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*Growing Together in Christ*



11th 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).*

## 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

*As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.*

### Gathering

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

### **Prelude and Welcome**

### **† Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.  
**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge  
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*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.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.  
We have harmed your good creation.  
We have failed to do justice,  
love kindness,  
and walk humbly with you.  
Turn us in a new direction.  
Show us the path that leads to life.  
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,  
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.  
Amen.

Beloved of God:  
your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.  
God points the way to new life in Christ,  
who meets us on the road.  
Journey now in God's abiding love  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

**Gathering Hymn: Rise Up, O Saints of God!**  
**ELW 669 vs 1-2, 4-5**

- 1 Rise up, O saints of God!  
From vain ambitions turn;  
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts  
with nobler zeal might burn.
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God!  
Despair engulfs earth's frame;  
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,  
the word of hope proclaim.
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God!  
Creation cries in pain;  
stretch forth your hand of healing now,  
with love the weak sustain.

5 Commit your hearts to seek  
the paths which Christ has trod;  
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,  
rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Furness, b. 1936  
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*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.**

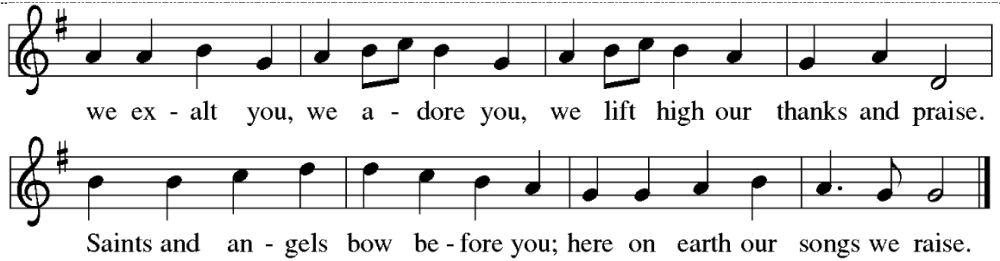
### † Hymn of Praise



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

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### The Word

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

#### **First Reading: Amos 8:4-7**

To put this reading into context:

*Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.*

Hear now the reading.

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
<sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,

and practice deceit with false balances,  
⁶buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We speak  
the psalm  
together  
responsively.*

**Psalm 113 (read responsively)**

¹Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

²**Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

⁴**The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,

⁶**who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?**

⁷He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

⁸**to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.**

⁹Praise the Lord!

*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 16:1-13

To put this reading into context:

*Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my



	<p>master?’ <sup>6</sup>He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.</p> <p><sup>10</sup>“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”</p> <p>The gospel of the Lord.  <b>Praise to you, O Christ.</b></p>
	<p><b>Children’s Sermon</b></p>
	<p><b>Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison</b></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</i></p>	<p>† <b>Hymn of the Day: Son of God, Eternal Savior ELW 655</b></p> <p>1 Son of God, eternal Savior,  source of life and truth and grace,  Word made flesh, whose birth among us  hallows all our human race,  you our head, who, throned in glory,  for your own will ever plead:</p>

*the  
proclaimed  
Word of  
God.*

fill us with your love and pity,  
heal our wrong, and help our need.

- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,  
so may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted;  
freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver,  
yours the wealth of land and sea;  
we but stewards of your bounty  
held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love and Prince of peace;  
hush the storm of strife and passion,  
bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling,  
by your silent hours of pain,  
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race:  
by your praying, by your willing  
that your people should be one,  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:  
here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

**Installation of Good Soil's Council**

**† Prayers of Intercession**

*As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our participation.*

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**


Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and develop sustainable practices. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Great Physician, send comfort, peace, and healing to those in need especially Max, Jae, Jeff, Oakley, Andrew, Jamie, Willie, Char, Jen, Rich, Jerry, Marie, Tony, Jeanette, Wardell, Gloria . . and those whom we lift up in our hearts silently or aloud. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters especially Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries, Meals on Wheels, and Trials for Hope. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. We give thanks for the life of Gary Dennison and his faith that led him to leave this legacy gift in Jesus' name. Guide and inspire us to faithfully use the wealth and resources you entrust to

	<p>us, that we might share generously and make a difference in your world. God of grace, <b>hear our prayer.</b></p> <p>God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace, <b>hear our prayer.</b></p> <p>Gathered together in the communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. <b>Amen.</b></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>
<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> <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><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    ELW 674</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> <p><small>Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929 Text © 1975 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.</small></p>
	<p><b>† Offering Prayer</b></p> <p>Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. <b>Amen.</b></p>
	<p><b>† Great Thanksgiving</b></p> <p>The Lord be with you. <b>And also with you.</b></p> <p>Lift up your hearts. <b>We lift them to the Lord.</b></p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. <b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b></p>

## † 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

Christ invites you to this table.  
Come, taste and see.

