The Season of Creation
Mountain Sunday

“The mountains and the hills before you will burst into song” Isaiah 55:12

Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ
September 26, 2021
9:30 a.m.
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.

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. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request. Those who choose not to commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing.
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"The Season of Creation" continues -- a time when the global church unites for 5 weeks of prayer and worship as we intentionally reflect on God's presence in creation and our calling to care for it. We give thanks, we pray, we lament, we hope, and we recommit ourselves to the work of caretaking and healing. This Sunday is Mountain Sunday: we sing with rocks and hills and celebrate the mountains of God. We also reflect on the mountain-top experiences of grace, love, and hope that God freely offers to us.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

† Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of God, who creates mountains, the name of Christ, crucified on a mountain, and the name of the Spirit, deep in the mountains. Amen.

Please Note: Due to the rise of covid cases in our area, masks are now required in the building so we can protect the most vulnerable among us. Masking of young children is up to the discretion of parents. The executive team and council are continuing to monitor the situation.
P: Christ, we gather in your name to worship in this sanctuary called Earth,

C: a planet filled with your presence,
quivering in the forests,
vibrating in the land,pulsating in the wilderness,shimmering in the rivers.

P: Today we remember the mountains where God chose to reveal God’s presence, Mount Sinai and Mount Zion,

C: and we give thanks that God’s presence fills our planet.

P: We remember the mountains we have climbed and the wonder we have experienced

C: We give thanks for the splendors of the mountains.

P: We confess that we have polluted our mountains and the ecosystems on them:

C: We have polluted rivers with waste from mountain mines, We have turned the wonders of the wild into a commodity, We have killed creatures in the wild with chemicals and toxins. We are sorry.

P: Christ, who was crucified on Mount Calvary and rose again, hears our confession, forgives our sins, and invites us to revere the mountains with awe and love.

C: O God, teach us to love Earth as our home and the mountains as signs of your presence. Amen.
† Gathering Hymn: How Great Thou Art   ELW 856 vs 1, 2, & 4

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
   consider all the works thy hand hath made,
   I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
   thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain
   Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
   how great thou art! How great thou art!
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   how great thou art! How great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
   I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
   when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
   and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
   and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
   Then I shall bow in humble adoration
   and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!”

Refrain

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† 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.
† Prayer of the Day

God, our Creator, as we climb the mountains, we celebrate the wonders of the wild that surround us. Help us to see the places where the planet has been polluted and to empathize with the groaning of creation. Teach us to recognize that the hills are alive with your Spirit and the creatures of the wild are our kin, in the name of Christ who reconciles and renews all things in creation. Amen.

The Word

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:17-19, 23-25

To put this reading into context:

‘Good News from a Holy Mountain’ - The prophet dreams of Mount Zion being transformed into a ‘peace mountain’, an ecosystem where humans and animals live in harmony.

Hear now a reading from the book of Isaiah.

17For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. 18But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. 19I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. 23They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. 24Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. 25The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.
† Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

To put this reading into context:

Mark’s gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus’ followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God’s glory manifest in the beloved Son.

The holy gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

2Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. 4And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” 6He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” 8Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

9As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.
Children’s Sermon

*Children aged Pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to leave the service at this time and attend the first part of Sunday School instruction (2nd part to resume in classes after worship.)*

Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison

_Silence for Reflection_

_Hymn of the Day: God the Sculptor of the Mountains_  
_ELW 736 vs 1, 3, & 4_

1. God the sculptor of the mountains,  
   God the miller of the sand,  
   God the jeweler of the heavens,  
   God the potter of the land:  
   you are womb of all creation,  
   we are formless; shape us now.

3. God the dresser of the vineyard,  
   God the planter of the wheat,  
   God the reaper of the harvest,  
   God the source of all we eat:  
   you are host at ev'ry table,  
   we are hungry; feed us now.

4. God the unexpected infant,  
   God the calm, determined youth,  
   God the table-turning prophet,  
   God the resurrected truth:  
   you are present ev'ry moment,  
   we are searching; meet us now.
† Prayers of the Church

With all of creation, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church and its ministry. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, worship, and service toward one another and the Earth. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for natural wonders of your creation, especially mountains, hills, and valleys. Restore damaged habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those in need. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are struggling with any form of disease or illness. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Today we especially pray for . . . and for those whom we lift up in our hearts either aloud or silently. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Today we will bless and dedicate new livestreaming equipment to your glory. We pray that this upgraded system will help us to share your good news of life and hope in deeper and broader ways. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
We give thanks for all your saints, those we have loved and known and those from every time and place. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

† 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 without touching. Children return to the sanctuary from Part 1 of Sunday School.

