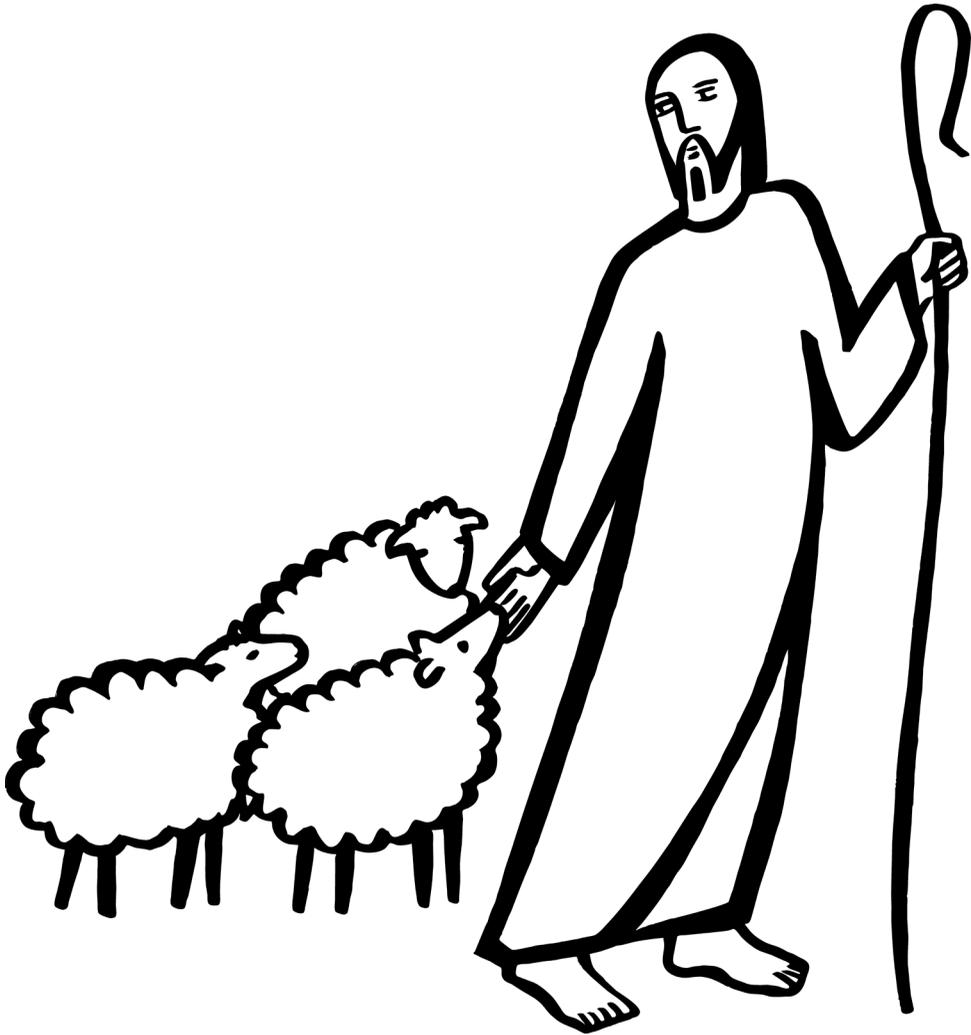


Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ



Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 8, 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 vulnerable, **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).*

Fourth Sunday of Easter

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude and Welcome

† Mothers’ Day Litany

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

All who gather here are sons or daughters.

We praise God for the women who gave us life.

For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,
We give God thanks and praise.

For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,
We pray for peace.

For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,
We pray for healing.

For mothers who have died, who live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,
We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.

For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,
We weep with those with broken hearts.

For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,
We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.

For those who are preparing emptier nests,
We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.

For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,
We pray for wisdom and patience.

For grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,
We pray that caregivers have those who care for them.

For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled,
We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.

For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,
We give God thanks and praise.

For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life.

For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers.

For Moms, in their wide variety and many forms,
We Give God thanks and praise. Amen.

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**† Gathering Hymn: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!
ELW 385 vs 1, 3, & 4**

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord,
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt.

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

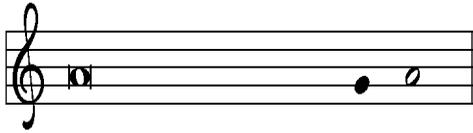
† Greeting

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 Eleison
means "Lord
have mercy."

