

Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ



Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
and Baptism of Lucy June Alusheff
July 17, 2022
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 worshiping with you. There's also a "playground" 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).

**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
And Baptism of Lucy Alusheff**

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord’s day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

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 through repentance.

† 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,
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: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ELW 858

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

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.

† 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.

<p><i>The Prayer of the Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.</i></p>	<p>† Prayer of the Day</p> <p>O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.</p> <p>Amen.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Word</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.</i></p> <p>First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-12</p> <p>To put this reading into context:</p> <p><i>God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.</i></p> <p>Hear now the reading:</p> <p>^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;</p>



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 13:10-17

To put this reading into context:

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.

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

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to

	<p>shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.</p> <p>The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.</p>
	<p>Children’s Sermon</p>
	<p>Sermon: The Rev. 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: God is Here ELW 526</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts. 2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each. 3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant

seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

- 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

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Baptism of
Lucy June Alusheff

Presentation

God, who is rich in mercy and love . . .

. . . Max and Danae, who do you present for baptism today?

Sponsors respond: We present Lucy for baptism.

Alex and Abby, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and
love of God, do you desire to have your child, Lucy, baptized into
Christ?

Parents respond: We do.

As you bring Lucy to receive the gift of baptism,
you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten
Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,

and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that she may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Alex and Abby, do you promise to help Lucy grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents respond: We do.

Max and Danae, do you promise to nurture Lucy in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors respond: We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Lucy and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

Assembly responds: We do.

† Profession of Faith

Alex, Abby, Max, and Danae I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce evil and all the forces that defy God?

Parents and Sponsors respond: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Parents and Sponsors respond: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parents and Sponsors respond: I renounce them.

People of God:

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

† Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning . . .

. . . To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

	<p><u>Baptism</u></p> <p>Lucy, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.</p> <p>Let us pray. We give you thanks, O Godthe spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.</p> <p>Lucy, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.</p> <p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.</p> <p>Let us welcome the newly baptized with our applause!</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>

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.


You crown your church with steadfast love and mercy. Guide us continually in our baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Use our diverse gifts in service to the whole people of God. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You satisfy the needs of all creatures. Protect the habitats of fish and birds. Repair ecosystems damaged by misuse, neglect, or natural disaster, that all creation may thrive. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You make your ways known to all people. Inspire the leaders of nations with your compassion and mercy. Raise up activists to restore places affected by violence, poverty, and inequality. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You provide justice for all who are oppressed and relief to all who are afflicted. Heal those who are bent over by addiction, depression, and anxiety. Set free all who cry out under the weight of mental, emotional, or physical distress especially Max, Jae, Jeff, Oakley, Andrew, Jamie, Willie, Jen, Rich, Jerry, Marie, Tony, Jeanette . . . and those whom we lift up in our heart silently or aloud. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You call us to delight in the sabbath—praying and playing together as the Body of Christ. We thank you for the baptism of Lucy June Alusheff today and the opportunity to walk alongside one another in the journey of faith. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

	<p>We give you thanks for the communion of saints who have gathered in prayer and praise throughout generations. Support us in your love until we rest forever in you. Merciful God, receive our prayer.</p> <p>Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.</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:</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> 
<p><i>The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God’s blessings.</i></p>	<p>† Offering Hymn: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ ELW 674 v 1</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>Refrain</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

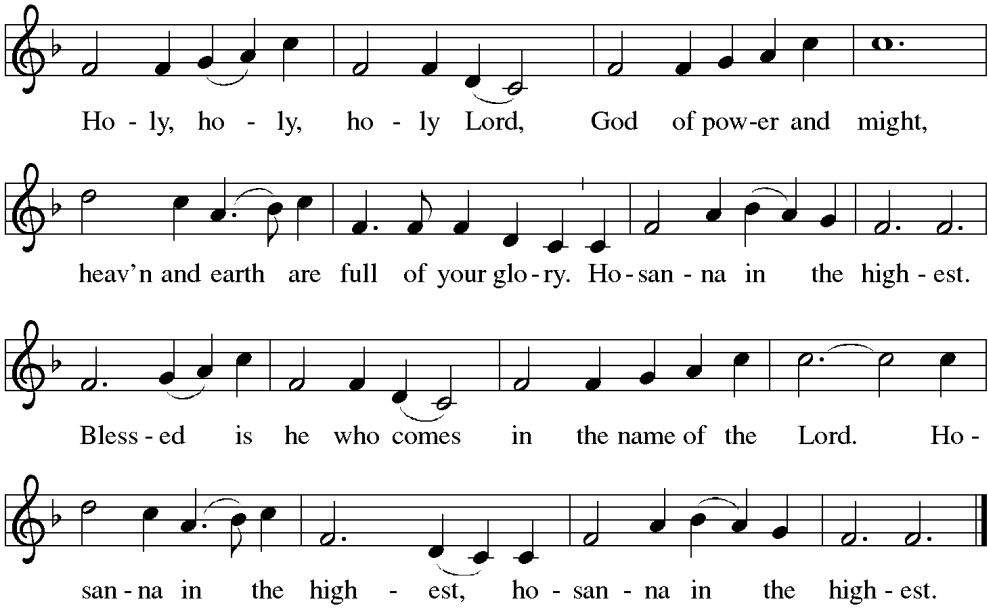
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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:

