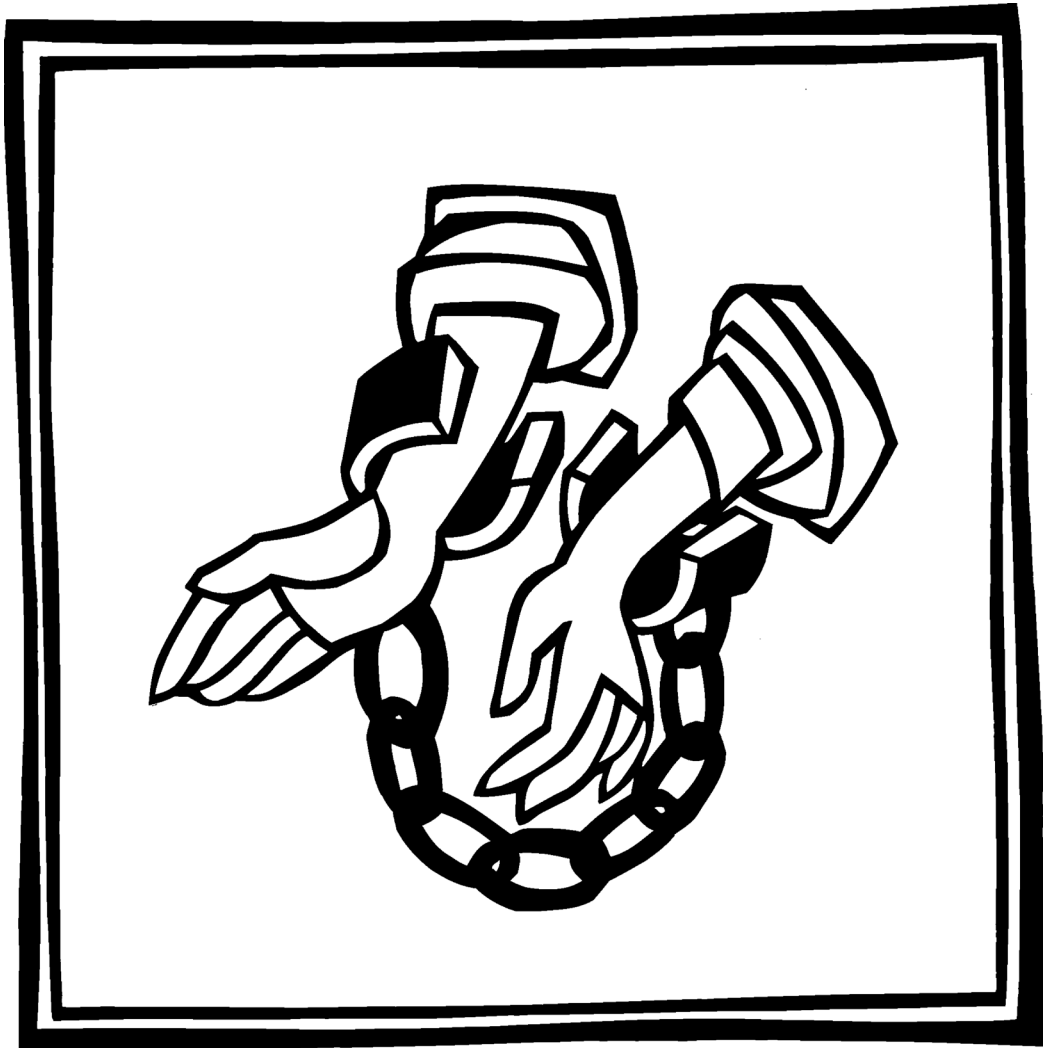


Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



Third Sunday after Epiphany
Baptism of Lucy Carrington Johnson
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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 "pryground" 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.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

Gathering

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

Prelude and Welcome

*Call to Worship
inspired by
1 Corinthians
12:12-31a*

† Call to Worship

In spite of our individual inadequacies,
God has called us together as Christ's Body.

Each one of us is indispensable.
God re-members us, giving us distinct gifts.

God equips us to provide care, guidance, and accountability for one another,

That we all may become more faithful followers of Christ.

We are greater as one Body than any of us could be on our own.
For in the one Spirit, we were baptized into one Body of Christ.

