

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany



Good Soil Lutheran Ministries

Growing Together in Christ

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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.

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.

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.

*Please Note: In an effort to protect the most vulnerable among us, **masks are required in the building**. Masking of young children is up to the discretion of parents. Council continues to monitor the situation.*

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The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

Gathering

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

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

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

† **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

Amen.

*Baptism through
repentance.*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:
In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
Amen.

**Gathering Hymn: O Word of God Incarnate
ELW 514**

- 1 O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

- 2 The church from you, dear Master,
received the gift divine;
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that, all life's voyage through,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands
still guides, O Christ, to you.

- 3 Oh, make your church, dear Savior,
a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations
your true light, as of old;
oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

The presiding minister greets the assembly with the words used by Paul in 2nd Corinthians to greet churches. The assembly also greets the presiding minister in return. It is a moment of mutuality that signifies trust, love, mutual service, and a shared hope in God.

† 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.

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

† Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Word

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

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

To put this reading into context:

God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word amid the difficult political realities of his time,

before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.

Hear now a reading from the book of Jeremiah.

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.”

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Word of God. Word of Life
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel reading is announced by the pastor. We rise to our feet, if able, as a sign of respect and anticipation for the Gospel that reveals Jesus Christ to us.

† Gospel Reading: Luke 4:21-30

To put this reading into context:

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’ ” ²⁴And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except

Naaman the Syrian.”²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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 after the Children’s Sermon 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: Dearest Jesus, At Your Word
ELW 520 vs 1-3**

1 Dearest Jesus, at your word
we have come again to hear you;
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glowing faith be near you
as the promises here given
draw us wholly up to heaven.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded
till your Spirit breaks the night,
filling us with light unclouded.
All good thoughts and all good living
come but by your gracious giving.

3 Radiance of God's glory bright,
Light of light from God proceeding,
Jesus, send your blessed light;
help our hearing, speaking, heeding,
that our prayers and songs may please you,
as with grateful hearts we praise you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-1684, sts. 1-3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, adapt.

*As the church, we
pray for those in
our community
and around the
world. The
prayers are also
responsive,
emphasizing our
participation.*

† Prayers of the Church

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in
abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church,
the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

Guide your church in the ways of faith, hope, and
love. Cultivate ministries and communities of
compassion that bear witness to your enduring
presence among us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Teach us to live in humility on the earth. Curb
arrogance that leads to destruction of natural
resources and disregard for future generations. God
of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You are the refuge of all who seek hope and freedom. Accompany immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers who cross borders to find safety and opportunity. Embolden leaders to draft compassionate policies on behalf of migrants and those who assist them. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort with your love all who are lonely, fearful, or brokenhearted. Sustain the hope of all those who suffer in body or spirit especially . . . and those whom we lift up in our hearts silently or aloud. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your grace falls upon young and old alike. Bless the gifts of children in this congregation and in this community. Give us humble hearts to follow their leadership. Inspire us with their laughter, their insight, and their curiosity. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We praise you for those who have gone before us and now see you face to face. Abide with us in this mortal life until we rest in the arms of your never-ending love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

A practice of the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace in one another and share it together.

† Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always,
And also with you.

The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you" sharing the peace of Christ with one another in a no-touch or low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.

God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.

The Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, and your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil continue making an impact by giving at www.goodsoillutheran.org/support. This QR code will take you directly to Good Soil's online giving page.

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:



	<p>† Offering Prayer</p> <p>Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. 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>† Words of Institution</p>
<p><i>The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.</i></p>	<p>† Lord's Prayer (prayed by all)</p> <p>Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.</p>

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 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: Word of God Speak (by MercyMe)

Refrain:

Word of God speak

Would you pour down like rain

Washing my eyes to see

Your majesty

To be still and know

That you're in this place

Please let me stay and rest

In your holiness

Word of God speak

	<p>† Post-Communion Table Blessing</p> <p>May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.</p>
<p><i>With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ's body in the world.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Sending</u> <i>God blesses us and send us in mission to the world.</i></p> <p>† Blessing</p> <p>God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, † bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. Amen.</p>
<p><i>Through the sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.</i></p>	<p>† Sending Hymn: Go, My Children, with My Blessing ELW 543</p> <p>1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”</p>

	<p>2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”</p> <p>3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”</p> <p>Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt. Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House</p>
<p><i>The dismissal sends us out into the world as Christ’s Body—fed, nourished, and ready to serve. Worship has ended, and our service begins!</i></p>	<p>† Dismissal</p> <p>Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. Thanks be to God.</p>
	<p>Postlude</p>

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Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, Jan 30, 2022

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Jane Beese, Tony Sykaluk, Mary Wahl

We are starting a fresh bulletin prayer list for the new year. These names are read in worship every week. Please leave the names of people to add to this bulletin prayer list in the bin on the office door, call 440-331-1773, or send via email deborah@goodsoillutheran.org.

