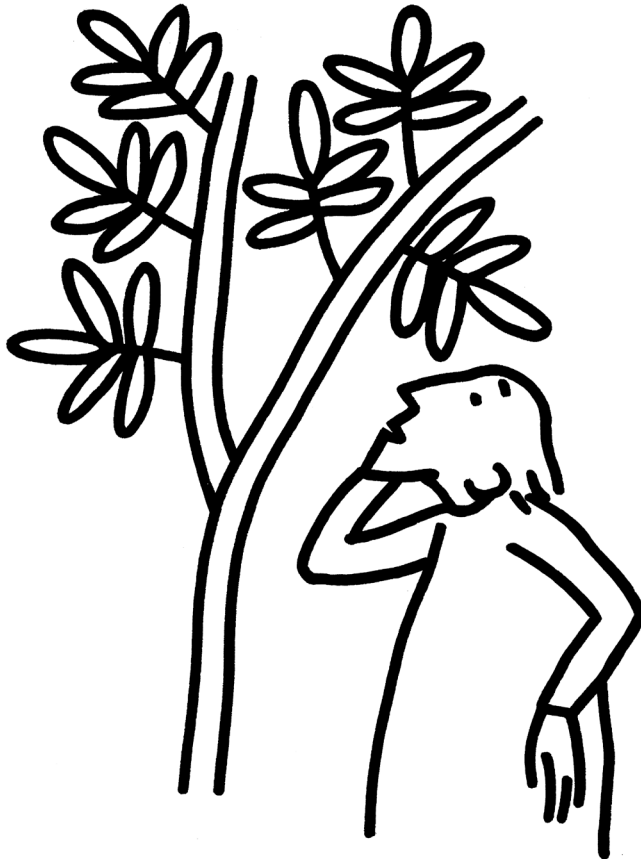


Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ



Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

9:30 a.m.

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 those who are immunocompromised and their families, **masks continue to be required in worship through the end of March**. Masking of young children is up to the discretion of parents. Our masking policy will adjust to “optional, but strongly recommended” beginning Sunday, April 3rd. More info soon.*

Third Sunday in Lent

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God’s invitation to attentiveness: “Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.” The landowner’s ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener’s readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

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.

Holy One,

*It may be
seen as a
return to
the gift of
Baptism
through
repentance.*

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: Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer
ELW 618**

1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.

- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.

*The
presiding
minister
greet 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*

† Greeting

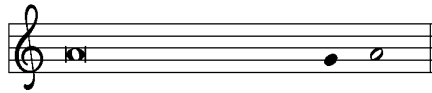
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*service, and
a shared
hope in
God.*

*Kyrie
Eleison
means
"Lord have
mercy."*

† Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



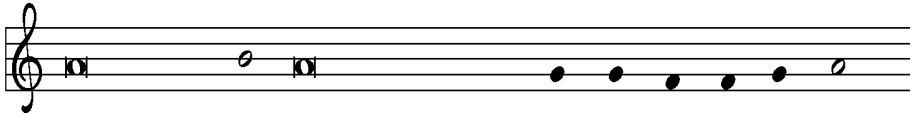
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

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

† Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives 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: Isaiah 55:1-9

To put this reading into context:

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

Hear now a reading from the book of Isaiah.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,

call upon him while he is near;

⁷Let the wicked forsake their way,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63:1-8



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¹O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry
and weary land where there | is no water.
²Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,
that I might behold your power | and your glory.
³For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;
my lips shall | give you praise.
⁴So will I bless you as long | as I live
and lift up my hands | in your name.
⁵My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,
⁶when I remember you up- | on my bed,
and meditate on you in | the night watches.
⁷For you have | been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings | I will rejoice.
⁸My whole being | clings to you;
your right hand | holds me fast.

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 13:1-9

To put this reading into context:

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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

During the season of Lent, we engage in a time of reflection and sharing after the sermon.

† Hymn of the Day: For By Grace You Have Been Saved ELW 598

1 For by grace you have been saved
and even faith is not your own,
it's the gift of God for you
and not the works that you have done.
Don't let anybody boast,
for this is God's great gift. Amen.

2 "So my grace is all sufficient
for each child who is my own,
for my strength is now made perfect
for each child who is my own.
When you're weak, then you are strong,
for this is God's great gift." Amen.

3 So this weakness with contentment
I'll accept now in myself,
all my hardships, pains, and griefs
that still lie deep within myself.
When I'm weak, then I am strong,
for this is God's great gift. Amen. Amen.

