Good Soil Lutheran Ministries

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



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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

Ask an usher about 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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Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise (Psalm 95:2). Everything we have in life is a joyous gift from our loving Creator who provides us with every blessing in abundance (2 Corinthians 9:8). We remember God's great generosity towards us as we kick off our generosity emphasis this month, "Thankful hearts and voices raise!" and turn towards our neighbors, sharing with all in need.

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	Gathering The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. Prelude and Welcome	
Based on Psalm 100 and Psalm 8	† Call to Worship	
100 anu rsann o	Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.	
	Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.	
	For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the Earth!	
In the Confession	† Confession and Forgiveness	
and Forgiveness, we are drawn by God's mercy to	Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.	
prepare to assemble around	Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.	
the Word and Sacrament. It may be seen as a return to the gift of Baptism through repentance.	Silence is kept for reflection.	
	Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. We cling to what we have instead of reflecting your generosity. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.	
	God promises to forgive us and remember our sins no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing. Amen.	

	1 When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised! When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call: may Jesus Christ be praised!
	2 When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs: may Jesus Christ be praised! God's holy house of prayer has none that can compare with "Jesus Christ be praised!"
	3 No lovelier antiphon in all high heav'n is known than "Jesus Christ be praised!" There to the eternal Word the eternal psalm is heard: oh, Jesus Christ be praised!
	4 Let all of humankind in this their concord find: may Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: may Jesus Christ be praised! Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.
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: Have You Thanked The Lord? (ELW 829, refrain)
	Have you thanked the Lord? Have you praised God's name? Don't you know that no tomorrow is quite the same?
L	Don't you know that no tomorrow is quite the same:

† Gathering Hymn: When Morning Gilds the Sky (ELW 853) v. 1-4

				
	Have you thanked the Lord?			
	Have you knelt in prayer,			
	and rejoiced that, rain or sunshine, our God is there?			
	Text: Bill LaMotta, 1919-1980 Text © Bill (Wilbur) LaMotta, admin. Augsburg Fortress.			
The Prayer of the	† Prayer of the Day			
Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.	Sovereign God, everything we have is a gift entrusted to us by you. You are the source of all blessings. Teach us gratitude, humility and generosity, that we may have no fear and share abundantly with all in need, reflecting the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.			
	<u>The Word</u>			
	God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.			
	First Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, 10-12, 15			
	To put this reading into context:			
	Christian fellowship involves sharing with those in need. Here Paul is gathering a collection for the church in Jerusalem from all the Gentile churches he helped found. We can be extravagant in our giving because God is extravagant in providing for our lives.			
	Hear now the reading.			
	⁶ The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹² for the support of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for God's indescribable gift!			
	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: Lord I lift Your Name On High (ELW 857)

Lord, I lift your name on high;

Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life,

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,

From the cross to the grave,

From the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954 Text © 1989 Maranatha Praise, Inc., admin. Music Services

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: Luke 12:22-27, 32-34

To put this gospel reading into context:

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

The holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

	Children's Sermon
	Children grade 4 and younger are invited to step out with our Sunday School teachers for a "Learn and Grow in Faith" class during the sermon. They will return during the Passing of the Peace.
	Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison
	Silence for Reflection. Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You're invited to reflect on the following question:
	How have you been on the receiving end of generosity from others? How have you been on the receiving end of generosity from God? What actions do you take in your life to respond to that generosity?
The Hymn of the	† Hymn of the Day: Voices Raised to You (ELW 845) v. 1, 3, 5
Day is the assembly's proclaimed response to the sermon—making the sermon event a mutual conversation of faith.	1 Voices raised to you we offer; tune them, God, for songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in tribute for your gifts through all our days. Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to you we sing!
	3 Christ, the song of love incarnate, touching earth with heaven's grace, for your living, suff'ring, dying, for your rising, hear our praise! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, redeemer, Lord of life!
	 How can any praise we offer measure all the thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voices—gifts of love we can bestow. Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to you we sing! Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923 Text © 1997 GIA Publications Inc. 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.
As the church,	† Prayers of the Church
we pray for those in our community and	Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

around the world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our own participation.

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

+ Creation + Nations and leaders +Those in need + This faith

+ The Church

community
+ The great
cloud of
witnesses/those
now resting with

God

A brief silence.

O God, we give thanks for your church in all times and places and the way your Spirit has inspired it to turn toward the most vulnerable with love, support, and provision. We pray for church leaders, including Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton & Bishop Laura Barbins. God of grace, receive our prayer.

Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal & sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, & those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. God of grace, receive our prayer.

Sovereign God, accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. We pray for all impacted by war & violence, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Haiti, India, and places in Africa. God of grace, receive our prayer.

suffering. Today we especially pray for Helen, Gail, Carl, Pam, Mary Lou, Tim, Brenna, Bruce, Frank, Jonathan, Sara, Donna, Madeline, Kate, Ann, Alis, Susan, Shawn, Archer, friends and family of The Rev. Stephen Patrick, especially Ruth, Sally, Rich, Dick, Mindy, Kristina, Jeanette, Scott, Khams & his community in Manipur... & all those we name aloud or in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and

Unifying God, on this World Communion Sunday, we pray for unity among faith communities and throughout the world. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, relationship, and mutual support. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. God of grace, **receive our prayer**.

