

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



First Sunday in Lent
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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.

First Sunday in Lent

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

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.

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† Confession and Forgiveness

God's story shapes who we are, yet we often resist its truth, choosing our own way instead. In humility and hope, let us turn to God, confessing our sins and seeking mercy.

Silence for reflection.

Merciful God,

You have written your story of love and faithfulness upon our hearts, yet we confess how often we stray from its truth.

We misunderstand what is truly precious, giving into our temptations.

We doubt your promises, making choices because of fear.

We chase after what does not satisfy, squandering the gifts you have given.

Forgive us, O God.

When we forget your faithfulness, remind us of your covenant.

When we wander far from home, run to meet us with open arms.

When we cling to the wrong treasures, turn our hearts back to you.

Shape us again by your mercy, that we may carry your story in all we say and do. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, hear the good news:

God's mercy is deeper than our failings, and God's love reaches beyond our wandering. By the power of Christ's redeeming love, your sins are forgiven, and you are made new. Carry this promise in your heart and live in God's peace.

Amen.

† **Gathering Hymn: What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (ELW 774)**

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929

*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**



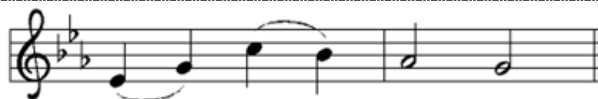
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



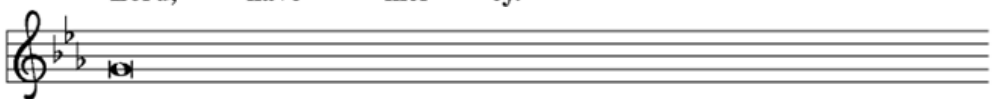
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



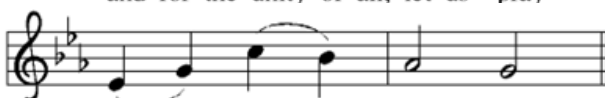
Lord, have mer - cy.



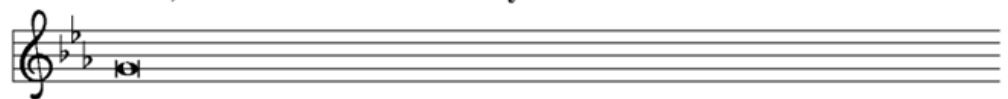
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



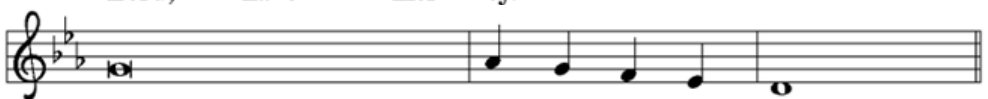
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

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

† Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Word

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

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-3, 6-11

To put this reading into context:

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

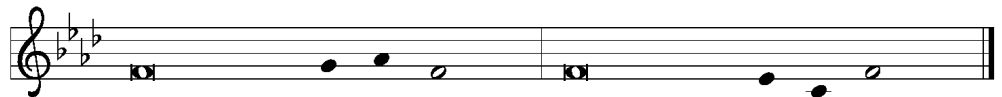
Hear now the reading.

¹“When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’ ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16



¹You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
 who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—
²you will say to the LORD, “My refuge | and my stronghold,
 my God in whom I | put my trust.”
⁹Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
 and the Most High your | habitation,
¹⁰no evil | will befall you,
 nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.
¹¹For God will give the angels charge | over you,
 to guard you in | all your ways.
¹²Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
 lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.
¹³You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
 you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.
¹⁴I will deliver those who | cling to me;
 I will uphold them, because they | know my name.
¹⁵They will call me, and I will | answer them;
 I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.
¹⁶With long life will I | satisfy them,
 and show them | my salvation.

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

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.
 Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

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 4:1-13

To put this reading into context:

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”

The holy Gospel according to Luke.
 Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”

⁹ Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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:

Who is Jesus to you? Who do we try to make Jesus out to be? What does Jesus show about who the Son of Man truly is through this gospel story? How does that inform who we are as followers of Jesus?

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: When We Are Tested (tune of Be Thou My Vision)

- 1 When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the world offers stone,
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
food that sustains us by night and by day.
- 2 When in the desert we cry for relief,
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,
trusting your presence, our only true rest.
- 3 When we are tempted to barter our souls,
trading the truth for the pow'r to control,
teach us to worship and praise only you,
seeking your will in the work that we do.
- 4 When we have struggled and searched through the night,
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Savior, surround us with circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

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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.

