

Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ



Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 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: Effective April 3rd our masking policy has adjusted from “required” to “strongly recommended.” In addition, the first four rows of pews on the left side of the sanctuary have been reserved as a “masking only” section (for those who wish to be in close proximity only with others who are masking).

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus’ feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In baptism, God’s new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

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

† **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,
**we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,**

*return to
the gift of
Baptism
through
repentance.*

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: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
ELW 335 vs 1, 2 & 4**

1 Jesus, keep me near the cross,
there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.

2 Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star
sheds its beams around me. *Refrain*

4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river. *Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

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.

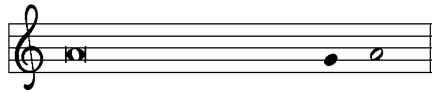
† Greeting

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.

† Kyrie

*Kyrie
Eleison
means
"Lord have
mercy."*



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.



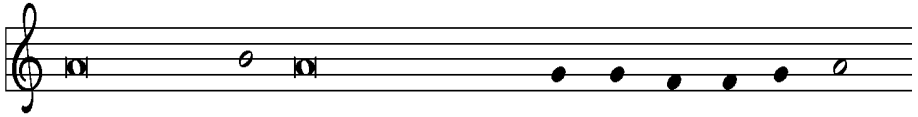
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, 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 43:16-21

To put this reading into context:

¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.
²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue
with | shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done
great | things for them.”
³The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.
⁴Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.
⁵Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.
⁶Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.

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 12:1-8**

To put this reading into context:

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary’s extravagant act of anointing Jesus’ feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

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

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and

used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

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: Just a Closer Walk with Thee ELW 697 vs 1 & 3

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1 I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain*

3 When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;

guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *Refrain*

Text: North American traditional

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.

Do a new thing in the church. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace among the nations, especially Ukraine and Russia. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who are sick or grieving especially . . . and those whom we lift up silently or aloud. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Amplify voices that are ignored or devalued. Deliver us from the scourge of racism. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

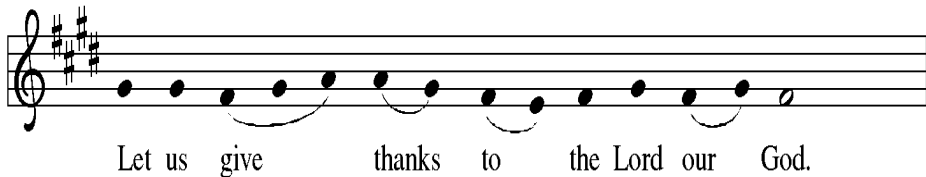
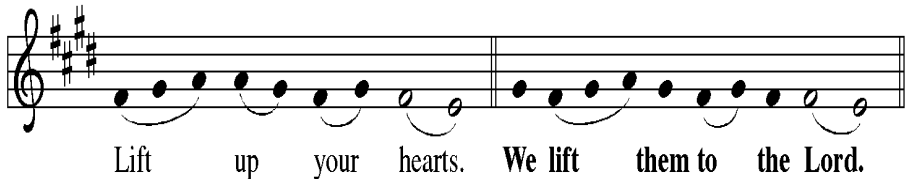
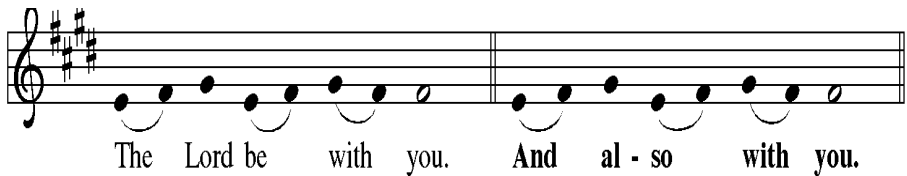
	<p>Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for all the saints. Merciful God, receive our prayer.</p> <p>Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.</p>
<p><i>A practice 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 ministry of the church.</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>



† 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





It is right to give our thanks and praise.

† Sanctus

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

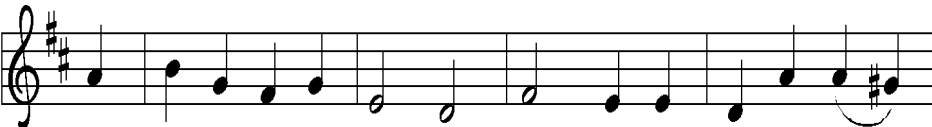
... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

† 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: As the Deer Runs to the River ELW 331

1 As the deer runs to the river,
parched and weary from the chase,
we have come from hurt and hurry,
thirsting for your healing grace.

Refrain

Jesus, source of living water,
may we drink of you and live!

2 When your Israel crossed the desert
where no stream or spring was seen,
Moses struck the rock, and water
flowed for them, refreshing, clean. *Refrain*

3 "Come and drink," Isaiah summoned,
"all who for God's mercy plead!
God's forgiveness, like a fountain,
flows to satisfy your need." *Refrain*

4 Christ, we come from desert places,
deepest thirst unsatisfied.
Lead us to the waters flowing
from the cross on which you died. *Refrain*

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

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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

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: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**
ELW 815

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
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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*

† **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
Thanks be to God.

<i>service begins!</i>	
	Postlude

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Today's Worship Servants:

Presiding: Pastor Marissa Harrison	Reader: Scott Wylie
Ushers: Larry Jacobson Kim Wylie	Counters: Bill Fink Stan Zeager
Online Usher: Kathy Berkshire	Acolyte: Aaron Krankowski



Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, April 3, 2022

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

For those celebrating their birthday:

Pastor Marissa (Apr 3), Pam Lanter (Apr 4), Trey Harrison (Apr 8), Matt Inman (Apr 9)

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism:

Becky Williamson (Apr 4)

The flowers adorning the altar today are placed by the Lanterns to the glory of God to celebrate Pam's birthday.

Kids are invited to celebrate Christ's resurrection with an Easter Egg Hunt following worship on Easter Sunday. The hunt will be held outdoors unless bad weather brings it inside to the Fellowship Hall. Donations of candy to fill the plastic eggs will be appreciated. The individual pieces should be small enough to fit inside the eggs. You can drop your donations off at the church office no later than Wed, April 13 to give the Easter Bunny and helpers time to fill the eggs. Thanks!

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, Apr 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • Sunday School • Coffee Hour 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Tues, Apr 5	Lenten Small Group Noontime Zoom	
Wed, Apr 6	Lenten Small Group Evening Zoom	
Thurs, Apr 7	Lenten Small Group Morning In-Person	
Sun, Apr 10	PALM/PASSION SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • Sunday School • Coffee Hour and Adult Forum on how to make Palm Branch Crosses 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Tues, Apr 12	GS Executive Team Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Thurs, April 14	MAUNDY THURSDAY In-Person and Livestream Worship	7:00 p.m.
Fri, Apr 15	GOOD FRIDAY Worship at Lakewood Congregational Church, 1375 W. Clifton Blvd, Lakewood	7:30 p.m.
Sun, Apr 17	EASTER SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • No Sunday School • Easter Egg Hunt 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Tues, Apr 19	GS Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.