Good Soil Lutheran Ministries Growing Together in Christ



19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost October 16, 2022 9:30 a.m.



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#### <u>Welcome</u>

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, <u>masking is strongly</u> <u>recommended</u>. 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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Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

	<u>Gathering</u> The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
	The Holy spint cans as together as the people of God.
	Prelude and Welcome
In the Confession	† Confession and Forgiveness
and Forgiveness,	Blessed be the holy Trinity, 🕂 one God,
we are	who is eager to forgive
drawn by	and who loves us beyond our days.
God's mercy	Amen.
to prepare to assemble	Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
around the	our failure to love this world as Jesus does.
Word and	
Sacrament. It may be seen	Silence is kept for reflection.
as a return to	
the gift of	God of mercy and forgiveness,
Baptism	we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
through	We have harmed your good creation.
repentance.	

 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.
<ul> <li>Gathering Hymn: O Word of God Incarnate ELW 514</li> <li>1 O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky: we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.</li> <li>2 The church from you, dear Master, received the gift divine; and still that light is lifted</li> </ul>
 and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine. It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through, mid mists and rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to you.

	<ul> <li>3 Oh, make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold to bear before the nations your true light, as of old; oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace, till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.</li> <li>Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.</li> </ul>
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: O Master, Let Me Walk with You ELW 818 v 1
	<ol> <li>O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true; tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.</li> </ol>
	Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.
The Prayer of the Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.	<ul> <li>† Prayer of the Day</li> <li>O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.</li> <li>Amen.</li> </ul>
	The Word
	God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.
	First Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:4
	To put this reading into context:
	The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.
	Hear now the reading:
	<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that everyone who

	<ul> <li>belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.</li> <li><sup>4:1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.</li> <li>Word of God. Word of Life.</li> <li>Thanks be to God.</li> </ul>
	Psalm 121 (read responsively)
	<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?
	<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
	<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
	<sup>4</sup> He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
	<sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
	<sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
	<sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
	<sup>8</sup> The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.
We welcome the gospel by singing	† Gospel Acclamation

the 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.	<ul> <li>† Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8</li> <li>To put this gospel reading into context:</li> <li>Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.</li> <li>The holy gospel according to Luke.</li> <li>Glory to you, O Lord.</li> </ul>
	<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup> He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup> In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you,

	he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" The gospel of the Lord. <b>Praise to you, O Christ.</b>
	Children's Sermon Children aged Pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to leave the service after the Children's Sermon and attend the 1st part of Sunday School instruction (2nd part to resume in classes after worship.) Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison
	Silence for Reflection
The Hymn of the Day invites the Assembly's participation in the sermon event—it is a response to the proclaimed Word of God.	<ul> <li>† Hymn of the Day: Rise Up, O Saints of God! ELW 669 vs 1, 2, 4 &amp; 5</li> <li>1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn; Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.</li> <li>2 Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame; as heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.</li> <li>4 Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain; stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.</li> <li>5 Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;</li> </ul>

# and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God! Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936 Text © Norman O. Forness, admin. Augsburg Fortress. **Apostles'** Creed In the month of October, we're exploring Luther's explanations of the articles of the Apostles' Creed in anticipation of Reformation Sunday on October 30. Today we explore Article 2: God the Son (Redeemer). P: Let us confess our faith. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, C: 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. P What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father **C**: from eternity, and also a true human being, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being. He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of evil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood andwith his innocent suffering and death. This is most certainly true.

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

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

# A brief silence.

For all the baptized, that they become skilled in compassion and grace and equipped to share the good news with all. Grant your followers persistence in proclamation and prayer. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

For air and sky, clouds and sun, that they provide rain to parched land and relief to flooded ground. Renew and restore our polluted atmosphere and empower us to be worthy stewards of creation. Help all who are rebuilding in the face of natural disasters. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

For judges, juries, and all who work in the judicial system, that they desire wisdom, seek truth, rule with fairness, and have the courage to do what is right. Eliminate oppression and injustice in our criminal justice system. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

For all who are lonely, especially those who have newly arrived in an unfamiliar city or country, political prisoners without recourse to justice, hospital patients without visitors, and any who are ill or in need, especially Max, Jae, Jeff, Oakley, Andrew, Jamie, Willie, Char, Jen, Rich, Jerry, Marie, Jeanette, Wardell, Gloria, the family of Tony Sykaluk . . . and those whom we lift up in our hearts silently or aloud. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**.