The Meal

Offering

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 at [www.goodsoillutheran.org/support](http://www.goodsoillutheran.org/support). This QR code will take you directly to Good Soil’s online giving page.
† Offering Prayer

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and as signs of our concern for those in need, including our fellow creatures on planet Earth. Help us be caretakers of our sacred home.
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.

† Words of Institution

† Lord’s Prayer (prayed by all)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.
† Communion

Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the real presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil. Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding up front. Receive the elements and then return to your seat before partaking of them.

The body of Christ, given for you.
Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

† Communion Hymn: Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal
ELW 464

1 Bread of life, our host and meal,
   Jesus, feed us.
   Christ, by faith, to see and feel,
   feed us with your love.

2 Bread now break and wine now pour,
   Jesus, feed us.
   Make us one, our hope restore;
   feed us with your love.

3 Grant forgiveness in the feast
   Jesus, feed us
   for the greatest and the least;
   feed us with your love.
4 Thank you for this gift we share.
   Jesus, feed us.
   Save God's children everywhere;
   feed us with your love.

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† Post-Communion Table Blessing

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

Blessing and Dedication of Livestreaming Equipment

Siblings in Christ, today we give thanks to God and we seek God’s blessing as we set apart this worship streaming equipment to the glory of God.

A reading from John . . .

As the incarnation of the Word of God (John 1), the words from Jesus’ mouth brought good news to the poor, release to the captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and the proclamation of the Lord’s favor to all who heard (Luke 4:18-19).

St. Paul used ink and papyrus to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the people across the ancient world and to sustain and nurture Christian communities.

Martin Luther used the printing press to reach thousands with his proclamation that we are saved by grace alone.
Today we use this worship streaming equipment to do the same. We do this following Jesus’ commands to “go and make disciples of nations” (Matt 28:19) and to “love one another as Jesus loves us” (John 13:34).

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for you have invited us into the holy work of creation and innovation.

In each age, humans have found new ways to enable our worship and praise.

Send your blessing upon this worship streaming equipment, which we set apart today, may it be a conduit of your love, justice, and joy into the all the world. May the messages it sends foster faith in the hearts of new believers; comfort the grieving, vulnerable, isolated, and lonely; draw the faithful into deeper discipleship; and enliven worship in all places. May all who worship with us be sustained by your grace and power.

To you, O God, be all glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

*Let us give thanks with our applause.*

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**The Sending**

↑ Blessing

May the Spirit of God, blowing from the mountains, fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth and the knowledge of Christ within you.
Amen.
† Sending Hymn: Here I Am, Lord  ELW 574

1  "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
   I have heard my people cry.
   All who dwell in dark and sin
   my hand will save.
   I, who made the stars of night,
   I will make their darkness bright.
   Who will bear my light to them?
   Whom shall I send?"

Refrain
   Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
   I have heard you calling in the night.
   I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
   I will hold your people in my heart.

2  "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
   I have borne my people's pain.
   I have wept for love of them.
   They turn away.
   I will break their hearts of stone,
   give them hearts for love alone.
   I will speak my word to them.
   Whom shall I send?"  Refrain

3  "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
   I will tend the poor and lame.
   I will set a feast for them.
   My hand will save.
   Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
   I will give my life to them.
   Whom shall I send?"  Refrain
† Dismissal

Go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth!
Thanks be to God.

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Announcements from Good Soil
Sunday, September 26, 2021

For those in need of healing, comfort or strength: Diane Bennett, Gary Dennison, Evatt Family, Barry Hollowell, Char Mattson, Joyce Miller, Mitterholzer family, Ann Norman, Susan and David Ormerod, Sally Pate, Jerry and Marie Sternad, Tony Sykaluk, Gloria Syverson, Jeanette Weidlich

For those celebrating their birthday:
JoAnne Wancata (Sept 26), Lucas Williamson (Sept 28), Ryan Williamson (Sept 28)

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism:
Amelia Forshey (Sept 26)

Jerry and Marie Sternad celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Friday, Sept 24. We give thanks to the Lord for their faithfulness and love for each other and pray that they are blessed with many more years together. Congratulations!

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the glory of God by Mike Wancata in thanksgiving to celebrate JoAnne’s birthday.

As part of the Season of Creation, a Community Blessing of the Animals will take place on Sunday, Oct 3 here at Good Soil beginning at 3:00 p.m. All are invited to bring their furred, feathered, finned, and scaled friends to receive a blessing.
Disaster and Humanitarian Relief Efforts:
As disciples of Jesus, we are called to respond to the hurting world around us. To support disaster relief for recent catastrophic flooding, hurricanes, and the recent earthquake in Haiti, scan the QR code below. 100% of your donation will go straight to helping disaster victims through Lutheran Disaster Response.

To find out ways to help with the crisis in Afghanistan through the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, scan the QR code below.
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