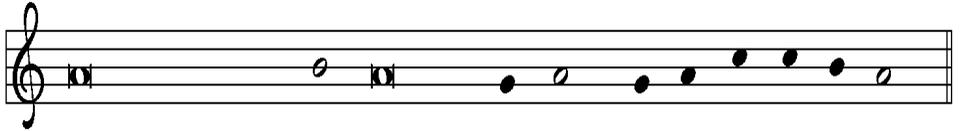
† Kyrie



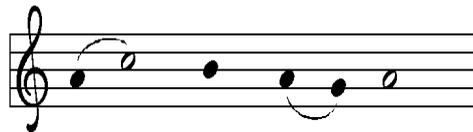
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



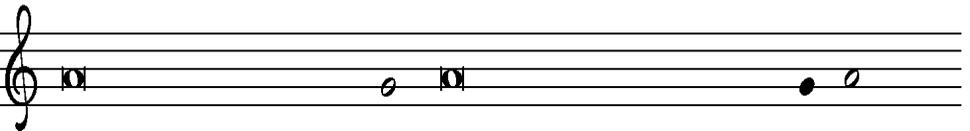
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



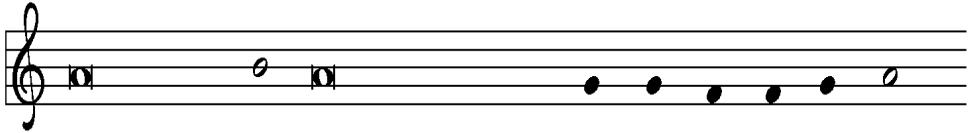
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



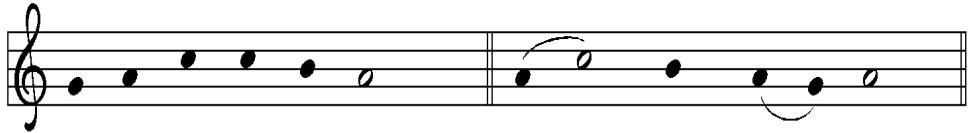
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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 Hymn of Praise tells of the joy of the resurrection and Christ's victory over death.

† **Hymn of Praise** (first line sung by leader, all join in at "Worthy...")



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

† Prayer of the Day

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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: Revelation 7:9-17

To put this reading into context:

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

Hear now the reading:

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

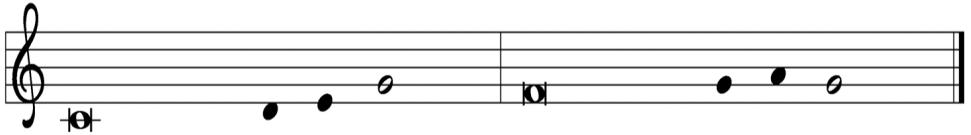
¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Chanting the psalms is an ancient practice for people of faith.

Psalm 23



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¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort
me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

We welcome the gospel by singing the Gospel Acclamation.

† Gospel Acclamation: Halle Halle Hallelujah ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

The Gospel reading is announced. 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 10:22-30

To put this reading into context:

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

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

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give

	<p>them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”</p> <p>The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.</p>
	<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>Sermon: Pastor Marissa Harrison</p> <p><i>Silence for Reflection</i></p>
<p><i>The Hymn of the Day invites the assembly's participation in the sermon event—it is a response to the proclaimed Word of God.</i></p>	<p>† Hymn of the Day: The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW 502 vs 1, 2, & 4</p> <p>1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.</p> <p>2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.</p> <p>4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me, thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.</p> <p>Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877</p>

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

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unfailing trust, unafraid to join in Jesus' work of renewing all things. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Feed your people at the table of creation. Prepare a safe place for those whose environments are dangerous or unhealthy, especially those making difficult journeys. Prosper your creation for the sake of every living thing. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Warm the hearts of all who celebrate and all who mourn on Mother's Day. Accompany those yearning to be mothers. Help us to heal from broken family relationships and open us to receive your nurturing love from all who serve mothering roles in our lives. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation especially Joe, Jeff, Oakley, Andrew, Willie, Char, Jen, Jerry, Marie, Tony, Jeanette, the family of Mary Wahl . . . and those whom we lift up in our heart silently or aloud. Set people in their path who can provide the care they need, and wipe away every tear from their eyes. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Enfold us in the great multitude of saints from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. Wash us in your saving grace every day, guiding us to your waters of life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