For those in our congregation and community engaged in advocacy work, that with the persistence of the widow, they lift their voices in seeking justice on behalf of others. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

	With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. <b>Amen.</b>
A practice of the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace in one another and share it together.	<ul> <li>† Passing of the Peace</li> <li>The Peace of Christ be with you always,</li> <li>And also with you.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
0	<u>The Meal</u>
	God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.
God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to	Offering 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 <u>www.goodsoillutheran.org/support</u> or by using this QR code:
God and support the ministry of the church.	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.
The offering is brought forward to	† Offering Hymn: Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In ACS 950 v 1-3
the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.	<ul> <li>Oh, when the saints go marching in,</li> <li>oh, when the saints go marching in,</li> <li>O Lord, I want to be in that number</li> <li>when the saints go marching in.</li> </ul>

<ul> <li>Oh, when the Lord in glory comes, oh, when the Lord in glory comes, O Lord, I want to be in that number when the Lord in glory comes.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Oh, when the new world is revealed,</li> <li>oh, when the new world is revealed,</li> <li>O Lord, I want to be in that number</li> <li>when the new world is revealed.</li> </ul>
Text: African American spiritual
 † Offering Prayer
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.
 † 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 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.
	† Words of Institution
The Lord's Prayer is	† Lord's Prayer
Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.	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: Day by Day ELW 790
<ol> <li>Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul.</li> <li>Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.</li> <li>Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest; Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.</li> </ol>
<ul> <li>2 Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey;</li> <li>I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day.</li> <li>I will fear no evil of the morrow,</li> <li>I will trust in your enduring grace.</li> <li>Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.</li> </ul>
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand. Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.
Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936-2005 Text © 1992 Augsburg Fortress.

	† Post-Communion Table Blessing
	May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.
	<u>The Sending</u> God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.
With the blessing of	† Blessing
God, we go out to live as	God, who gives life to all things
Christ's body in the world.	
in the wond.	bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, + one God,
	guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
	Amen.
	† Sending Hymn: What God Ordains Is Good Indeed ELW 776
	1 What God ordains is good indeed,
	for all life well providing.
	The will of God is best for me,
	the ground of my confiding. My faithful God,
	on ev'ry road
	you know the way unfolding
	and my hand you are holding.
	2 What God ordains is good indeed:
	my light, my life, my Savior!
	No ill can get the best of me; God's care will never waver.
	Through joy and pain
	l shall attain
j	the dawn disclosing clearly

	that God has loved me dearly.
	<ul> <li>What God ordains is good indeed.</li> <li>When hope seems like delusion,</li> <li>I taste the bitter cup and plead,</li> <li>"Lord, quench my fear, confusion."</li> <li>God ends the night,</li> <li>restores delight;</li> <li>by faith I face tomorrow</li> <li>and yield to God all sorrow.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>What God ordains is good indeed. My Lord will never fail me on danger's path, in deepest need, when death in grief shall veil me. My God so dear will draw me near, in loving arms will hold me, at last in light enfold me.</li> <li>Text: Samuel Rodigast, 1649-1708; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951 Text © 2000 Augsburg Fortress.</li> </ul>
The dismissal sends us out	† Dismissal
into the world as Christ's Body—fed, nourished, and ready to serve. Worship has ended, and our service begins!	Go in peace, with Christ beside you. Thanks be to God.
	Postlude

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# Today's Worship Servants:

