Good Soil Lutheran Ministries

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



6th Sunday after Pentecost June 30th, 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.

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A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, & a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, & anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" & to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

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	Gathering The Hely Spirit sells us together as the people of God			
	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	† 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.			
the Word and Sacrament. It	Silence is kept for reflection.			
ractament. It may be seen as a return to the gift of Baptism rhrough repentance.	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: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (ELW 712) v. 1, 2, 4				
	Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.			
	2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.			
	4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live. Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984 Text © 1961 Oxford University Press.			
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)

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*

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

† Prayer of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Word

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

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

To put this reading into context:

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship & reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

8I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness

of your love against the earnestness of others. 9For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—11 now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. 13 I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between 14 your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much,

and the one who had little did not have too little."

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:



† Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

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:

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith. believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

The holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. 30 Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?" 32He looked all around to see who had done it. 33But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. 34He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

35While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. 38When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. 41He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" 42And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

	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 Jonathan Stufft, Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Vitality & DEM at Northeastern Ohio Synod, ELCA.
	Silence for Reflection.
The Hymn of the	† Hymn of the Day: Praise to the Lord Almighty (ELW 858)
Day is the assembly's proclaimed response to the sermon—making the sermon event a mutual conversation of faith.	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!
	Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?
	Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.
	Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!
	Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
As the church, we pray for those in our community and	† Prayers of Intercession One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.
around the	A hrief silence

A brief silence.

prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our own participation.

world. The

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

A practice of the ancient church, we recognize Christ's peace in each other & share it together.

God of abundance, you fill your church with a multitude of gifts. Sustain those among us who feel they are not valued. Open our hearts to the wondrous breadth of all who call upon your name. In your mercy, receive our prayer.

God of creation, your goodness abounds. Multiply the fruits of the earth & rescue it from our wastefulness. In your mercy, receive our prayer.

God of justice, you reign in steadfast love. Bring peace between

nations ravaged by war or strife, especially Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Haiti, and India, and illumine paths of justice and freedom for those who lead them. In your mercy, receive our prayer. God of compassion, your touch brings healing & your word revives us for life. Hear our prayers for all in need, & for doctors, nurses, & health care workers who provide care. Turn wailing to dancing & weeping to joy. We pray especially for Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Barbins, Helen, Gail, Carl, Pam, Mary Lou, Tim, Brenna, Frank D, friends &

family of Joe, Marlise's mother, Kate, Chuck, Susan, Rich, Shawn,

Archer, Jim P, Ruth, Steve, Dick, Mindy, Kristina, Jeanette, friends &

family of Kathy, Khams & his people & family in Manipur... & all those

we name aloud or in our hearts. In your mercy, receive our prayer. God of the ages, great is your faithfulness. We remember in thanksgiving our beloved dead who with all the saints sing without ceasing in your realm of glory. In your mercy, receive our prayer.

Holy God, holy & merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves & all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, & the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

† 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.

signify our

God's blessings.

The Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

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 https://tinyurl.com/drtvut77 Aim your phone camera at the QR code, but don't take a picture. A link

The offering is brought forward to the altar to gratitude for

will appear to click on that will take you to Good Soil's support page. † Offering Hymn: Praise to You O God of Mercy, ELW 208 v. 1 & 2

- Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever! Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!
- 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

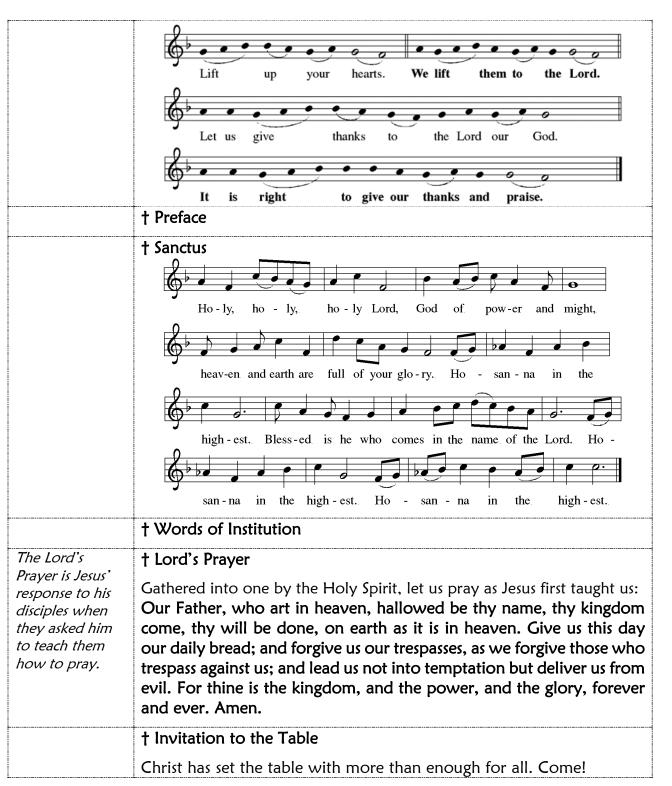
Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us,

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





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 down the center aisle to the front in a single-file line. We will be observing standing processional communion, rather than kneeling at the 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: The Church of Christ in Every Age (ELW 729)

- 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change, but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.
- 2 Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.
- 3 Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.
- 4 For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.
- 5 We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord;

to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

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Communion Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness (ELW 733)

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *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	† Sending Hymn: Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (ELW 886) v. 1, 4-6
into the world to follow Jesus.	1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
	4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
	5 Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race! Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!
	6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.
	Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body:	† Dismissal
fed, nourished, and ready to serve. Worship has ended,	Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

Worship has ended, & our service begins!

Postlude

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Coffee hour is on summer break!

Today's Worship Servants:

Livestream: Jessica Berkshire	Reader: Anne Paine
Ushers: Bill & Darlene Wahl	Counters: Michael Wancata & Jessica
	Berkshire
Online Usher: Karen Sperli	Acolyte: Alexandra Inman
Cantor: Kaitlyn Regan	



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, June 30, 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, family & friends of Joe Forshey, mother of Marlise K., Kate Labuda, Chuck Mosberger Susan Omerod, Shawn O'Neil, Archer Oster, Jim P., Ruth Patrick, Steve Patrick, Rich Petrusky, Dick Schluep, 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).

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 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, or visit www.suburbancooperative.com

Calendar of Events				
Date	Event	Time		
Sun, Jun 30	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am		
Thurs, Jul 4	Fourth of July, Church Office Closed			
Sat, Jul 6	Ladies Breakfast @ Gene's Place to Dine	9:00 am		
Sun, Jul 7	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am		
Sun, Jul 14	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am		