For those celebrating birthdays:

Marie Sternad (Jan 30), Becky Williamson (Feb 6), Kim Wylie (Feb 6)

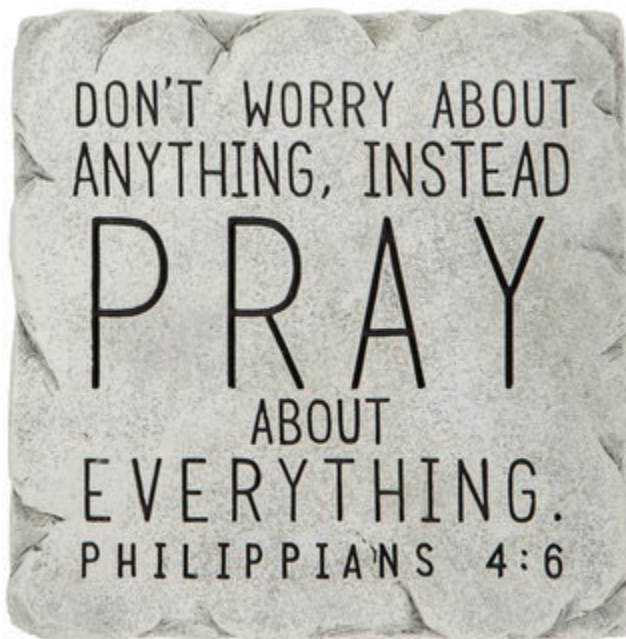
For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism:

Hannah Alusheff (Feb 2)

Mark your calendar for an adult forum to be held on Sunday, Feb 20. The topic will be "Preparing for Ash Wednesday." The forum will be held in the Lounge immediately following worship. Hope to see you there!

We need people willing to serve on the Nominating Committee. This committee prayerfully identifies and approaches leaders to serve on Good Soil's council. The candidates will be on the ballot at the congregational meeting coming up this spring. Do you have a knack for identifying gifts in people and would like to be a part of this holy work? Or, would you like to offer your name as someone willing to serve as a council member beginning in June of 2022 (council terms are 2 years)? If yes to either, please reach out to Barbara Munch (bwmunch@aol.com).

Suburban Cooperative Nursery School is currently enrolling three- and four-year old pre-schoolers for the fall 2022 school year. For information about their program, to register, or to arrange a visit to the school, call 440-331-9929, email jll4pta@aol.com, or visit their website suburbancooperative.com.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
DAY	EVENT	TIME
Sat, Feb 5	Ladies' Breakfast – Gene's Place	9:00 a.m.
Sun, Feb 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In-Person and Livestream Worship ● Sunday School ● Confirmation Class 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
Tues, Feb 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hybrid Church Zoom – Why It's Here to Stay and Why You Should Care (Contact Pastor M for Zoom link.) ● GS Executive Team Meeting 	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Sun, Feb 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In-Person and Livestream Worship ● Sunday School 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Mon, Feb 14	Valentine's Day	
Tues, Feb 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hybrid Church Zoom – Doing Worship On the Group and Online Well (Contact Pastor M for Zoom link) ● GS Council Meeting 	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Sun, Feb 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In-Person and Livestream Worship ● Sunday School ● Adult Forum – Preparing for Ash Wednesday (Lounge) ● Confirmation Class 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
Sun, Feb 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In-Person and Livestream Worship ● Sunday School 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Tues, Mar 1	Hybrid Church Zoom – Online and Social Media Work to Reach New People (Contact Pastor M for Zoom link.)	7:00 p.m.
Wed, Mar 2	ASH WEDNESDAY Worship and Dispensing of Ashes	7:00 p.m.

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