God of resurrection, we give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet. Console us who mourn and unite us together again in you. God of grace, receive our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your grace, now and forever. **Amen.**

A practice of the	† Passing of the Peace		
ancient church, we recognize Christ's peace in each other and share it together.	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	The Meal God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ. Offering		
offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.	God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, and 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	† Offering Hymn: Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise (ELW 207)		
brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.	Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia. Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Text © 1978, 1995 Augsburg Fortress.		
	† Offering Prayer		
	Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.		
	† Great Thanksgiving		
	The Lord be with you. And also 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





	† Words of Institution	
The Lord's	† Lord's Prayer	
Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.	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	
	Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.	
	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: Praise to the Lord the Almighty (ELW 858)	
	1 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!	
	2 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.
- 4 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.

Communion Hymn: Amazing Grace (ELW 779)

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snaresI have already come;'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

† Post-Communion Table Blessing

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

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God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

† Blessing

God all mighty, God most merciful \pm bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen.

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

† Sending Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns (ELW 855) v. 1, 4,5

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.

 Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time, creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
 All hail, Redeemer, hail!
 For thou hast died for me; thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4

The dismissal sends
us out as Christ's
Body: fed,
nourished, & ready
to serve. Worship
has ended, and
our service begins!

† Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Today's Worship Servants:

Livestream: Joe Lanter	Reader: Bill Fink
Ushers: Mark & Mary Kay Liston	Counters: Joe Lanter & Barbara Munch
Online Usher:	Communion Bread: Chris Jacobson
Acolyte: TJ Lanter	Altar Care: Evan Paine



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, October 6, 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, Bruce Crosby, Frank Dunaway, Jonathan Gray, Sara Gresh, Donna Handy, Madeline Kelly, Kate Labuda, Ann Layman, Alis Morris, Susan Omerod, Shawn O'Neil, Archer Oster, Sally Pate, Ruth Patrick, friends & family of Steve Patrick, Rich Petrusky, Dick Schluep, Mindy S., Kristina Seeley, Jeanette Weidlich, Scott Wylie, Khams Zotal & his family & people of Manipur, the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Haiti, India and places in Africa, and all those affected by recent school shootings.

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dorothy Wallace

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. Each vase costs \$20. You may also bring your own flowers instead of buying them through Good Soil, but please do still sign up.

Lakewood Community Outreach Every 3rd Sat & New Covenant Outreach every 4th Sat - Want to share God's love in a tangible way & help feed neighbors in our community? Our friends in Lakewood are seeking volunteers to assist with their produce distribution. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 9 am to help prep food in the parking lot of Lakewood Congregational (1375 W Clifton Blvd). You can also help by donating plastic bags (bin located under the coat rack in the hallway) & praying for this ministry. Thanks for your support!

Coffee Hour Fellowship- Volunteer hosts are needed to set-up, brew, and clean-up the coffee/tea service and/or provide snacks or baked goods. The Coffee Hour volunteer sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the first-floor lounge. **Coffee Hour Set Up/Using the Bunn Coffee-Maker 101 RESCHEDULED to October.**

BACK TO (SUNDAY) SCHOOL- October marks the return to weekly Sunday faith formation activity for children as we share Learn & Grow and Experience & Grow opportunities during Sunday services. In addition, the children will participate in special activities during planned monthly congregational events following the worship service. (Updates on those events will be announced, ongoing.)

Learn & Grow time during the worship service: Coloring, crafts, Bible stories, sharing, light snack, etc., in the classrooms on the first floor during the sermon & reflection time for adults in the sanctuary. For children in Preschool/Kindergarten through 4th grade.

Experience & Grow time participating in the worship service: Participating in the worship experience, including sermon & reflection time. Access to special materials on the "Experience & Grow" stand in the Prayground. For Grade 5 through Confirmation.

Please contact JoAnne Wancata (text/I-phone: 440-655-3674) if you have questions OR you would like to join the weekly rotation of Learn & Grow teachers/helpers.

ANIMAL BLESSING service will be hosted at Bethesda, Oct 6th 2pm. Bring your pet on leash or in a crate, or simply bring a photo. We will sing our praises to God for all of God's good creation & a special blessing will be offered for the furry, feathered, scaly worshiper.

Upcoming Performances- This is the information for Kaitlyn Regan and Beau Reddington's upcoming shows. They would love to see Good Soil family in the audience! *Beauty and the Beast:* Cassidy Theatre, October 11- October 27, Fri/Sat - 7:30pm, Sun 2:30pm, Adults 22\$, Seniors/Students 17\$ https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=202145 *Kiss Me, Kate:* Independence Community Theatre, November 1- November 17 Fri/Sat - 7:30pm, Sun 2:30pm Tickets 15\$, call Box Office at 216.447.0443 *not ADA accessible

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 is currently on summer break.

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, Oct 6	In-Person & Livestream Worship: Generosity Emphasis	9:30 am
	Begins!	
Sun, Oct 6	Community Pet Blessing @ Bethesda on the Bay	2:00 pm
Sun, Oct 13	In-Person & Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Sat, Oct 19	Lakewood Community Outreach Produce Distribution (1375	9:00 am
	W Clifton Blvd)	
Sun, Oct 20	In-Person & Livestream Worship	9:30 am