	 <p>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.</p>
	<p>† Eucharistic Prayer and 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</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>† Invitation to the Table</p> <p>In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet, for Christ is here.</p>

† 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: Ten Thousand Reasons Matt Redman

Refrain

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes ***Refrain***

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find ***Refrain***

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore ***Refrain***

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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>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.</p>
<p><i>With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ's body in the world.</i></p>	<p><u>The Sending</u></p> <p><i>God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.</i></p> <p>† Blessing</p> <p>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.</p>

† Sending Hymn: O Day of Rest and Gladness ELW 521

- 1 O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright:
on you the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,
sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"
to the great God triune.
- 2 On you, at earth's creation,
the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation,
Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious
the Spirit sent from heav'n;
and thus on you, most glorious,
a threefold light was giv'n.
- 3 Today on weary nations
the heav'nly manna falls;
to holy convocations
the silver trumpet calls,
where gospel light is glowing
with pure and radiant beams
and living water flowing
with soul-refreshing streams.
- 4 New graces ever gaining
from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining
to spirits of the blest.
We sing to you our praises,
O Father, Spirit, Son;
the church its voice upraises
to you, blest Three in One.

	Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.
<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>	† Dismissal Go in peace. Love your neighbor. Thanks be to God.
	Postlude

You are warmly invited to attend a baptismal celebration in the fellowship hall (downstairs) immediately following worship

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Announcements from Good Soil

Sunday, July 17, 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; Jerry and Marie Sternad; Tony Sykaluk; Jeanette Weidlich

For those celebrating birthdays:

Sammie Forshey (July 17), Kathy Berkshire (July 22), Amelia Forshey (July 23)

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the glory of God by Linda Beebe in loving memory of her parents, Emma and Robert, and by the Forsheys to celebrate the birthdays of Sammie and Amelia.

Braver Angels Exploratory Discussion: Wednesday, July 20th, at 4:30pm at West Shore UU. West Shore UU, Rocky River Presbyterian and Good Soil are joining together to explore the possibility of hosting a series of Braver Angels skills trainings in the Rocky River area. We've been asked to bring a few leaders from each church to this meeting which will take place July 20th at 4:30pm at West Shore UU. Braver Angels is a nonprofit organization that seeks to bridge the red/blue divide of polarization in our nation by skills trainings and workshops. More information from Braver Angels newsletter article go to their website at <https://braverangels.org/>

Good Groove is a new game (developed by Good Soil member Adam Pate!) you can play by yourself or with others that is a fun way to help make the world a kinder place. The challenge is to make a conscious effort every day to do something GOOD, then share it and keep it going. Join in and see how much "good" you can grow! Connect with Good Groove's facebook page here: facebook.com/goodgroovedaily/

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: Loxi Verdova
Ushers: Barbara Demko-Werner Alex Verdova	Counters: Jessica Berkshire Stan Zeager
Online Usher: Kim Wylie	Acolyte: Isaac Krankowski

Date	Event	Time
Sun, July 17	• In-Person and Livestream Worship with Baptism of Lucy Alusheff	9:30 a.m.
	• Baptism Celebration	10:30 a.m.
Sun, July 24	• In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 a.m.
	• Outdoor Fellowship and Coffee Hour	10:30 a.m.
Sat, Aug 6	Ladies’ Breakfast – Gene’s Place	9:00 a.m.

LIVING OUR **BAPTISM** ... *Five gifts of discipleship*

Gracious God,

Send your Holy Spirit. Awaken in me the gifts of discipleship:

- + to live among God's faithful people;
- + to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper;
- + to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;
- + to serve all people, following the example of Jesus;
- + to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Amen.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

ELCA.org/faithpractices