### Communion Hymn: As the Deer Runs to the River ELW 331

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

#### *Refrain*

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

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

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

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

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	<p>† <b>Post-Communion Table Blessing</b></p> <p>May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  <b>Amen.</b></p>
	<p>† <b>Prayer after Communion</b></p> <p>God of the abundant table,  you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  with bread for the journey.  Give us your grace on the road  that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  <b>Amen.</b></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><b>The Sending</b></u>  <i>God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.</i></p> <p>† <b>Blessing</b></p> <p>God, who gives life to all things  and frees us from despair,  bless you with truth and peace.  And may the holy Trinity, † one God,  guide you always in faith, hope, and love.  <b>Amen.</b></p>
	<p>† <b>Sending Hymn: Let Justice Flow like Streams</b>      <b>ELW 717</b></p> <p>1 Let justice flow like streams  of sparkling water, pure,  enabling growth, refreshing life,  abundant, cleansing, sure.</p> <p>2 Let righteousness roll on  as others' cares we heed,</p>



	<p>an ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed.</p> <p>3 So may God's plumb line, straight, define our measure true, and justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.</p> <p>Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926 Text © 1984 Jane Parker Huber, admin. Westminster John Knox Press</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, with Christ beside you. <b>Thanks be to God.</b></p>
	<p><b>Postlude</b></p>

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### Today's Worship Servants:

Presiding: The Rev. Marissa Harrison	Reader: JoAnne Wancata
Ushers: Kim Wylie Stan Zeager	Counters: Michael Wancata Joan Zeager
Online Usher: Dave Blocksom	Acolyte: Aaron Krankowski



## Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, August 21, 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; Wardell; Gloria

**For those celebrating birthdays:**

Alexandra Inman (Aug 21), Amanda Inman (Aug 21), Larry Jacobson (Aug 21)

**Bulletin Correction:** Last week the birthday of Lily Connor on Aug 16 was overlooked. We apologize and wish Lily a year filled with many blessings!

**For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism:**

Pastor David Connor (Aug 26)

**The flowers adorning the altar today** are given to the glory of God by the Inman family to celebrate the birthdays of Alexandra and Amanda Inman and Larry Jacobson

**Highlights from 8/16/22 Council Meeting:**

Council kicked off its new term by adopting a council covenant together and celebrating the arrival of its newest leaders: Ellen Young, Sarah Sburlea, Matt Vinson, and Bill Fink. They join continuing leaders Joe Lanter, Eric Carlson, Alex Alusheff, and Tom Smith. Please include Good Soil's council leaders in your prayers throughout the year!

Council elected its new officers during the August meeting:

- President – Eric Carlson (through Jan 2023) and Joe Lanter (Feb through July 2023)
- Vice President – Matt Vinson
- Secretary – Sarah Sburlea
- Treasurer – Tom Smith

Have a question about an ongoing church project? Here are the council leaders who will serve as point persons for the following projects:

- Open Doors Grant (Little Library) – Ellen Young
- God’s Work. Our Hands Sunday – Bill Fink
- Adding a maintenance position – Matt Vinson

If you are curious about the topics and issues covered by council and would like additional details, council minutes are available upon request to the church office.

<b>Good Soil Calendar</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Sun, Aug 21</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In-Person and Livestream Worship – Installation of Council Leaders</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>
<b>Sat, Sept 3</b>	Ladies’ Breakfast – Gene’s Place	9:00 a.m.
<b>Sun, Sept 4</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>Mon, Sept 5</b>	Labor Day – Church Office Closed	

**Preview of next week's sermon discussion questions:**

**August 28 – Sermon Text is Luke 16:19-31**

**Needs: Everybody has them!**

*Key verse: And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.*  
- Luke 16:20-21

**Write your thoughts about the questions in the space below and discuss them with a partner. Be sure to turn in your answers. Thanks!**

- 1. Poor Lazarus' needs are the driving issue for the story. But all of us have needs. What are the biggest needs that you face collectively as a congregation – what needs work for you to be a better congregation?**
- 2. Even at our best, each of us have needs (even the rich man had them). What are the biggest needs you have that your congregation could help you with to be more whole as a person? A better follower of Jesus?**
- 3. The rich man is an example of a missed opportunity to deal with life. What does your congregation need to strengthen to have more impact in the local community around you—the community Jesus sends you to?**