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

Prayers of Intercession

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 around the world in all its forms: for pastors, for church councils, and all lay ministry leaders; for congregations that contemplate difficult decisions about the future of their ministry. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the health of this planet and the well-being of its creatures: for fig trees and vineyards that produce fruit for our nourishment and delight; for animal habitats threatened by climate change. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For those called into positions of civic responsibility: for those tasked with uncovering truth and delivering justice and who cast a vision of a more compassionate and equitable society. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For those who call upon you for mercy: for all who live in poverty and experience hunger; for any who feel tested beyond their strength; for those who are hospitalized or near death, and for all in need of healing especially . . . and those whom we lift up in our hearts silently or aloud. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For advocacy efforts around the world: for those whose faith leads them to speak difficult truths and engage in difficult conversations with policy makers; for those who promote mercy over vengeance or retaliation; for those advocating for an end to

	<p>war and violence in Ukraine and all other places. Merciful God, receive our prayer.</p> <p>For those whose earthly journeys have ended, we give thanks. With all the saints, we praise you for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Merciful God, receive our prayer.</p> <p>Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. 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><i>God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the</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> <p>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 or by using this QR code below.</p> <p><i>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:</i></p>

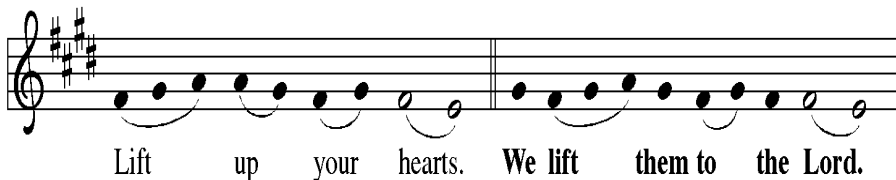
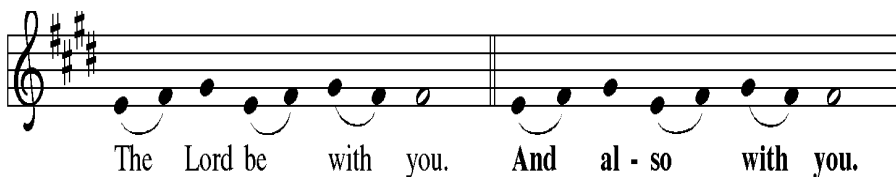
*ministry of
the church.*



† 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





Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

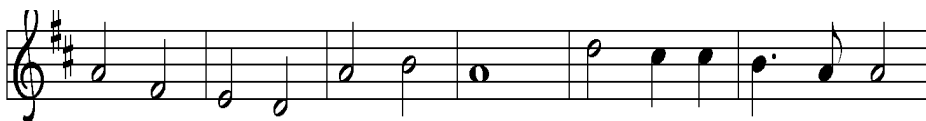


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

† Sanctus

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

	<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. <u>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.</u></i></p> <p>The body of Christ, given for you. Amen. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.</p>
	<p>Communion Hymn 1: Lord Jesus, Think on Me ELW 599</p> <p>1 Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin; from selfish passions set me free and make me pure within.</p> <p>2 Lord Jesus, think on me,</p>

by anxious thoughts oppressed;
let me your loving servant be
and taste your promised rest.

3 Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point out your chosen way.

4 Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
and share your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375-430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808-1896, alt.

Communion Hymn 2: O Blessed Spring ELW 447

1 O blessed spring, where word and sign
embrace us into Christ the Vine:
here Christ enjoins each one to be
a branch of this life-giving Tree.

2 Through summer heat of youthful years,
uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
sustained by Christ's infusing rain,
the boughs will shout for joy again.

3 When autumn cools and youth is cold,
when limbs their heavy harvest hold,
then through us, warm, the Christ will move
with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.

4 As winter comes, as winters must,
we breathe our last, return to dust;
still held in Christ, our souls take wing
and trust the promise of the spring.

	<p>5 Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, be praised for this blest mystery: that word and water thus revive and join us to your Tree of Life.</p> <p>Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953 Text © 1993 Susan Palo Cherwien, admin. Augsburg Fortress</p>
	<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>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.</p>
<p><i>Through the sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.</i></p>	<p>† Sending Hymn: Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil ELW 512</p> <p>Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood. When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.</p>

	<p>Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.</p> <p>Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950 Text © 1985 Prince of Peace Publishing, Changing Church, Inc., admin. Augsburg Fortress.</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 in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. Thanks be to God.</p>
	<p>Postlude</p>

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Today's Worship Servants:

Presiding: Pastor Marissa Harrison	Reader: Michael Wancata
Ushers: Bill and Darlene Wahl	Counters: Bill Fink Larry Jacobson
Online Usher: Alex Alusheff	Acolyte: Amelia Forshey



Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, March 20, 2022

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

For those celebrating birthdays:

Chris Jacobson (Mar 20), Amelia Collins (Mar 23), Isaac Krankowski (Mar 26)

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries:

Nick and Ellen Young (Mar 26)

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism:

Alex Verdova (Mar 23)

The flowers adorning the altar today are placed by the Jacobsons to the glory of God in celebration of Chris' birthday.

Easter Sunday is the most celebratory day in the church year and flowers help us celebrate! For those who would like to help adorn the altar with lilies and hyacinths for Easter, the plants are \$8 each and orders need to be placed by Sun, Apr 3. An order form is included with the bulletin or you can call/email the office letting us know how many and what kind of plant you want. You can take your plant home after Easter or leave it to be planted in Good Soil's yard.

The Christ in Our Home devotional booklets are here for April/May/June. Grow in faith with these free daily devotionals. They are at the top of the stairs of the parking lot entrance.

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 www.goodsoillutheran/support 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 deborah@goodsoillutheran.org. Thank you for your support of our siblings in need!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
DAY	EVENT	TIME
Sun, Mar 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • Sunday School • Coffee Hour • Confirmation Class 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
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	
Sun, Mar 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • Sunday School • Congregational Meeting • Confirmation Class 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
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	

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