

Good Soil Lutheran Ministries  
*Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve*



5th Sunday after Pentecost  
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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.

## 5th Sunday after Pentecost

*When we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; Jesus is here with us, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.*

### Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

#### **Prelude and Welcome**

*In the Confession and Forgiveness, we are drawn by God's mercy to prepare to assemble around the Word and Sacrament. It may be seen as a return to the gift of Baptism through repentance.*

#### **† Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider, **help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

† **Gathering Hymn: When Peace Like a River (ELW 785)**

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain:* It is well (it is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul,)  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

*The assembly and  
presiding minister  
greet one another.  
(scripture reference:  
2 Corinth.)*

† **Greeting**

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)**

*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. *Refrain*

2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,  
all honor and glory to Christ forever. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us,  
to make us people of God;  
to make all things new. *Refrain*

*The Prayer of the Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.*

## † Prayer of the Day

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### The Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

#### **First Reading: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32**

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble

<sup>3</sup>and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

<sup>23</sup>Some went down to the sea in ships,  
doing business on the mighty waters;

<sup>24</sup>they saw the deeds of the LORD,  
his wondrous works in the deep.

<sup>25</sup>For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,  
which lifted up the waves of the sea.

<sup>26</sup>They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths;  
their courage melted away in their calamity;

<sup>27</sup>they reeled and staggered like drunkards,  
and were at their wits' end.

<sup>28</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he brought them out from their distress;

<sup>29</sup>he made the storm be still,  
and the waves of the sea were hushed.

<sup>30</sup>Then they were glad because they had quiet,  
and he brought them to their desired haven.

<sup>31</sup>Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.

<sup>32</sup>Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,

and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

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. *Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*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: Mark 4:35-41**

To put this gospel reading into context:

*Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil & chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.*

The holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey 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 & 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:*

*When was a time in your life when Jesus carried you through a storm, literally or figuratively? How did you feel sustained or supported by God's love through that time?*

*The Hymn of the Day is the assembly's proclaimed response to the sermon—making the sermon event a mutual conversation of faith.*

## † Hymn of the Day: Eternal Father, Strong to Save (ELW 756)

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.
- 2 O Savior, whose almighty word  
the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walked upon the foaming deep,  
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.
- 3 O Holy Spirit, who didst brood  
upon the chaos dark and rude,  
and bid its angry tumult cease,  
and give, for wild confusion, peace:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.
- 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour

from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee  
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.

## Installation of 2024-2025 Council

Kathy Aloï  
Abby Alusheff  
Bill Fink  
Jennifer Krankowski  
Evan Paine  
Beau Reddington  
Sarah Sburlea  
Bill Wahl  
Ellen Young

*As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the world.*

*The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our own participation.*

*Each petition addresses a different topic, often in the same pattern:*

*+ The Church  
+ Creation  
+ Nations and leaders  
+ Those in need  
+ This faith community*

## † Prayers of Intercession

We pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.


*A brief silence.*

Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In whirlwinds of division, violence, & conflict, remind us that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, & community organizers when they feel weary in their work. We pray for all impacted by war, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Haiti, & India. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**



<p><i>+ The great cloud of witnesses/those now resting with God</i></p>	<p>Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling. Grant consolation &amp; peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. We pray especially for Bishop Eaton, Bishop Barbins, Helen, Gail, Carl, Pam, Mary Lou, Tim, Brenna, Frank D, Joe, Erika, Kate, Chuck, Susan, Rich, Shawn, Archer, Jim P, Ruth, Steve, Dick, Mindy, Kristina, Jeanette, family &amp; friends of Kathy, Khams &amp; his people &amp; family in Manipur... &amp; all those we name aloud or in our hearts. Merciful God, <b>receive our prayer.</b></p> <p>Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God, <b>receive our prayer.</b></p> <p>Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. Merciful God, <b>receive our prayer.</b></p> <p>Receive our prayers, O God, through the power of your Holy Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. <b>Amen.</b></p>
<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, we recognize Christ's peace in each other &amp; share it together.</i></p>	<p><b>† Passing of the Peace</b></p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always <b>And also with you.</b></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
<p><i>God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God &amp; support the ministry of the church.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>The Meal</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p><b>Offering</b></p> <p>God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, &amp; 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></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> 

*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!

