

Second 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.*

Second Sunday After Epiphany

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

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 Baptism through repentance.

† **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Amen.

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: Now the Feast and Celebration
ELW 167**

Refrain

Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!

- 1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. *Refrain*
- 2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. *Refrain*
- 3 For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new. *Refrain*

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*The presiding
minister greets the
assembly with the
words used by
Paul in 2nd
Corinthians to
greet churches.
The assembly also
greet the
presiding minister
in return. It is a
moment of
mutuality that*

† 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.

signifies trust, love, mutual service, and a shared hope in God.

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

† Prayer of the Day

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Word

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

First Reading: Psalm 36:5-10

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.

⁷How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹For with you is the well of life, and in your light

we see light.

¹⁰Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.

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: John 2:1-11**

To put this reading into context:

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

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

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill

the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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: What Feast of Love
ELW 487

- 1 What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!
- 2 What light of truth is offered here,
what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!
- 3 What wine of love is offered here,
what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!

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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 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.

By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite all who profess your name. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless all who tend the abundance of the land. Protect food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities and lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day especially . . . and all whom we lift up in our hearts silently or aloud. Provide abundantly for

	<p>all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace, hear our prayer.</p> <p>You bless us through the spiritual gifts of the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have modeled the way of courageous faith. God of grace, hear our prayer.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace in one another and share it together.</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 style="text-align: center;"><u>The Meal</u> <i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p>Offering</p>

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

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



† Offering Prayer

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,

and prepare us to carry your love
to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.
Amen.

† Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

	<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> <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.</p>
	<p>Communion</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.</p> <p>The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.</p>

Communion Hymn:

Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone

Refrain

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood his mercy reigns
Unending love,
Amazing grace

Songwriters: Chris Tomlin / Louie Giglio

† Post-Communion Table Blessing

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

Blessing of Good Soil's Dandelion Team before Training #2: "Discipleship Matters"

The Dandelion Project is an opportunity for congregations in the Northeastern Ohio Synod to renew themselves for mission and ministry. It is a two-year vitality journey working with Pastor David Daubert and others designed to provide a framework for congregational discernment, discovery and growth. Congregations are also paired with an individual coach for renewal and accountability as well.

Each congregation has a team that leads this process in their context by attending quarterly trainings, meeting with their coach, and implementing various activities, goals, experiments, outreach projects, etc. The “Faith at Work” interviews we had during Advent is an example of one of these experimental activities.

A limited number of congregations were selected from those who applied for this process and we are grateful to be one of them! The Dandelion Project Team at Good Soil is Bill Fink, Mandy Forshey, Barbara Munch, and Pastor Marissa. Please be praying for them as they attend this second training on Saturday, Jan 22nd and pray for our Good Soil community as well as we continue in this 2-year transformational journey.

The Sending

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

With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ’s body in the world.

† Blessing

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.

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

† Sending Hymn: Soul, Adorn Yourself with
Gladness ELW 488 vs 1, 3, & 4

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor,
there with joy your praises render.
Bless the one whose grace unbounded
this amazing banquet founded;
Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

- 3 Now in faith I humbly ponder
over this surpassing wonder
that the bread of life is boundless
though the souls it feeds are countless;
with the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
pledge and seal of my salvation.

- 4 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
truest friend, and dearest treasure,
peace beyond all understanding,
joy into all life expanding:
humbly now, I bow before you,
love incarnate, I adore you;
worthily let me receive you,
and, so favored, never leave you.

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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!

† Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, Jan 16, 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: Carl Bruns (Jan 17), Jeanette Weidlich (Jan 20), Max Bechtel (Jan 21), Jerad Williamson (Jan 21)

The flowers adorning the altar this morning given to the glory of God to celebrate the work of The Dandelion Project Team.

Request your Zoom link to participate in the Annual Commemorative Service for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which will be held this afternoon beginning at 3:30 p.m. The theme is “Where Do We Go from Here?” The guest speaker is Judith Roberts, Sr. Director for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion of the ELCA. Email info@neos-elca.org to receive the Zoom link for this service.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
DAY	EVENT	TIME
Sun, Jan 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • Sunday School • Zoom Service Commemorating the Life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
Mon, Jan 17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Church Office Closed	
Tues, Jan 18	GS Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sun, Jan 23	<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.
Sun, Jan 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • Sunday School 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Sat, Feb 5	Ladies' Breakfast – Gene's Place	9:00 a.m.

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