Presiding: The Rev. Marissa Harrison	Reader: Mark Liston	
Ushers: Larry and Chris Jacobson	Counters: Mary Kay Liston	
	Becky Williamson	
Online Usher: Kim Wylie	Acolyte: Sean Lanter	



# Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, October 16 2022

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

For those celebrating birthdays:

Denise Johnson (Oct 16), Edith Young (Oct 22)

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries:

Scott and Jennifer Krankowski (Oct 21)

# For those celebrating the anniversaries of their baptism:

Linda Beebe (Oct 20), Janet Whiley (Oct 22)

**The flowers adorning the altar** this week are a gift to the glory of God by Karen Sperli to celebrate the birthday of Jennie Rose Stern.

Acolyte training for interested kids in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and above will be held on Sunday, Oct 23 following worship. This is a good opportunity for the youth to participate in the life of the congregation. Contact Chris Jacobson at 440-241-4291 if you have any questions. We will also be offering the training again in early 2023.

**Everyday Saints Slide Show** – We are preparing a slide show for Sun, Nov 6 to showcase the Everyday Saints who have had an impact on your life. We ask that you submit a photo of your everyday saint along with 2 sentences about how that person shared Christ's love with you, helped you grow in faith, etc. Use the QR code for prompts if that's helpful when thinking about what an everyday saint does. Email your photo and sentences to our livestream team at <u>goodsoilav@gmail.com</u> and they will include them in the slide show.



**Depolarizing Within Workshop by Braver Angels:** We need to find solutions to our nation's problems, but we can't do that if we see the "other side" as enemies and strangers. Come to the Depolarizing Within Workshop presented by Braver Angels on Thursday, Oct 25 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at West Shore Unitarian Universalist across the street from Good Soil to learn more about how we can all work together. If you have questions about the Braver Angels event please contact Joan Clark at jkj.clark@gmail.com.

Martin Luther notably took many conversations about life and faith out of the church building and often had these discussions over glasses of beer in the local tavern. Continuing in that great tradition of Luther, pub theology returns for the Good Soil community this fall! Three sessions will build on one another as we explore foundational Lutheran theological principles, following the content of Dave Daubert's book, "Lutheran Trump Cards: Playing Our Best Hand in the 21st Century." Each session will be held at 7pm for 3 consecutive Wednesdays at <u>Immigrant Son</u> <u>Brewery, 18120 Sloane Ave in Lakewood.</u> On Sun, Nov 13, an Adult Forum will be held after worship to give a brief overview of the content for those who weren't able to make the sessions, but are interested in the material. Plan to join the group at Immigrant Son for fun, fellowship, and learning. Drinking of beer is optional :)

Dates for Lutheran Pub Theology Cards:

Oct 26 at 7:00 p.m. Nov 2 at 7:00 p.m. Nov 9 at 7:00 p.m.

**Mark your calendar for Reformation and Intent Sunday, Oct 30**: Intent Cards will be received during worship and we'll join in together for a celebratory potluck meal after worship at 11:00 a.m. Sign up on the sheet in the hallway outside the Lounge indicating what entrée, veggie, or dessert you'd like to bring to share.

Calendar of Events			
Sun, Oct 16	In-Person and Live Stream Worship	9:30 am	
	Sunday School	10:30 am	
	Coffee Hour	10:30 am	
Tues, Oct 18	GS Council Meeting	7:30 pm	
Sun, Oct 23	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am	
	Adult Forum with Sonja Markwart, ELCA	10:30 am	
	Regional Gift Planner		
	Acolyte Training	10:30 am	
	Sunday School	10:30 am	
	Coffee Hour	10:30 pm	
	• Conference-wide Confirmation Bonfire, Prince of	4:00 -6:00 pm	
	Peace, Westlake		
Wed, Oct 26	Pub Theology Session #1 – Immigrant Son Brewery,	7:00 pm	
	Lakewood		
Sun, Oct 30	REFORMATION AND INTENT SUNDAY		
	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am	
	Sunday School	10:30 am	
	Potluck	11:00 am	