† Prayers of the Church

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need. *A brief silence.*


Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve them for future generations. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of evil. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

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

*+ The Church
+ Creation*

<p>+ Nations and leaders + Those in need + This faith community + The great cloud of witnesses/those now resting with God</p>	<p>Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.</p> <p>Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone or ill, that all find belonging in your love. We pray especially for Helen, Fred, Jane, Gail, Mary Lou, Frank, Sara, Donna, Irene, Toni, Kate, Stan and Ann, Bill, Susan, Cherubim, Sally, Thomas, Ruth, Rich, Diane, Jeanette, Khams and his community in Manipur, ... for our home-bound members: Diane, Steve, Audrey, Ed and Verna, Kay, Joyce, Else, and Kristina, and those we name aloud or in our hearts. God of grace, receive our prayer.</p> <p>Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life. Guide us to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.</p> <p>Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. Amen.</p>
<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, we share in Christ's peace & recognize it in each other.</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 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</i></p>	<p>† Offering Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story, v. 1 & refrain (ELW 661)</p> <p>1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory,</p>

for God's
blessings.

of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

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† Offering Prayer

Faithful God, you have entrusted us with your story: a story of promise, grace, and abundant love. As we offer these gifts, we remember that all we have comes from you. Like Abram beneath the stars, we trust in your provision. Like the prodigal welcomed home, we rejoice in your generosity. Like Mary at Jesus' feet, we give with hearts full of love. Bless these offerings, that they may carry your story into the world and bear witness to your faithfulness.

Amen.

† Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

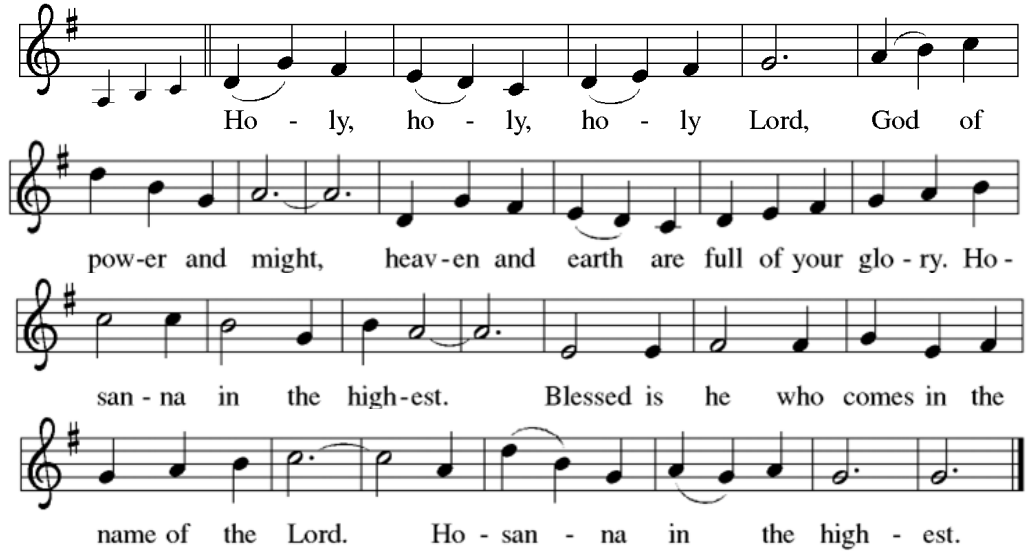
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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† Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Blessed are You, O God, Author of life and Keeper of promises...
...Remembering his life, death, and resurrection, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

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: O Lord, throughout These Forty Days (ELW 319)

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin,
and free us from our past.
- 2 You strove with Satan, and you won;
your faithfulness endured;
lend us your nerve, your skill, and trust
in God's eternal word.
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed
and fixed your mind above;
so teach us to deny ourselves
that we may know God's love.
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,
and all our earthly days,
that when the final Easter dawns,
we join in heaven's praise.

Text based on Claudia Hernaman 1838-1898 Gilbert Doan Jr b1930 Text©1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship* admin Augsburg Fortress

Communion Hymn: Lord, I Need You

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You

My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
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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

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
‡ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

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

† **Sending Hymn: Bless Now, O God the Journey (ELW 326)**

- 1 Bless now, O God, the journey
that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters,
the road where faith is found.
- 2 Bless sojourners and pilgrims
who share this winding way;
your hope burns through the terrors,
your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom
while often we are bound;
together we are seeking
the road where faith is found.
- 3 Divine eternal lover,
you meet us on the road.
We wait for land of promise
where milk and honey flow,
but waiting not for places,
you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written
on roads, as faith is found.