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## † 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

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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

## † Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## † 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 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: Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak (ELW 676)**

- 1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak  
in living echoes of your tone;  
as you have sought, so let us seek  
your straying children, lost and lone.
- 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead  
the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;  
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed  
your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.
- 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach  
the precious truths which you impart;  
and wing our words, that they may reach  
the hidden depths of many a heart.
- 4 Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,  
until our very hearts o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word,  
your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

**Communion Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand (ELW 773)**

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light:

*Refrain:* Take my hand, precious Lord,  
lead me home.

- 2 When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near,

When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call,  
Hold my hand lest I fall: *Refrain*

- 3 When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand,  
Guide my feet, hold my hand: *Refrain*

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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.**

### 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. **Amen.**

*Through the  
sending hymn  
we are sent out  
into the world to  
follow Jesus.*

### † Sending Hymn: My Life Flows on in Endless Song (ELW 763)

- 1 My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

*Refrain:* No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

- 2 Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!

All things are mine since I am his!  
 How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

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*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 hour is on summer break!*

**Today's Worship Servants:**

Livestream: Isaac Krankowski	Reader: David Paine
Ushers: Anne Paine & Stan Zeager	Counters: Kirsten Reading & Stan Zeager
Online Usher: Kathy Berkshire	Acolyte: Amelia Forshey



**Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, June 23, 2024**

**Especially in our prayers:** Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Barbins of the NEO Synod, Helen Andrews, Gail Boggs, Carl Bruns, Pam Bruns, Mary Lou Busby, Tim Chiang, Brenna Connor, Frank Dunaway, Joe Forshey, Kate Labuda, Chuck Mosberger, Susan Omerod, Shawn O'Neil, Archer Oster, Jim P., Ruth Patrick, Steve Patrick, Rich Petrusky, Erika Ramirez-Korzep, Dick Schlupe, Mindy S., Kristina Seeley, Jeanette Weidlich, family & friends of Kathy Whiley, Khams Zotal & his family & people of Manipur, & the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Haiti & India.

**For those celebrating anniversaries:** Mike & Ariel Benewiat (6/23), Mark & Mary Kay Liston (6/23), & Sharon & Steve Regan (6/24).

**The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the Glory of God Mark & Mary Kay Liston's anniversary.**

**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.



**Lakewood Community Outreach Every 3rd Sat.-** Want to share God's love in a tangible way & help feed neighbors in our community? Our friends in Lakewood are seeking additional volunteers to assist with their summer produce distribution. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 9am to help prep food in the parking lot of Lakewood Congregational Church (1375 W Clifton Blvd). You can also help by donating plastic bags (bin located under the coat rack in the hallway) and praying for this ministry. Thanks for your support!

**Newsletter-** Want to keep up with news at Good Soil or share the e-news with a friend? Sign up or share our newsletter *Seeds* with the QR code to the right or this URL: <https://tinyurl.com/bddjk7yp> The e-news goes on summer break after 6/14.



**Meals on Wheels is looking for drivers!** West Shore Rocky River-Lakewood Meals on Wheels needs drivers to deliver meals to our recipients, especially M-W-F. Please contact Kathy Blackwell @ 440-333-6298 or [rrlwcoordinator@westshoremow.org](mailto:rrlwcoordinator@westshoremow.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 [suburbancoop@gmail.com](mailto:suburbancoop@gmail.com), or visit [www.suburbancooperative.com](http://www.suburbancooperative.com)

### Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
<b>Sun Jun 23</b>	<b>In-Person and Livestream Worship</b> <i>Council installation during worship</i>	9:30 am
<b>Sun, Jun 30</b>	<b>In-Person and Livestream Worship</b>	9:30 am
Thurs, Jul 4	<i>Fourth of July, Church Office Closed</i>	
Sat, Jul 6	Ladies Breakfast @ Gene's Place to Dine	9:00 am
<b>Sun, Jul 7</b>	<b>In-Person and Livestream Worship</b>	9:30 am