

Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ



Palm/Passion Sunday

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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.

For Parents with Children

Good Soil loves kids and the "holy noise" they bring! Your children are warmly welcome in worship. Sing, pray, and respond; your children will learn by worshipping with you. There's also a "prayground" area in the back of the sanctuary and a nursery/cry room behind that on the back left side. Sunday School for Pre-K-3rd grade takes place during the sermon and then again after the service. Sunday School for 4th-6th grade takes place after the service. We pray that worshipping together as a family is a meaningful experience!

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 those who are immunocompromised and their families, **masking is strongly recommended**. In addition, the first four rows of pews on the left side of the sanctuary are reserved as a “masking only” section (for those who wish to be in close proximity only with others who are masking).*

Palm/Passion Sunday

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus’ compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, and we enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God’s redeeming love.

Jesus Enters Jerusalem

Worship begins with the assembly (all who are able) gathered outside near Hilliard Ave, so that we can process into the sanctuary waving our palms and celebrating Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Then, we continue the journey into a worship service full of paradox. Here palms meet passion, triumph gives way to torture, and celebration turns to crucifixion.

The passion story (passion meaning suffering) draws us in as witnesses of Jesus’ last days, and reminds us of the extremes Jesus endured to express the intensity of God’s passionate love for us and the whole world.

† **Welcome to Worship**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

† **Processional Gospel: Luke 19:28b-40**

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

^{28b}[Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

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

*We join a
great cloud
of
witnesses
by this act
of faith
today:*

*Christians
have
processed
with palms
to
remember
Jesus' entry
into
Jerusalem
since the
4th century!*

† Blessing of the Palms

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

We praise you, O God,
for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city in triumph
and was proclaimed messiah and king
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.
Bless these branches and those who carry them.
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,
so that, joined to his death and resurrection,
we enter into life with you;
through the same Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Procession

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor ELW 344

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.

Refrain

2 The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.

Refrain

- 3 The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went.
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.
Refrain
- 4 To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
Refrain
- 5 Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious king.
Refrain

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

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

Today's Prayer of the Day functions as a hinge between the "Palm" and the "Passion" portions of the service.

Contemplation of the Passion of Christ

† Prayer of the Day

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

O God of mercy and might,
in the mystery of the passion of your Son
you offer your infinite life to the world.
Gather us around the cross of Christ,
and preserve us until the resurrection,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

	<p>Children’s Sermon</p> <p><i>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.)</i></p>
<p><i>Due to the length of today’s gospel, please remain seated.</i></p>	<p>Gospel Reading: The Passion of Jesus According to Luke Luke 22:39-23:56</p> <p>To put this reading into context:</p> <p><i>Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God’s reign. The leader serves the followers, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.</i></p> <p><i>Due to the length of this passage, it is not printed in the bulletin, but you are welcome to follow along in a bible, meditate on the graphic interpretation provided by artist Adam Pate, or simply listen and contemplate.</i></p> <p><i><u>Additionally, it is traditional custom for people of faith to stand for Jesus’ crucifixion as a sign of respect and reverence. You will be invited to do so at that time (Luke 23:32).</u></i></p>
	<p>Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison</p> <p><i>During the season of Lent, we engage in a time of reflection and sharing after the sermon.</i></p>
	<p>† Hymn of the Day: Lamb of God ELW 336</p> <p>1 Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side</p>

to walk upon this guilty sod
and to become the Lamb of God. *Refrain*

Refrain

O Lamb of God,
sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 Your gift of love we crucified
we laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud
and sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain*

3 I was so lost, I should have died,
but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod
and to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain*

Text: Twila Paris, b. 1958

Music: Twila Paris

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† **Apostles' Creed**

Let us confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;**

he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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. Deliver us from hardship as we confront the forces of injustice and practice radical compassion. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the earth and all its inhabitants. Rouse in us a reverence for creation, that we take greater care of its resources. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For those in positions of authority called to lead with integrity and compassion. Supply them with courage and deliver them from fear that limits imagination and impedes justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For those who suffer. Be with those who are ill or grieving especially . . . and those whom we lift up in our hearts silently or aloud. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

	<p>For Christians around the world, preparing this week to journey with Jesus to the cross: Reveal to us once again the earthshaking power of humble service, unmerited forgiveness, and sacrificial love. Lead us all from death to life. Merciful God, receive our prayer.</p> <p>We remember those who have died who were commended into your hands. Remember us when you come into your kingdom, and prepare a place for each of us with you in paradise. 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</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>

