

Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ



10th 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).*

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The grumbling of the religious leaders in today’s gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, “The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” Thanks be to God.

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,
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.

*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: Word of God, Come Down on Earth ELW 510

- 1 Word of God, come down on earth,
living rain from heav'n descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

- 2 Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die,
crucified for our salvation,
saving Word, the world restoring,
speak to us, your love outpouring.

3 Word that speaks God's tender love,
one with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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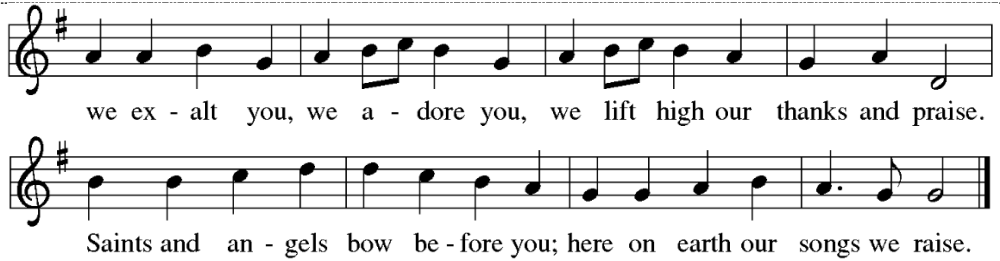
The presiding minister greets the assembly with the words used by Paul in 2nd Corinthians to greet churches. The assembly also greets the presiding minister in return. It is a moment of mutuality that signifies trust, love, mutual service, and a shared hope in God.

† 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.

† Hymn of Praise





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

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Word

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

First Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

To put this reading into context:

The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

Hear now the reading.

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for

me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

*We speak
the psalm
together
responsively.*

Psalm 51:1-4, 9-10 (read responsively)

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

*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 15:1-10

To put this reading into context:

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

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

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the

	<p>coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”</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: Amazing Grace ELW 779 vs 1, 3-5</p> <p>1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.</p> <p>3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.</p> <p>4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.</p> <p>5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.</p> <p><small>Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5</small></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

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.

Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love, and give understanding hearts as we work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious commitments. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**


Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of pollution and lack of care. Renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Remember us in your mercy. Teach wisdom to our elected leaders so that we know peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any 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.**

Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up this community, that we may serve our neighbors and welcome all in your name. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your blessed saints who have died now rest in your presence. Give us thankful hearts for those who have been examples of faith in our

	<p>lives, and receive us with joy when we come to share eternal life with you. God of grace, hear our prayer.</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.</p> <p>Amen.</p>
<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace in one another and share it together.</i></p>	<p>† Passing of the Peace</p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always, And also with you.</p> <p><i>The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you" sharing the peace of Christ with one another in a no-touch or low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.</i></p>
<p><i>God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give 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</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> 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>† Offering Prayer</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. Amen.</p>
	<p>† Great Thanksgiving</p> <p>The Lord be with you. And also with you.</p> <p>Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.</p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.</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 Hymns:

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord ELW 580

- 1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,
 when once we heed your call
 to live according to your word
 and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
 that you are Lord of all,
 and will not let us fall.

- 2 But if, forgetful, we should find
 your yoke is hard to bear;
 if worldly pressures fray the mind
 and life itself cannot unwind
 its tangled skein of care:
 our inward life repair.

- 3 We marvel how your saints become
 in hindrances more sure;
 whose joyful virtues put to shame
 the casual way we wear your name,
 and by our faults obscure
 your pow'r to cleanse and cure.

- 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do,
 together or alone,
 in old routines or ventures new,
 may we not cease to look to you,
 the cross you hung upon,
 all you endeavored done.

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O God of Mercy, God of Light ELW 714

- 1 O God of mercy, God of light,
 in love and mercy infinite,
 teach us, as ever in your sight,
 to live our lives in you.

- 2 You sent your Son to die for all,
 that our lost world might hear your call;
 oh, hear us lest we stray and fall!
 We rest our hope in you.

- 3 Teach us the lesson Jesus taught:
 to feel for those his blood has bought,
 that ev'ry deed and word and thought
 may work a work for you.

- 4 For all are kindred, far and wide,
 since Jesus Christ for all has died;
 grant us the will, and grace provide,
 to love them all in you.

- 5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
 may we each other's burdens share;
 may we, where help is needed, there
 give help as though to you.

- 6 And may your Holy Spirit move
 all those who live to live in love,
 till you receive in heav'n above
 all those who live in you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, alt.

	<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>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. Amen.</p>
	<p>Back to School Blessing</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, 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. Amen.</p>

† Sending Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness ELW 733

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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*The dismissal
sends us out
into the
world as
Christ's
Body—fed,
nourished,
and ready to
serve.
Worship has
ended, and
our service
begins!*

† Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, August 14, 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:
John Shumaker (Aug 19)

For those celebrating a wedding anniversary:
Joe and Donna Michalski (Aug 17)

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism:
David David (Aug 14), Pastor Marissa Harrison (Aug 19)

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the glory of God by the Young family in thanks for the service of past, current, and future members of Good Soil's Council.

Take a peek at the newly renovated church office. New flooring was installed and fresh paint was put on the walls. It was 15 years since the last renovation was done and Deborah certainly appreciates the updated surroundings! Next week the counters' room between the office and the sanctuary will be done as well. Thanks go out to Stan Zeager and his crew for the flooring installation and furniture moving, Larry Jacobson for arranging for the painter, Jessica Berkshire for her help with technical issues, and Trey Harrison for his help in sorting out the cables of our office network. Job well done, good and faithful servants.

Today's Worship Servants:

Presiding: The Rev. Marissa Harrison	Reader: Joan Zeager
Ushers: Larry and Chris Jacobson	Counters: Joe Lanter Stan Zeager
Online Usher: Kathy Berkshire	Acolyte: Amelia Forshey

Good Soil Calendar		
Date	Event	Time
Sun, Aug 14	• In-Person and Livestream Worship – Back to School Blessing	9:30 a.m.
	• Coffee Hour	10:30 a.m.
Tues, Aug 16	Good Soil Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sun, Aug 21	• In-Person and Livestream Worship – Installation of Council Leaders	9:30 a.m.
	• Coffee Hour	10:30 a.m.
Sun, Aug 28	• In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 a.m.
	• Coffee Hour	10:30 a.m.

Preview of next week’s sermon discussion questions:

**August 21 – Sermon Text is Luke 16:1-13
Assets, gifts and passions**

Key verse: 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. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ - Luke 16:3-4

- 1. In dealing with his challenges, the shrewd manager takes time to reflect on his assets to define a solution. With this in mind, what are some of the most important assets your church has to work with?**
- 2. Think about your own individual assets, gifts, and passions. Which of these do you see as the best things you have (talents, physical assets, whatever...) to put into use for something God cares about?**
- 3. How might your congregation better use your assets, gifts and passions to deal with today’s challenges and move toward a stronger and more creative future and not just be used for the here and now?**