† Gathering Hymn: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (ELW 886) v. 1, 2, & 4

- 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!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.
- 4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

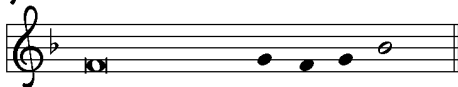
The assembly and presiding minister greet each other (scripture ref. 2 Corinthians)

† 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.**

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy." Chanting is an ancient practice of the church.

† Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



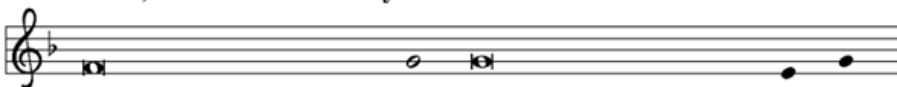
Lord, have mer - cy.



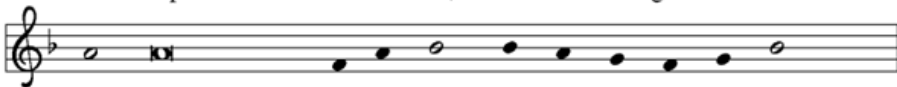
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



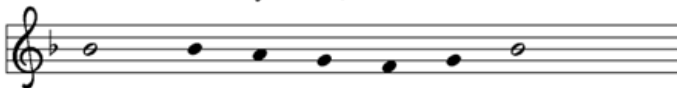
God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



The Prayer of the Day highlights themes in the scripture we will hear.

† Prayer of the Day
 Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

To put this reading into context:

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

Hear now the reading.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as God chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head

to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19:1-4, 7-10, 14

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God,

and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

² **One day tells its tale to another,**

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

³ Although they have no words or language,

and their voices are not heard,

⁴ **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁷ The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸ **The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;**

the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹ The love of the LORD is clean and endures forever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

*We welcome the
gospel by singing
the Gospel
Acclamation.
We rise, if able, to
anticipate Christ
being revealed to
us in the Living
Word of the
Gospel.*

† Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*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 4:14-21

To put this reading into context:

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

The holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴ Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to set free those who are oppressed,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he

began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

Children’s Sermon

Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison

Silence for Reflection.

Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You’re invited to reflect on the following question:

How do you participate in Jesus’ ministry to others? How have you been ministered to from Jesus (through others)? How has that made a difference in your life? What might the Holy Spirit be calling you to next?

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

† Hymn of the Day: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

(ELW 843)

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;

Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

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Baptism of Lucy Carrington Johnson

Presentation

God, who is rich in mercy and love . . . Stephanie and Korey, who do you present for baptism today?

Sponsors respond: We present Lucy for baptism.

Kelsey and Brett, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child, Lucy, baptized into Christ?

Parents respond: We do.

As you bring Lucy to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the 10 commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures, and
nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the
world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Kelsey and Brett, do you promise to help Lucy grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents respond: We do.

Stephanie and Korey, do you promise to nurture Lucy in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors respond: We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Lucy and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

Assembly responds: We do.

† Profession of Faith

Parents and Sponsors, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce evil and all the forces that defy God?

Parents and sponsors respond: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Parents and sponsors respond: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parents and sponsors respond: I renounce them.

People of God: Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

† Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning . . . To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Baptism

Lucy, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God . . . the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Lucy, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized!
We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: giving thanks and praise to God and sharing God's creative and redeeming Word.

The assembly applauds.

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

† 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.

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 the Church

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

As your word is opened in our midst, we give thanks for all who share scripture: for parents, grandparents, and godparents; teachers and mentors; deacons, pastors, bishops, and scholars. Inspire passion for the stories of faith. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

As heavens declare your glory and the sky proclaims your work, we lift our voices in awe. Guide us to speak on behalf of your handiwork. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**



As Jesus proclaimed life and freedom in his community, energize communities and nations to eliminate poverty, engage in transformative justice, and envision new ways of working together for your promised reign. We especially pray that the Gaza ceasefire brings peace and restoration to the middle east. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