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ministry of
the church.*

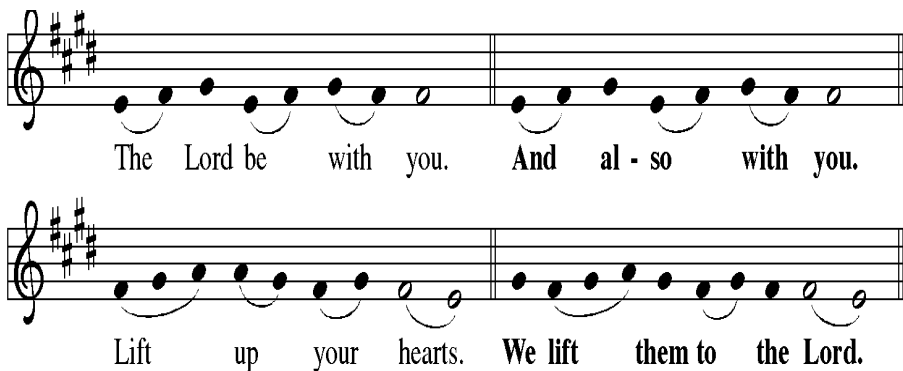
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A link will appear to click on that will take you to Good Soil's
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† Offering Prayer

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



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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



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: Now Behold the Lamb ELW 341</p> <p>1 Now behold the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God, who bore all my sin, that I may live again: the precious Lamb of God.</p> <p>2 Holy is the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God.</p>

	<p>Why you love me so, Lord, I shall never know; the precious Lamb of God.</p> <p>3 Thank you for the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God. Because of your grace I can finish the race; the precious Lamb of God.</p> <p>Text: Kirk Franklin, b. 1970 Text © 1996 Lilly Mack Music</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: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed ELW 337</p> <p>1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die? Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?</p>

- 2 Was it for sins that I had done
he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
and love beyond degree!
- 3 Well might the sun in darkness hide
and shut its glories in
when God, the mighty maker, died
for his own creatures' sin.
- 4 Thus might I hide my blushing face
while his dear cross appears,
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
and melt my eyes to tears.
- 5 But tears of grief cannot repay
the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away:
'tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

*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	Readers: Bill Fink, Michael Wancata Scott Wylie, Joan Zeager
Ushers: Barbara Demko-Werner Stan Zeager	Counters: Jessica Berkshire Joe Lanter
Online Usher: Dave Blocksom	Acolyte: George Young



Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, April 10, 2022

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

For those celebrating their birthday:

Abby Alusheff (Apr 11), Ed Fink (Apr 12), Ann Norman (Apr 16)

The flowers adorning the altar today are placed by the Bill Fink to the glory of God to celebrate his dad, Ed's, birthday.

Thank you for your generosity and sharing God's love and support with those in need! Throughout Lent we have been collecting love offerings toward Lutheran Disaster Response for those suffering in Ukraine. The total amount came to \$1535.

Holy Week is the center of the church year. This week we relive the central story of our Christian faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By participating in the ancient practices and rituals of Holy Week, we are spiritually strengthened and connected to Christians throughout the generations and around the world who are doing the same:

Palm/Passion Sunday: We remember Jesus' descent into Jerusalem and rejoice with the crowds waving palms and shouting "Hosanna!" Then there is a deliberate shift as we hear the passion narrative--the story of Jesus' crucifixion--from Luke. This pivot is a reminder of how quickly the crowds change from shouting "Hosanna" to shouting "crucify him."

Maundy Thursday (7pm at Good Soil): "Maundy" comes from the latin word for commandment as we remember Jesus' command to love one another. This service marks the official end of Lent as we receive forgiveness and remember the institution of the Lord's Supper. A particularly moving part of Maundy Thursday comes when we experience the stripping of the altar and depart in

silence. Maundy Thursday is also the beginning of one continuous worship service called the "Triduum" or Great Three Days which spans Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and concludes with Easter.

Good Friday (7:30pm at Lakewood Congregational Church): Marks the day when Jesus gave his life for the sake of the world. We hear again the story of Jesus' crucifixion and his love poured out for the world. This will be an ecumenical community Good Friday service as we worship with our siblings in Christ from the Lakewood Ministerial Association.

Easter Sunday: This is the day of resurrection--a joyous celebration of God's victory over sin and death and the most important festival day in the entire church year. Jesus is alive and we, too, are given new life through him. Get ready to break out the Alleluias! Worship at Good Soil will be at the normal time, 9:30am*

**If you would like an Easter sunrise service option, there will be an Easter sunrise service at Lakewood Park at 6:15am with the Lakewood Ministerial Association. Contact pastorjonathanglassriley@gmail.com for more information.*

Julia Alexander's Senior Recital is next week: Good Soil's extraordinary Worship and Music Coordinator will be having her Senior Recital at Oberlin on Saturday, April 16th at 4:30pm in Kulas Recital Hall. Pastor Marissa and Trey plan to attend and would like to invite anyone interested in joining to meet at the church at 3:15 pm to caravan over to Oberlin. Let's show our support for Julia on this special milestone!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
DAY	EVENT	TIME
Sun, Apr 10	PALM/PASSION SUNDAY <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 12	GS Executive Team Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Thurs, April 14	MAUNDY THURSDAY (Good Soil) In-Person and Livestream Worship	7:00 p.m.
Fri, Apr 15	GOOD FRIDAY (Community Service) 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 • Easter Egg Hunt and Special Fellowship • No Sunday School 	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.
Mon, Apr 18	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Tues, Apr 19	GS Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.

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