

# Sixth 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.*

## Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

*Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are’s” and the “woe to’s” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.*

### 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: Let Justice Flow like Streams  
ELW 717**

- 1 Let justice flow like streams  
of sparkling water, pure,  
enabling growth, refreshing life,  
abundant, cleansing, sure.
- 2 Let righteousness roll on  
as others' cares we heed,  
an ever-flowing stream of faith  
translated into deed.
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight,  
define our measure true,  
and justice, right, and peace pervade  
this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

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*The presiding minister greets the assembly with the words used by Paul in 2<sup>nd</sup> 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,*

**† 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.**

*and a shared hope  
in God.*

## † Prayer of the Day

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

Living God, in Christ you make all things new.  
Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches  
of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make  
known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Word

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

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8**

To put this reading into context:

*These verses compose a poem that is part of a  
larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast  
two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the  
power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life  
without God brings a curse, the power of death.*

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the  
wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.  
<sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

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 6:17-26**

To put this reading into context:

*After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.*

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

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.<sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd

were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>“But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>“Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

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

### **Children’s Sermon**

*Children aged Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to leave the service after the Children’s Sermon and*



*attend the first part of Sunday School instruction  
(2<sup>nd</sup> part to resume in classes after worship.)*

**Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison**

*Silence for reflection.*

**† Hymn of the Day: Let Streams of Living Justice  
ELW 710**

- 1 Let streams of living justice  
flow down upon the earth;  
give freedom's light to captives,  
let all the poor have worth.  
The hungry's hands are pleading,  
the workers claim their rights,  
the mourners long for laughter,  
the blinded seek for sight.  
Make liberty a beacon,  
strike down the iron pow'r;  
abolish ancient vengeance:  
proclaim your people's hour.
  
- 2 For healing of the nations,  
for peace that will not end,  
for love that makes us lovers,  
God grant us grace to mend.  
Weave our varied gifts together;  
knit our lives as they are spun;  
on your loom of time enroll us  
till our thread of life is run.  
O great weaver of our fabric,

bind church and world in one;  
dye our texture with your radiance,  
light our colors with your sun.

3 Your city's built to music;  
we are the stones you seek;  
your harmony is language;  
we are the words you speak.  
Our faith we find in service,  
our hope in others' dreams,  
our love in hand of neighbor;  
our homeland brightly gleams.  
Inscribe our hearts with justice;  
your way—the path untried;  
your truth—the heart of stranger;  
your life—the Crucified.

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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.*

Blessed are those whose trust is in you. Through your church speak continued blessing into the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Those who trust in you are like trees planted by streams of water. Bless, protect, restore, and resurrect your entire creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Search the hearts of those who govern, that they lead with humility. Inspire leaders to collaborate on policies that protect people and the planet. Sustain truth-tellers and social movements that challenge society to become more honest and just. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Send your blessings of mercy upon those who long for consolation. Tend to those struggling with poverty, unemployment, or uncertainty. Provide for all who are hungry. Console those who face persecution. Grant peace to all who suffer especially . . . and those we lift up in our hearts silently or aloud. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Christ is raised from the dead, and so we cling to the hope of the resurrection. We praise you for the lives of the saints who lived and died in the hope of eternal life with you. 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](http://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><b>† Offering Prayer</b></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. <b>Amen.</b></p>
	<p><b>† Great Thanksgiving</b></p> <p>The Lord be with you. <b>And also with you.</b></p> <p>Lift up your hearts. <b>We lift them to the Lord.</b></p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. <b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b></p>
	<p><b>† Words of Institution</b></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><b>† Lord's Prayer (prayed by all)</b></p> <p>Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.</p> <p><b>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on</b></p>

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: When the Poor Ones ELW 725

1 When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;  
when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;  
when the wounded offer others strength and healing:

#### *Refrain*

We see God, here by our side, walking our way;  
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

- 2 When compassion gives the suffering consolation;  
when expecting brings to birth hope that was  
lost;  
when we choose love, not the hatred  
all around us: *Refrain*
- 3 When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with  
gladness;  
when our voices, full and clear, sing out the  
truth;  
when our longings, free from envy, seek the  
humble: *Refrain*
- 4 When the goodness poured from heaven  
fills our dwellings;  
when the nations work to change war into  
peace;  
when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor:  
*Refrain*

Text: José Antonio Olivar, b. 1939; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

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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.**

## 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: Canticle of the Turning ELW 723 vs 1, 2, & 3

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

#### *Refrain*

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.



2 Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the  
past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to  
flight,  
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

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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, Feb 13, 2022**

**For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength:** Jane Beese, Jerry and Marie Sternad, Tony Sykaluk, Mary Wahl

**For those celebrating birthdays:**

Allan Wylie (Feb 13), Char Mattson (Feb 17), Vivienne Smith (Feb 18)

**The flowers adorning the altar today** are given to the glory of God by the Wylie family to celebrate Allan's birthday.

**"Preparing for Ash Wednesday" Adult Forum on Sunday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>:** Curious to learn more about the meaning and spiritual practices of Ash Wednesday? Willing to participate in a mini service project with Pastor Marissa to prepare Good Soil's "Ashes-To-Go!" bags for this year? If yes to either (or both), come to the Lounge immediately following worship on Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!

**Acolyte training for kids 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up will be held on Sunday, Feb 27<sup>th</sup>** at 11:15 a.m. Being an acolyte is an excellent way for children to serve God and serve as leaders in their faith community. *"And a little child shall lead them..."*  
-- Isaiah 11:6

**Lenten Small Groups:** Hungry for deeper connection with God and your faith community? So are we! All members and friends of Good Soil are invited and encouraged to participate in small groups during the Lenten season.

Each group will meet once a week for 5 weeks to deepen relationships and grow in faith together. Each group will be led by a lay leader and meet at a different time of the week, so join the group that works best for you:

Monday Evening via Zoom  
Tuesday at Noon via Zoom  
Wednesday Evening Zoom  
Thursday Morning In-Person  
Saturday Morning In-Person

Use this QR code to sign up:



**Want to serve God and our neighbors in need?** Meals on Wheels is looking for people to deliver meals on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. You can sign up for one day, two, or all three. Drivers arrive at 11:30 a.m. and usually complete their deliveries between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. If you want to help, call 440-333-6298 M-F from 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and ask for Kathy.

<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>		
<b>DAY</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Mon, Feb 14	Valentine's Day	
Tues, Feb 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hybrid Church Zoom – “Doing Worship on the Ground and Online Well” (Contact Pastor M for Zoom link)</li> </ul>	7:00 p.m.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GS Council Meeting</li> </ul>	7:30 p.m.
Sun, Feb 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In-Person and Livestream Worship</b></li> </ul>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sunday School</b></li> </ul>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adult Forum – Preparing for Ash Wednesday (Lounge)</b></li> </ul>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Confirmation Class</b></li> </ul>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
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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	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In-Person and Livestream Worship</b></li> </ul>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>