

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



9th 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.

## 9th Sunday after Pentecost

*Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus & his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away & rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others & for ourselves.*

### 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: The Church's One Foundation (ELW 654) v 1, 4, 5**

- 1 The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us,  
may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

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

† **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*

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

### † Prayer of the Day

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### The Word

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

#### **First Reading: Ephesians 2:13-22**

To put this reading into context:

*The author of this letter reminds readers that by Jesus' death, they're included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.*

Hear now the reading.

<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup> He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup> So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup> for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the

Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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 Reading: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

To put this gospel reading into context:

*When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.*

The holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup> When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup> and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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.*

*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: God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens (ELW 771)**

- 1 God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place, flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space: we, your children in your likeness, share inventive pow'rs with you; great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.
- 2 We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race; known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space; probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined pow'r, facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.

3 As each far horizon beckons,  
 may it challenge us anew:  
 children of creative purpose,  
 serving others, hon'ring you.  
 May our dreams prove rich with promise;  
 each endeavor well begun;  
 great Creator, give us guidance  
 till our goals and yours are one.

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*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  
 + The great  
 cloud of  
 witnesses/those  
 now resting with  
 God*

### † 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.*

For the church of Jesus Christ in this & every land: Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together & build us up as a temple of mercy & peace. In your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For the creation: Cause new trees to be planted. Restrain the melting of polar ice caps. Save land from destruction. Raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made. In your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For the leaders of nations & tribes. Where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony. We pray for all impacted by war, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Haiti, & India. In your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick. Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. We pray especially for Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Barbins, Kathy, Helen, Gail, Carl, Pam, Mary Lou, Tim, Brenna, Bruce, Frank D., family & friends of Jodi, especially Jim, Marlise's mother Erika, Kate, Ann, Chuck, Susan, Rich, Shawn, Archer, Jim P., Ruth, Steve, Dick, Mindy, Kristina, Jeanette, Khams & his people & family in



Manipur... & all those we name aloud or in our hearts. In your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For this assembly & for the faith communities represented this week at the ELCA Youth Gathering: Nurture the faith of young people as they encounter new experiences & people. Break down dividing walls & inspire collaboration among people of every age. In your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for those who have died: Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God. 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.**

*A practice of the ancient church, we recognize Christ's peace in each other & 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**

*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 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!

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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: 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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### 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

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: All People That on Earth Do Dwell (ELW 883) v. 1, 3, 4, 5

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;  
come ye before him and rejoice.
- 3 Oh, enter then his gates with praise;  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.
- 4 For why? The Lord our God is good:  
His mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.
- 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
from us and from the angel host  
be praise and glory evermore.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594

*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:**

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|------------------------------|---|
| Livestream: Isaac Krankowski | Reader: Dave Sierk                      |
| Ushers: Bill & Darlene Wahl  | Counters: Ellen Young & Michael Wancata |
| Online Usher: Dave Blocksom  | Acolyte: George Young                   |



**Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, July 21, 2024**

**Especially in our prayers:** Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Barbins of the NEO Synod, Kathy Aloji, Helen Andrews, Gail Boggs, Carl Bruns, Pam Bruns, Mary Lou Busby, Tim Chiang, Brenna Connor, Bruce Crosby, Frank Dunaway, family & friends of Jodi Hoffman, especially Jim, Marlise K's mother Erika, Kate Labuda, Ann Layman, 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, Khams Zotal & his family & people of Manipur, & the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Haiti & India.

**The altar flowers today are given in thanksgiving & gratitude for God's unconditional love, forgiveness & salvation, & in memory of the remarkable life of Jerry W. Hoegner.**

**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)

| <b>Calendar of Events</b> |   |             |
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| <b>Sun, Jul 21</b>        | <b>In-Person and Livestream Worship</b>               | 9:30 am     |
| <b>Sun, Jul 28</b>        | <b>In-Person and Livestream Worship</b>               | 9:30 am     |
| Sat, Aug 3                | Ladies' Breakfast @ Gene's Place to Dine              | 9:00 am     |
| <b>Sun, Aug 4</b>         | <b>In-Person and Livestream Worship</b>               | 9:30 am     |
| <b>Sun, Aug 11</b>        | <b>In-Person and Livestream Worship</b>               | 9:30 am     |
| Sat, Aug 17               | Produce Distribution @ Lakewood Congregational Church | 9:00 am     |
| <b>Sun, Aug 18</b>        | <b>In-Person and Livestream Worship</b>               | 9:30 am     |

