

Good Soil Lutheran Ministries  
*Growing Together in Christ*



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost  
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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 worshiping 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. We pray that worshiping together as a family is a meaningful experience!

### For Those Needing Hearing Assistance

Please ask an usher about our hearing assistance devices to enhance your worship 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 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).*

## Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

*Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”*

### Gathering

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

#### **Prelude and Welcome**

*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 return to the gift of Baptism*

#### **† Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,**

*through  
repentance.*

**we have too often passed by on the other side.  
Set us again on the path of life.  
Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.  
Amen.**

Hear the good news!  
God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.  
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
You are free to love as God loves.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn: Blest Be the Tie That Binds ELW 656**

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind  
is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share our mutual woes,  
our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.
- 4 From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

*The presiding minister greets the assembly with the words used by Paul in 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

## † Hymn of Praise



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

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

## † Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32**

To put this reading into context:

*In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.*

Hear now the reading:

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the

city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” <sup>30</sup>Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” <sup>31</sup>He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” <sup>32</sup>Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*We speak  
the psalm  
together  
responsively.*

### **Psalm 138 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

<sup>2</sup>I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

<sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

<sup>4</sup>All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

<sup>5</sup>They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

*We welcome the gospel by singing the Gospel Acclamation.*

† Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*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: Luke 11:1-13

To put this reading into context:

*In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.*

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



<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”<sup>2</sup>He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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

Children’s Sermon

Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison

*Silence for Reflection*

<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>† <b>Hymn of the Day: I Need Thee Every Hour</b></p> <p>1 I need Thee every hour Most gracious Lord No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford</p> <p><b>Refrain</b> I need Thee, O I need Thee Every hour I need Thee O bless me now, my Savior I come to Thee</p> <p>2 I need Thee every hour Stay Thou nearby Temptations lose their power When Thou art nigh <b>Refrain</b></p> <p>3 I need Thee every hour In joy or pain Come quickly and abide Or life is vain</p> <p>Annie Sherwood Hawks   Robert Lowry © Words: Public Domain Music: Public Domain</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>† <b>Passing of the Peace</b></p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always, <b>And also with you.</b></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>

*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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip us to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**


Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer especially Max, Jae, Jeff, Oakley, Andrew, Jamie, Willie, Char, Jen, Rich, Diane, Jerry, Marie, Tony, Jeanette, Wardell, Gloria . . . and those whom we lift up in our hearts silently or aloud. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join

	<p>our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God, <b>receive our prayer.</b></p> <p>Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. <b>Amen.</b></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;"><b><u>The Meal</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p><b>Offering</b></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 <a href="http://www.goodsoillutheran.org/support">www.goodsoillutheran.org/support</a> or by using this QR code:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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> 
<p><i>The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God’s blessings.</i></p>	<p><b>† Offering Hymn: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ</b> <b>ELW 674 v 1</b></p> <p>1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.</p> <p><i>Refrain</i></p> <p>Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!</p>

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### † Offering Prayer

God of abundance:  
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.  
As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

### † Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also 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, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

† Eucharistic Prayer and 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

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.**

## † Invitation to the Table

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.  
Come to the banquet, for Christ is here.

## † 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 come forward in one line down the center aisle. Gluten-free communion is available upon request. The wine is red and grape juice has a foil top.*

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

## Communion Hymn: One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)

1 Higher than the mountains that I face  
Stronger than the power of the grave  
Constant in the trial and the change  
One thing remains,  
One thing remains

### ***Refrain***

Your love never fails  
It never gives up  
Never runs out on me  
***(REPEAT)***

2 On and on and on and on it goes  
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul  
And I never ever have to be afraid  
One thing remains  
One thing remains ***Refrain***

3 In death in life I'm confident and  
Cover'd by the power of Your great love  
My debt is paid there's nothing that  
Can separate my heart from Your great love  
*(REPEAT)*

***Refrain***

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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.**

**† Prayer after Communion**

Life-giving God,  
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds  
and fed us with your mercy.  
Now send us forth to live for others,  
both friend and stranger,  
that all may come to know your love.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus.  
**Amen.**



## The Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

*With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ's body in the world.*

### † Blessing

The God of peace,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

**Amen.**

### † Sending Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus ELW 742

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
oh, what needless pain we bear--  
all because we do not carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

	<p>Do your friends despise, forsake you?          Take it to the Lord in prayer.          In his arms he'll take and shield you;          you will find a solace there.</p> <p>Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886</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><b>† Dismissal</b></p> <p>Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  <b>Thanks be to God.</b></p>
	<p><b>Postlude</b></p>

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## Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, July 24, 2022

**For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength:** Max Bechtel; Jae, Jeff, and Oakley; Andrew Evatt; Jamie Lanter; Willie Lee, Char Mattson; Jen Mitterholzer; Rich Petrusky; Diane Shumaker; Jerry and Marie Sternad; Tony Sykaluk; Jeanette Weidlich; Wardell; Gloria

**For those celebrating birthdays:**

Dave Blocksom (July 26), Jenna Carlson (July 28)

**For those celebrating wedding anniversaries:**

Jerad and Becky Williamson (July 30)

**The flowers adorning the altar today** are given to the glory of God in remembrance and in celebration of the remarkable life of Jerry W. Hoegner.

**The weekly e-news is on sabbatical!** It will return on Friday, August 12. Announcements will continue to be printed in the bulletin. Worship won't be on sabbatical, though, so we hope to see you in July.



**Today's Worship Servants:**

Presiding: The Rev. Marissa Harrison	Reader: Abbie Blocksom
Ushers: Dave Blocksom Barbara Demko-Werner	Counters: Joe Lanter Barb Munch
Online Usher: Karen Sperli	Acolyte: George Young

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Sun, July 24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In-Person and Livestream Worship</b></li> <li>• <b>Outdoor Fellowship and Coffee Hour</b></li> </ul>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>
Sat, Aug 6	Ladies' Breakfast – Gene's Place	9:00 a.m.
<b>Sun, Aug 7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In-Person and Livestream Worship</b></li> <li>• <b>Coffee Hour</b></li> </ul>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>
Tues, Aug 9	Good Soil Executive Team Meeting	7:30 p.m.
<b>Sun, Aug 14</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In-Person and Livestream Worship – Back to School Blessing</b></li> <li>• <b>Coffee Hour</b></li> </ul>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>
Tues, Aug 16	Good Soil Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
<b>Sun, Aug 21</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In-Person and Livestream Worship</b></li> <li>• <b>Coffee Hour</b></li> </ul>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Sun, Aug 28</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In-Person and Livestream Worship</b></li> <li>• <b>Coffee Hour</b></li> </ul>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>