

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



8th 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.

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When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. Yet, all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

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: Love Divine, All Love's Excelling (ELW 631)**

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

<p><i>The assembly and presiding minister greet one another. (scripture reference: 2 Corinthians)</i></p>	<p>† Greeting</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>† Hymn of Praise: Now the Feast and Celebration (ELW 167)</p> <p><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!</p> <p>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></p> <p>2 Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p><small>Text: 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.</small></p>
<p><i>The Prayer of the Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.</i></p>	<p>† Prayer of the Day</p> <p>O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may follow your commandments, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Word</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.</i></p> <p>First Reading: Amos 7:7-15</p> <p>To put this reading into context:</p> <p><i>Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.</i></p>

Hear now the reading.

⁷This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.’”

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

To put this reading into context:

In Jesus, all of God’s plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God’s children and have been promised eternal salvation.

Hear now the reading.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has

blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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Thanks be to God.

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: Bishop Laura Barbins

Silence for Reflection.

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

† Hymn of the Day: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (ELW 611)

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Come unto me and rest;
 lay down, O weary one, lay down
 your head upon my breast."
 I came to Jesus as I was,
 so weary, worn, and sad;

conversation of faith.

I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934Text © 1989 William Whitla.

*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*

† Prayers of Intercession


One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit,
we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is
wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided,
reunite it. In your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive
ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put
wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. In your
mercy, **receive our prayer.**

You establish equity & make justice. In each nation, tribe, & land, cause
laws to be written & customs to be observed protecting the vulnerable.
We pray for all impacted by war, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Israel,
Palestine, Haiti, & India. In your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

<p>+ Nations and leaders + Those in need + This faith community + The great cloud of witnesses/those now resting with God</p>	<p>On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. We pray especially for Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Barbins, Helen, Gail, Carl, Pam, Mary Lou, Tim, Brenna, Frank D., family & friends of Joe, family & friends of Jodi, especially Jim, Marlise’s mother Erika, 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.</p> <p>You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve & build up local communities. Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations. In your mercy, receive our prayer.</p> <p>All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks & praise for the lives of our loved ones who rest in you. In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. In your mercy, receive our prayer.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, we recognize Christ’s peace in each other & share it together.</i></p>	<p>† Passing of the Peace</p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always And also with you.</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 & support the ministry of the church.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Meal <i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p>Offering</p> <p>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</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.

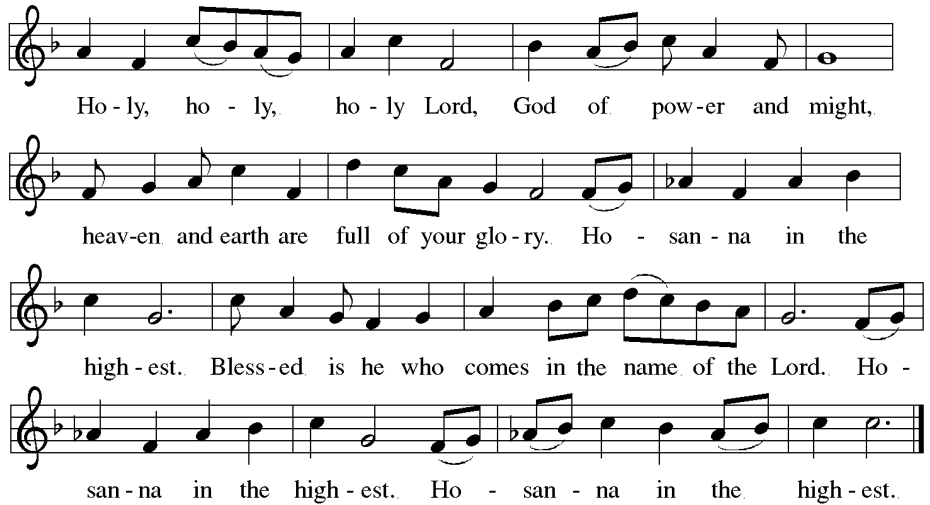
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

Communion Hymn: O Day of Rest and Gladness (ELW 521)

- 1 O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright:
on you the high and lowly,

through ages joined in tune,
sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"
to the great God triune.

2 On you, at earth's creation,
the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation,
Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious
the Spirit sent from heav'n;
and thus on you, most glorious,
a threefold light was giv'n.

3 Today on weary nations
the heav'nly manna falls;
to holy convocations
the silver trumpet calls,
where gospel light is glowing
with pure and radiant beams
and living water flowing
with soul-refreshing streams.

4 New graces ever gaining
from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining
to spirits of the blest.
We sing to you our praises,
O Father, Spirit, Son;
the church its voice upraises
to you, blest Three in One.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

† 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: We All Are One in Mission (ELW 576)

- 1 We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.
- 2 We all are called for service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.
- 3 Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.

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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: Joe Lanter	Reader: Kaitlyn Regan
Ushers: Mary Kay Liston & Stan Zeager	Counters: Joe Lanter & Stan Zeager
Online Usher: Kim Wylie	Acolyte: TJ Lanter

Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, July 14, 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, family & friends of Jodi Hoffman, especially Jim, Marlise K's mother Erika, Kate Labuda, Chuck Mosberger, Susan Omerod, Shawn O'Neil, Archer Oster, Jim P., Ruth Patrick, Steve Patrick, Rich Petrusky, 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.

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Emma and Robert Beebe from daughter Linda.

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, Jul 14	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Sat, Jul 20	Produce Distribution @ Lakewood Congregational Church	9:00 am
Sun, Jul 21	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Sun, Jul 28	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Sat, Aug 3	Ladies' Breakfast @ Gene's Place to Dine	9:00 am
Sun, Aug 4	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am