & support the ministry of the church.	The Meal Offering God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.  God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, & your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil continue making an impact by giving today by using the QR code or at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/drtvut77">https://tinyurl.com/drtvut77</a> Aim your phone camera at the QR code, but don't take a picture. A link will 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!  Ending: Thanks be to you forever!  Text: Now the Feast and Celebration, 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.	
	† Offering Prayer  Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us,	

and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here. your body for the life of the world. Amen. † Great Thanksgiving Lord be with al - so with you. The you. And Lift your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. up Let us give thanks the Lord our God. to right thanks and It is to give our praise. † Preface † Sanctus Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of. pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Но the in Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. high - est. the high - est. Но the. high - est. san - na in † Words of Institution The Lord's † Lord's Prayer Prayer is Jesus' Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus first taught us: response to his

disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.	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, 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: Holy God, We Praise Your Name (ELW 414)		
	1 Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you. All on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you. Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.		
	2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:		

- "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"
- 3 Lo, the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow; and from morn to set of sun through the church the song goes on.
- 4 Holy Father, holy Son,
  Holy Spirit, three we name you,
  though in essence only one;
  undivided God we claim you
  and, adoring, bend the knee
  while we own the mystery.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900

## Communion Hymn: As the Grains of Wheat (ELW 465)

Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

- 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. Refrain
- 2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

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### † Post-Communion Table Blessing

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

	The Sending
	God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.
	† Blessing
	The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. <b>Amen.</b>
Through the	† Sending Hymn: What a Fellowship What a Joy Divine (ELW 774)
sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.	1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
	Refrain: Leaning, leaning, (Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,) safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, (leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,) leaning on the everlasting arms.
	2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. <i>Refrain</i>
	3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. <i>Refrain</i>
	Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929
The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body: fed, nourished, & ready to serve. Worship has ended, & our service begins!	† Dismissal  Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  Thanks be to God.
	Postlude

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## Coffee Fellowship is on Summer Break this week!

#### Today's Worship Servants:

Livestream: Michael Wancata	Reader: Paula Maeder Connor	
Ushers: Mark Liston & Bill Fink	Counters: Mary Kay Liston & Ellen Young	
Online Usher: Ellen Young	Acolyte: George Young	

## Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, May 26, 2024

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Barbins of the Northeastern Ohio 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, 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, Sandy Towberman, Jeanette Weidlich, Khams Zotal & his family & people of Manipur, India, & the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, & Haiti.

For those celebrating birthdays: Dave Connor (5/26), Linda Beebe (5/29), Mandy Forshey (5/29), & Jason Mattson (6/1).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Alex & Abby Alusheff (5/29).

For those celebrating baptism anniversaries: Isaac Krankowski (5/29), Kaitlyn Regan (5/29), Chuck Mosberger (5/31), Laura O'Neil (6/1), & Loxi Verdova (6/1).

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the Glory of God in honor of Dave Connor and Greer Connor's birthdays.

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. Please note: 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.

March with Good Soil in the 2024 Pride Parade on 6/1. We'll assemble at Public Square between 10 & 11 am, & the parade starts at 11. The ~ 1 mi. route ends at Mall B & C with booths & activities. Info on exactly where to assemble will be in Seeds on 5/31. E-mail Kirsten Reading (klreading@ameritech.net) if you are interested in carpooling, & call or text her at 216-905-5535 the day of if you need help finding the group or have questions.

**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: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/bddjk7yp">https://tinyurl.com/bddjk7yp</a>



Shop for Free at Good Soil's Craft & Office Supply FREE MARKET! Every Sunday in May, a Free Market of 100s of excess arts & crafts supplies, paper, ribbon, chalk, office supplies & ad hoc items will be displayed in a room on the north side of the basement education wing. The Free Market will open about 10 min. after Sunday services & close by 11:30. *Questions? Contact JoAnne Wancata* (440-655-3674) or Chris Jacobson (440-241-4291).

**Annual Congregation Meeting on 6/9** where we will celebrate the ministry of the 2023-2024 program year and 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 <a href="mailto:suburbancoop@gmail.com">suburbancoop@gmail.com</a>, or visit <a href="www.suburbancooperative.com">www.suburbancooperative.com</a>

Paving the Way (for more ministry) Campaign- It's time to replace Good Soil's parking lot with one that is sleek, safe, & provides a good impression of our faith community! This project also includes connecting water & electricity to the grassy back lot area to support future possibilities and ministry on that land. There's been an outpouring of generosity, & after just TWO WEEKS we met our congregational goal of \$20k, amen! Every dollar beyond our \$20k goal will continue to go toward offsetting the cost of this project (over \$100k). Your gift can be made as a lump sum payment, or in a series of increments. Funds due by 9/1. Thank you for your generosity!

Paving The Way: Pledge Level Summary			
# of Intents	Pledge Level	Total Pledged	
1	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	
3	\$2,500.00	\$7,500.00	
1	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
4	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00	
1	\$900.00	\$900.00	
1	\$750.00	\$750.00	
2	\$600.00	\$1,200.00	
1	\$550.00	\$550.00	
5	\$500.00	\$2,500.00	
2	\$400.00	\$800.00	
6	\$300.00	\$1,800.00	
3	\$250.00	\$750.00	
3	\$200.00	\$600.00	
1	\$160.00	\$160.00	
1	\$150.00	\$150.00	
6	\$100.00	\$600.00	
1	\$70.00	\$70.00	
1	\$25.00	\$25.00	
1	\$10.00	\$10.00	
44		\$27,865.00	



Calendar of Events		
Date	Event	Time
Sun, May 26	In-Person and Livestream Worship: Holy Trinity Sunday	9:30 am
Sat, Jun 1	Ladies Breakfast @ Gene's Place to Dine	9:00 am
	CLE Pride Parade	11:00 am
	Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly	
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	