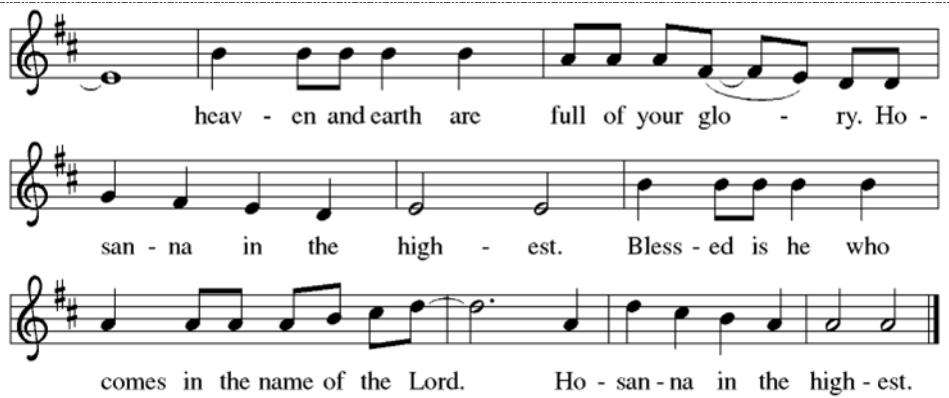
As your word and presence revive the soul, accompany all experiencing depression, anxiety, or mental health issues; be a source of strength for all affected by memory loss and their caregivers; draw near to all undergoing medical treatment or surgery. We especially pray for Helen, Fred, Mildred, Gail, Carl, Pam, Mary Lou, Bruce, Frank, Sara, Donna, Madeline, Kate, Stan & Ann, Susan, Sally, Ruth, Rich, Mindy, Kristina, Jeanette, Khams and his community in Manipur, all those affected by the wildfires, ... and those we name aloud or in our hearts. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

As we are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve. Renew and inspire all who use their gifts in this congregation. We also pray for Lucy and her faith journey as the newest member of the Body of Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

As our faith is strengthened by saints who have gone before us, we remember generations of the faithful, and beloved friends and family who have died. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

<p><i>God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Meal</u> <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 keep making an impact by giving today using the QR code or at https://pushpay.com/g/goodsoillutheran <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> 
<p><i>The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God’s blessings.</i></p>	<p>† Offering Hymn: One Bread, One Body (ELW 496) Refrain</p> <p>One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless, and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.</p> <p><small>Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939 Text © 1978 John B. Foley, SJ and OCP Publications, 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213. All rights reserved. Used with permission.</small></p>
	<p>† Offering Prayer</p> <p>God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.</p>
	<p>† Great Thanksgiving</p> <p>The Lord be with you. And also with you.</p> <p>Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.</p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>
	<p>† Preface</p>
	<p>† Sanctus</p>  <p>Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,</p>



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.

† Eucharistic Prayer and 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

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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: Christ, Be Our Light (ELW 715)

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

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Communion Hymn: Hark, the Glad Sound (ELW 239)

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,
the Savior promised long;
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
and ev'ry voice a song.

2 He comes the pris'ners to release,

in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.

4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heav'n's eternal arches ring
with your beloved name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

† 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 Spirit of the triune God
✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love. **Amen.**

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

† Sending Hymn: This Little Light of Mine (ELW 677)

1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

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

† Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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You're warmly invited to stay after worship for coffee fellowship in honor of the newly baptized, Lucy Johnson!

Today's Worship Servants:

Ushers: Bill & Darlene Wahl	Livestream: Trey Harrison
Reader: Bill Fink	Acolyte: Ryan Williamson
Counters: David Paine & David Connor	Altar Care: Anne Paine
Online Usher: Kathy Berkshire	Communion Bread: Anne Paine
Cantor: David Paine	



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Jan 26, 2025

Especially in our prayers: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Barbins of the NEO Synod, Helen Andrews, Fred Ayers, Mildred Baehr, Gail Boggs, Carl Bruns, Pam Bruns, Mary Lou Busby, Bruce Crosby, Frank Dunaway, Sara Gresh, Donna Handy, Madeline Kelly, Kate Labuda, Stan & Ann Layman, Susan Omerod, Sally Pate, Ruth Patrick, Rich Petrusky, Mindy S., Kristina Seeley, Jeanette Weidlich, Khams Zotal & his people in Manipur, and those affected by wildfires.

For those celebrating birthdays this week: Martha Panek (1/26) and Gloria Syverson (1/27).

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism this week: Erik Bogen (1/30).

California Wildfires Lutheran Disaster Response- As we witness the devastating impact of the fires in California, our hearts go out to all those affected. We hold them in our prayers, asking for strength, comfort, and safety in the days to come. We invite you to join many others in making a donation to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Your generosity enables Lutheran Disaster Response to provide immediate relief to those in need, both in the aftermath of wildfires and throughout ongoing disaster responses. To donate online, please visit: <https://pushpay.com/g/goodsoillutheran> and select "Lutheran Disaster Response / Wild Fires" under Fund. You can also write a check with "Wildfires" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

Learn more about the Johnson Family- "Hello, we are the Johnsons! Our family consists of myself, Kelsey, my husband Brett, and our 5 year old son and 3 year old daughter, Riley and Lucy. We also have a furry child, a Belgian Shepard dog named Odin. My husband and I are both Ohio University alumni, we met in college and are quickly approaching our 10 year wedding anniversary. Our family's interests include traveling, farmers markets, bonfires, hiking, and lots of outdoor playtime!"

