## First Sunday in Lent



### Good Soil Lutheran Ministries

Growing Together in Christ March 6, 2022 9:30 a.m.

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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. Glutenfree 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, <u>masks are required in</u> the building. Masking of young children is up to the discretion of parents. Council continues to monitor the situation.

#### 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
	Welcome to Worship
In the Confession and Forgiveness, we are drawn by God's mercy to prepare to assemble around the Word and Sacrament.	† Confession and Forgiveness  In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. Amen. Silence is kept for reflection.

It may be seen as a return to the gift of Baptism through repentance. Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love,

and help us to love our neighbor.

Amen.

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In ± Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. Amen.

Gathering 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 presiding minister greets the assembly with the words used by Paul in 2nd Corinthians to greet churches. The assembly also greets

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#### † Greeting

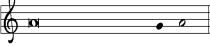
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

presiding minister in return. It is a moment of mutuality that signifies trust, love, mutual service, and a shared hope in God.

# † Kyrie

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."

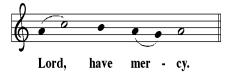


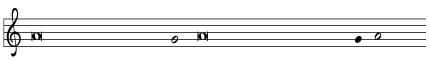
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





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



#### † Prayer of the Day

The Prayer of the Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we

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

are about to
hear

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 a reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

<sup>1</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>you 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. <sup>3</sup>You 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; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So 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. <sup>11</sup>Then 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



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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."

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the | LORD your refuge, and the Most High your | habitation,

<sup>10</sup>no evil | will befall you, nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge | over you, to guard you in | all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>Upon their hands they will | bear you up, lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper; you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

14l will deliver those who | cling to me;I will uphold them, because they | know my name.

<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will | answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

<sup>16</sup>With long life will I | satisfy them, and show them | my salvation.

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 4:1-13

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.

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

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said

to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' <sup>11</sup>and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" <sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>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 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: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me ELW 325
- I want Jesus to walk with me;
  I want Jesus to walk with me;
  all along my pilgrim journey,
  Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

- 2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

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

#### † Prayers of the Church

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Clarify its proclamation of the word so that your people learn to reject voices of deception and distraction. Strengthen all who are tempted to believe lies about themselves or others. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

We pray for the earth and all its creatures. Protect wilderness places and all plant and animal species that call them home. Sustain all laborers who work the land and harvest the fruits of its abundance. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

We pray for the nations of the world. Awaken elected leaders and government officials to the needs of those who are oppressed. Grant mercy to immigrants and refugees,

especially those fleeing Ukraine and Afghanistan. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

We pray for those in need. Rescue those experiencing mental illness or addiction. Ease the anxiety of those who live with dementia. Command your angels concerning all who are sick especially . . . and for those whom we lift up in our hearts silently or aloud. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

We give thanks for those who have died. Gather them with all the saints into your heavenly dwelling place. Encourage us with the promise that all who call upon your name are saved. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

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.

#### The Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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

#### 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 <a href="https://www.goodsoillutheran.org/support">www.goodsoillutheran.org/support</a> or by using this QR code below.

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:

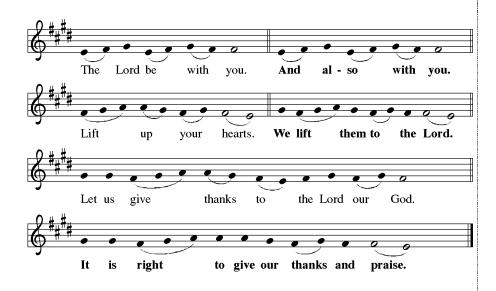


#### † Offering Prayer

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

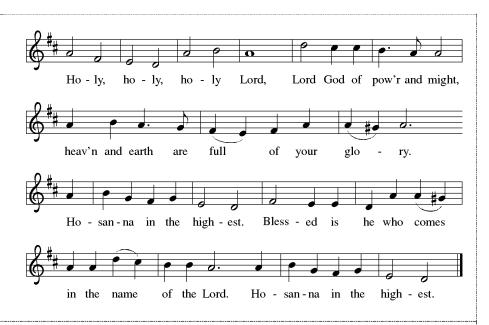
#### † Great Thanksgiving



#### † Sanctus

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### † Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.

#### † 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 presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good

Soil. Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding up front. You are invited to kneel as you are able at the communion rail to receive the elements. Please maintain appropriate distance from others beside you when kneeling. Once you receive the elements, please return to your seat to partake of them.

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

## Communion Hymn: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW 808

- 1 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey; I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go: you alone are our life and our peace and our love. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- 2 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey. May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you. May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
- 3 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
  - For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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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.
	God biesses 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  You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty,
	+ bless you this day and always.  Amen.
Through the sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.	† Sending Hymn: O Lord, throughout These Forty Days ELW 319 vs 1, 3, & 4  1 O Lord, throughout these forty days you prayed and kept the fast; inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.
	and nee as nom our past.