<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></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <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> </div>
<p><i>The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.</i></p>	<p>† Offering Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen ELW 377 vs 1 & 2</p> <p>1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!</p> <p><i>Refrain</i></p> <p>Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!</p>

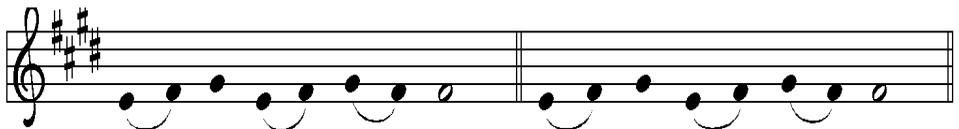
2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
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† Offering Prayer

Living God,
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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.

† Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

<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</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.</p> <p>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>† Invitation to the Table</p> <p>The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.</p>
<p><i>During the season of Lent, we kneeled for communion in reverence and self-reflection.</i></p> <p><i>Now, during the season of Easter, we are invited to stand for communion to embody the "the posture of resurrection."</i></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. Gluten-free communion is available upon request. The wine is white and grape juice is red. There are trays located at the end of the front pews for the disposal of communion cups.</i></p> <p>The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.</p> <p>The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.</p>

Communion Hymn: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart ELW 484

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord,
we follow and rejoice. *Refrain*

2 With joyful lips we sing to you
our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord,
to share this heav'nly food. *Refrain*

3 Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain*

4 The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain*

5 You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity. *Refrain*

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997
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	<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>† Prayer after Communion</p> <p>We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. 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 sends us in mission to the world.</i></p> <p>† Blessing</p> <p>God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever. Amen.</p>
	<p>† Sending Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ELW 631 vs 1, 2, & 4</p> <p>1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;</p>

visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

*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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Today's Worship Servants:

Presiding: Pastor Marissa Harrison	Reader: Joan Zeager
Ushers: Larry Jacobson Kim Wylie	Counters: Jessica Berkshire Stan Zeager
Online Usher: Bill Fink	Acolyte: Amelia Forshey



Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, May 8, 2022

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Jae, Jeff, and Oakley; Andrew Evatt; Willie Lee, Char Mattson; Jen Mitterholzer; Jerry and Marie Sternad; Tony Sykaluk; Jeanette Weidlich; Family and friends of Mary Wahl

For those celebrating their birthday:

Jessica Berkshire (May 12), Andrew Sykaluk (May 14)

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism:

Abbie Blocksom (May 8), Steve Bugosh (May 11), Pam Lanter (May 14), Allan Wylie (May 14)

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the glory of God by Barbara Demko-Werner in loving memory of her brothers, John and Albert, and her nephew, Don.

Good Soil's Spring Outdoor Clean Up Day will be Sat, May 21 beginning at 9:30 a.m. We'll meet in the parking lot for a short devotion and hand out work assignments. Coffee, bottled water, and large leaf bags will be provided. Please bring your own work gloves and gardening tools. The Property Committee hopes to see you there!

Interested in learning more about being an usher, greeter, or reader? Join the Worship Servant Training Adult Forum at 11:00 a.m. on Sun, May 22. All those who are currently in the rotation as readers, ushers, and greeters (as well as those who are interested in learning more and/or potentially serving in those roles) are encouraged to attend. We'll explore some of the "why's" behind what we do in worship and some helpful instructions/logistics for those roles as well.

The Roof Fundraising Campaign "Building Joy!" is underway to help ensure Good Soil can continue to provide a place for Christ's joy to grow and thrive for years to come. The congregation is invited to join in alongside funds from Sylvia Rosenbush's trust to raise a total of \$10,000 toward this project cost. With unanimous gifts from council paired with our first gifts received this past week, we have already raised \$3,350 toward this project. Thanks be to God!

See chart of remaining needed gifts below. The top QR code will take you to the intent response form and the bottom QR code will take you to Good Soil's online giving page. Intent responses due by the end of May, funds due by 8/15.



Intent Response Form



Online Giving Page

Needed Gifts	Gift Levels	Total of Gift Amounts
1	\$800.00	\$800.00
2	\$600.00	\$1,200.00
2	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
3	\$400.00	\$1,200.00
2	\$300.00	\$600.00
4	\$200.00	\$800.00
6	\$100.00	\$600.00
9	\$50.00	\$450.00
29	Total	\$6,650.00