Coffee Hour Fellowship- We need volunteer hosts to set-up, brew, & clean-up the coffee/tea service &/or bring snacks/baked goods. The Coffee Hour volunteer sign-up is on the bulletin board by the lounge. Contact JoAnne Wancata (cell: 440-655-3674) with questions.

MOW looking for Drivers- West Shore Rocky River-Lakewood Meals on Wheels is in search of drivers to deliver meals to our recipients, especially Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please contact 440-333-6298 or rrlwcoordinator@westshoremow.org for further info.

Souper Bowl of Caring Noisy Offering 2/9 – What if the Super Bowl could also help feed hungry people in our community? That's the mission of the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING! Once again, Good Soil will participate in this nationwide initiative and collect a "noisy offering" during worship on 2/9 to support the ministry of Rocky River and Lakewood Meals on Wheels. Please bring your change and dollars and pray for the counters this Sunday!

RIC Family Forum after church on 2/9- Wondering how to talk to your kids or grandkids about LGBTQ issues? How do we help our kids if their friend gets bullied for their skin color? Join members of the RIC team for conversation around these questions and many others after church on Sunday Feb. 9th 11am-12:30pm! Bring your kiddos! Child care with fun crafts will be provided! We will have food for lunch while we discuss these important topics. And don't worry- we'll be done in PLENTY of time to avoid interfering with the Superbowl! Contact Mandy Forshey (amandaMforshey@gmail.com or text/call 216-640-6145) with any questions or if you are interested in attending. Head counts are always helpful!

Love in Action Month- February has been designated as “Love in Action”. Members are invited to bring in donations beginning Sunday February 1 thru February 22 for Trials for Hope. Suggested items: size 6 diapers, pull tab or easy open foods such as Ramen, tuna pouch or fruit cups, socks, multi purpose tarp and travel size deodorant. Items will be collected in the coffee kitchen across from the lounge.



Sabbatical FAQ Sheet- Thank you for participating in the sabbatical questionnaire. The Sabbatical team along with Pastor Marissa has put together an FAQ sheet to summarize those responses and answer questions that were proposed. Scan the QR code to the left for that document and/or reference the bulletin board for a printed version.

Introducing PushPay- Good Soil has a new contribution software called PushPay, replacing Vanco. Scan the QR code to the right or in the *Offering* section to visit our new PushPay giving page to give electronically or set up automatic giving. Thank you for your generosity!



MOW Volunteer Coordinator Opening- West Shore Meals On Wheels is looking for an enthusiastic person to support volunteer coordination efforts. The Coordinator is responsible for various related tasks that assist with the effective and efficient operation of the Rocky River-Lakewood Kitchen. This position interacts with Unit and Executive Board Members, recipients, volunteers, donors, staff and vendors. The Coordinator is also responsible for managing data, scheduling volunteers, assisting with fundraisers, and attending all Unit Board meetings. MOW’s current Coordinator will provide training. This paid position averages 16-24 hours per week. For more information please email executiveboard@westshoremow.org.

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.



Newsletter- Want to keep up with news at Good Soil or share the e-news with friends? Sign up or share our newsletter using the QR code or URL to the right: <https://tinyurl.com/bddjk7yp>



SUNDAY SCHOOL- Weekly Sunday faith formation for kids includes Learn & Grow and Experience & Grow opportunities during Sunday services. Additionally, kids will participate in special activities during planned monthly congregational events after worship. (Event updates will be announced, ongoing.) Contact JoAnne Wancata (cell: 440-655-3674) with questions OR to join the weekly rotation of Learn & Grow teachers/helpers.

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.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
Sun, Jan 26	In-Person & Livestream Worship, <i>Baptism of Lucy Johnson</i>	9:30 am
Sat, Feb 1	Ladies' Breakfast @ Gene's Place to Dine	9:00 am
Sun, Feb 2	In-Person & Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Sun, Feb 9	In-Person & Livestream Worship: "SOUPER Bowl of Caring" noisy offering	9:30 am
Sun, Feb 9	RIC Family Forum	10:30 am