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

† **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Today's Worship Servants:

Ushers: Stan Zeager & Bill Fink	Livestream: Joe Lanter
Reader: Nancie Smith	Acolyte: Evan Lanter
Counters: Joe Lanter & Jessica Berkshire	Altar Care: Paula Maeder Connor
Online Usher: Ellen Young	Communion Bread: Michael Mitterholzer
Cantor: Erik Bogen	



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Mar 9, 2025

Especially in our prayers: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Barbins of the NEO Synod, Helen Andrews, Fred Ayers, Jane Beese, Gail Boggs, Mary Lou Busby, Frank Dunaway, Sara Gresh, Donna Handy, Irene Krankowski, Toni Kulma, Kate Labuda, Stan & Ann Layman, Bill Meyer, Susan Omerod, Cherubim Pate, Sally Pate, Thomas Pate, Ruth Patrick, Rich Petrusky, Diane Traxler, Jeanette Weidlich, and Khams Zotal and his people in Manipur. We also pray for our homebound members: Diane Bennett, Steve Bugosh, Audrey Dorin, Ed & Verna Fink, Kay Eaton, Joyce Miller, Else Rolland, and Kristina Seeley.

For those celebrating birthdays this week: Matthew Badgett (3/10), Michael Wancata (3/10), Linda Maxwell (3/13), & Mike Benewiat (3/15).

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism this week: Luca Sburlea (3/10) & Kim Wylie (3/10).

California Wildfires Partner Church (Last Day): The Northeastern Ohio Synod invites congregations to extend care and compassion to our neighbors in the Southwest California Synod to facilitate direct connections with congregations potentially affected by the wildfires, sharing messages of encouragement and support during this challenging time. Congregations in our synod have each been paired with a congregation in the Southwest California Synod. We encourage you to reach out with handwritten notes, cards, or creative gestures like artwork or messages from your church community. This is an opportunity to remind these congregations that they are being thought of and prayed for here in Ohio as they face the long journey of recovery. **Today is the last day to make out cards to Emmanuel Lutheran in the hallway.** Good Soil's assigned Partner Congregation is:

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
117 North 7th Street
Santa Paula, CA 93060-2615



Bethesda Staff Partnership- Scan the QR code to learn more about how Good Soil and Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran are exploring a potential staff partnership for faith formation!



Lenten Devotionals- Looking for a devotional for Lent 2025? Scan the QR code to the right for a devotional developed by pastors around Ohio and North Carolina, including Pr. Marissa!

Optional Mid-Week Lenten Gatherings at Bethesda- For those who may wish to participate in a more traditional mid-week worship service (rather than Good Soil's "Scriptures and Stories" mid-week gatherings), Bethesda on the Bay is offering two opportunities for fellowship and evening prayer every other week during the season. *March 19 and April 2: 6:00pm- Soup Supper, 7:00pm- Evening Prayer*

RIC Pre-Vote Survey- Good Soil has been engaging the RIC process (to become a designated safe and affirming place for LGBTQIA+ people and people of color) over the past year with learning opportunities, congregational discussions and activities. The RIC process includes a "pre-vote" survey to get a preview of how the congregation may vote before the official vote to become RIC is scheduled. Responses are anonymous, unless you indicate that you need information about whether or not you are a voting member. Thank you for your input! You may fill out the survey using the QR code to the right, or the physical forms on the welcome table.



Stories and Scriptures: Lent is a time to grow deeper in our faith. This year Good Soil will be offering 5 mid-week gatherings called "Stories and Scripture" led by Pastor Marissa and Pastor Jim Kulma. The gatherings will take place at 6:30 pm on the following dates: 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, & 4/9. All meetings will be held in the lounge, in-person only. Questions? Contact admin@goodsoillutheran.org. Grow in faith with one another, Pastor Marissa and Pastor Jim this Lenten season as we explore stories from scripture and our lives.

We are also looking for volunteers to bring snacks for each Stories and Scriptures meeting! We are still looking for volunteers for the following days: 3/19, 4/2, & 4/9. Use the QR code to the right to access the sign up sheet, call 440-331-1773, or email cclc@goodsoillutheran.org.





Sabbatical FAQ Sheet- Thank you for participating in the sabbatical questionnaire. The Renewal planning 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.

Coffee Hour Fellowship- We need volunteer hosts to set-up, brew, and 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) w/ 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.

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/bddik7yp>



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.



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, Mar 9	In-Person & Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Wed, Mar 12	Scriptures and Stories Week 1 Gathering	6:30 pm
Sun, Mar 16	In-Person & Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Wed, Mar 19	Scriptures and Stories Week 2 Gathering	6:30 pm
Wed, Mar 19	Lenten Midweek Soup Supper 6pm & Evening Prayer 7pm @ Bethesda on the Bay <i>(optional)</i>	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
Fri, Mar 21- Sat, Mar 22	Overnight Confirmation Camp @ Hopewood Pines, Meet in Good Soil Parking Lot	4:30 pm
Sun, Mar 23	In-Person & Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Wed, Mar 26	Scriptures and Stories Week 3 Gathering	6:30 pm