	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930</li> <li>Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress.</li> </ul>
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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 in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.  Thanks be to God.
	Postlude
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### Today's Worship Servants:

Presiding: Pastor Marissa Harrison	Reader: Barbara Munch	
Ushers: Barbara Demko-Werner	Counters: Barbara Munch	
Stan Zeager	Stan Zeager	
Online Usher: Kim Wylie	Acolyte: Sean Lanter	

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# Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, March 6, 2022

**For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength**: Jane Beese, Pastor Sherman Bishop, Char Mattson, Jerry and Marie Sternad, Tony Sykaluk, Mary Wahl, Jeanette Weidlich

#### For those celebrating birthdays:

Scarlett Smith (Mar 8), Michael Wancata (Mar 10)

#### For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism:

Sarah Sburlea (Mar 8), Kim Wylie (Mar 10)

**Coffee Hour returns today, Sun, Mar 6.** Louise DeBell and JoAnne Wancata will be the point persons today. Louise has offered to "show the ropes" of set up and clean up for those interested in participating in the rotation for coffee and snacks as well. She will have a sign up sheet for the Sundays in March and April or you can call/email the office to sign up.

**Lenten Small Groups begin this week:** 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 (beginning Monday, Mar 7<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, Apr 9<sup>th</sup>) 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

Please contact Pastor Marissa at <a href="mailto:pastormarissa@goodsoillutheran.org">pastormarissa@goodsoillutheran.org</a> if you would still like to join a small group.

Save the date for a congregational meeting on Sun, Mar 27. There will be two important topics on the agenda: (1) appointing a Nominating Committee that will propose candidates for the council positions that will be expiring and voted on at the June meeting, and (2) funding for the roof replacement.

**Lutheran Disaster Response for those suffering in Ukraine:** 100% of Good Soil's Ash Wednesday offering has been designated for relief efforts in Ukraine through Lutheran Disaster Response. If you would still like to contribute, please write a check or give online at <a href="www.goodsoillutheran/support">www.goodsoillutheran/support</a> and put "Ukraine" in the memo line.

If you'd like to know more about what Lutheran Disaster Response is doing to help relieve suffering in the Ukraine during this difficult time, use this QR code below:



If you happen to make a donation directly to Lutheran Disaster Response, please share the amount you choose to give with Good Soil so that we can include it in our annual report for to the ELCA next year. You can send an email to <a href="mailto:deborah@goodsoillutheran.org">deborah@goodsoillutheran.org</a>. Thank you for your support of our siblings in need!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
DAY	EVENT	TIME	
Sun, Mar 6	<ul> <li>In-Person and Livestream Worship</li> </ul>	9:30 a.m.	
	Sunday School	10:30 a.m.	
	Coffee Hour	10:30 a.m.	
	Confirmation Class	1:00 p.m.	
Mon, Mar 7	Lenten Small Group Evening Zoom		
Tues, Mar 8	<ul> <li>Lenten Small Group Noontime Zoom</li> </ul>		
	GS Executive Team Meeting	7:30 p.m.	
Wed, Mar 9	Lenten Small Group Evening Zoom		
Thurs, Mar 10	Lenten Small Group Morning In-Person		
Sat, Mar 12	Lenten Small Group Morning In-Person		
Sun, Mar 13	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS		
	<ul> <li>In-Person and Livestream Worship</li> </ul>	9:30 a.m.	
	Sunday School	10:30 a.m.	
	Coffee Hour	10:30 a.m.	
Mon, Mar 14	Lenten Small Group Evening Zoom		
Tues, Mar 15	<ul> <li>Lenten Small Group Noontime Zoom</li> </ul>		
	GS Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.	
Wed, Mar 16	Lenten Small Group Evening Zoom		
Thurs, Mar 17	Lenten Small Group Morning In-Person		
Sat, Mar 19	Lenten Small Group Morning In-Person		
Sun, Mar 20	<ul> <li>In-Person and Livestream Worship</li> </ul>	9:30 a.m.	
	Sunday School	10:30 a.m.	
	Coffee Hour	10:30 a.m.	
	Confirmation Class	1:00 p.m.	
Mon, Mar 21	Lenten Small Group Evening Zoom		
Tues, Mar 22	Lenten Small Group Noontime Zoom		
Wed, Mar 23	Lenten Small Group Evening Zoom		
Thurs, Mar 24	Lenten Small Group Morning In-Person		
Sat, Mar 26	Lenten Small Group Morning In-Person		

Sun, Mar 27	<ul> <li>In-Person and Livestream Worship</li> <li>Sunday School</li> <li>Congregational Meeting</li> <li>Confirmation Class</li> </ul>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
Mon, Mar 28	Lenten Small Group Evening Zoom	
Tues, Mar 29	Lenten Small Group Noontime Zoom	
Wed, Mar 30	Lenten Small Group Evening Zoom	
Thurs, Mar 31	Lenten Small Group Morning In-Person	
Sat, Apr 2	Lenten Small Group Morning In-Person	