Good Soil Lutheran Ministries Growing Together in Christ



Reformation and Intent Sunday October 30, 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 "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).

Reformation Sunday

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

	Gathering The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
	Prelude and Welcome
In the Confession	† Confession and Forgiveness
and Forgiveness,	Blessed be the + holy Trinity,
we are	the one who fashions us, the one who heals us,
drawn by God's mercy	the one who reforms us again and again.
to prepare to assemble	Amen.
around the Word and Sacrament. It	Siblings in Christ, let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.
may be seen as a return to the gift of	Silence is kept for reflection.

Baptism
through
repentance.

Source of all life.

we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.

We fear that we are not good enough.

We hear your word of love freely given to us,

yet we expect others to earn it.

We turn the church inward,

rather than moving it outward.

Forgive us. Stir us.

Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right,

act for what is just,

and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world.
Our sins are forgiven, + God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: A Mighty Fortress is Our God ELW 504 vs 1, 2, & 4

- A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
 The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
 With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
 On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.

But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

4 God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.

Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.

The kingdom's ours forever!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship* Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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

† 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.

mutuality that signifies trust, love, mutual service, and a shared hope in God.	
	† Hymn of Praise: O Master, Let Me Walk with You
	ELW 818 v 1
	1 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.
	Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.
The Prayer of the Day	† Prayer of the Day
highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to	Almighty God, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, equip them to generously share your
hear.	abundance, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
	The Word
	God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.
	New Testament Reading: Romans 3:19-28
	To put this reading into context:

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

Hear now the reading:

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46 (read responsively)

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

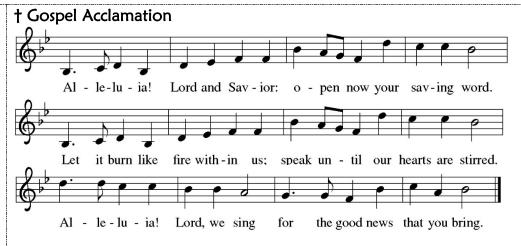
⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

We welcome the gospel by singing the Gospel Acclamation.



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: Matthew 13:1-9

To put this gospel reading into context:

The Parable of the Sower is a story about the extravagant generosity of God, told by Jesus in three different gospels. In Matthew's account, both Jesus and his disciples sow the seed of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near."

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

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

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	The gospel of the Lord.
	Praise to you, O Christ.
	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 (No 2nd part this week. We'll resume after worship next week, Nov 6.)
	Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison
	Silence for Reflection
The Hymn of the Day invites the Assembly's participation in the	† Hymn of the Day: The Church's One Foundation ELW 654 vs 1-3, & 5
	Today is Intent Sunday! You are invited to come forward and place your Intent Cards in the designated area during the Hymn of the Day.
sermon event—it is a response to	1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
the proclaimed	she is his new creation by water and the word.
Word of God.	From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
	with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
	2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
	her charter of salvation
	one Lord, one faith, one birth: one holy name she blesses,
	partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses,

- with ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace, that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

"Creed"
comes from
the Latin
word for "I
believe."
When we
say the
words of a
creed, we
articulate our
faith
together as
one Body of
Christ.

A New Creed

Each week in the month of October, we have been exploring Luther's explanations of the articles of the Apostles' Creed. Today on Reformation Sunday we celebrate that the church is ever-reforming, and we confess our faith with the words of "A New Creed."

- P: Let us confess our faith.
- C: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

A New Creed is a brief and well-loved affirmation of faith used widely in the worship of the United Church of Canada (1968; rev. 1980, 1995).

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

With all the saints, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God our fortress, we pray for the church. Write your law of love on the hearts of your people, that we remain steadfast in our witness to your grace. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

God our liberator, we pray for your earth. Bring new life to overused land and contaminated rivers. Reform and reorient our relationship with the environment, that we faithfully care for all of your creation. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

God, our refuge and strength, we pray for the nations—especially the people of Ukraine and Russia. Bring wise leadership and comfort

for those in distress. Make wars to cease and peace to enter every land. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

God, our very present help in trouble, we pray for those in need. Show mercy to refugees and all fleeing from danger. Shelter any without homes. Calm all who are facing illness, surgery, or uncertainty, especially Helen, Max, Jae, Jeff, Oakley, Andrew, Jamie, Willie, Char, Jen, Rich, Jerry, Marie, Jeanette, Wardell, Gloria, . . . and those whom we lift up in our hearts silently or aloud. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

God our redeemer, we pray for our congregation. Bless us as we "multiply ministries" today and share your abundance generously. Open our hearts to your Holy Spirit and give us courage to proclaim our faith. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

God our stronghold, we give thanks for all the everyday saints who have gone before us in faith, especially Martin Luther and all reformers. Renew and reform us as we strive to continue in your word. 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.

Amen.

A practice of the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace in one another and share it together.

† Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always, And also with you.

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.

The Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

God entrusts us with everything we have.
Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.

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:

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 the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.

† Offering Hymn: Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In ACS 950 v 1-4

- Oh, when the saints go marching in, oh, when the saints go marching in,O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.
- 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.
- Oh, when the new world is revealed, oh, when the new world is revealed, O Lord, I want to be in that number when the new world is revealed.
- Oh, when they gather round the throne, oh, when they gather round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that number when they gather round the throne.

† 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.

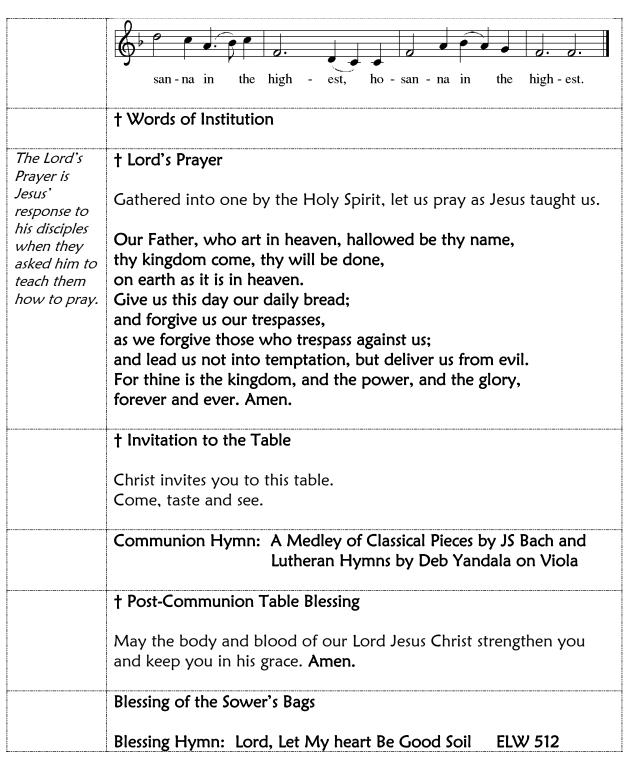
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

† Sanctus

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





						
	Lord, let my heart be good soil,					
	open to the seed of your word.					
	Lord, let my heart be good soil,					
	where love can grow and peace is understood.					
	When my heart is hard, break the stone away.					
	When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.					
	When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.					
	Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,					
	Lord, let my heart be good soil.					
	Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950, Text © 1985 Prince of Peace Publishing, Changing Church, Inc., admin. Augsburg Fortress.					
	Blessing of the Potluck Meal					
	The Sending					
	God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.					
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With the blessing of	† Blessing					
God, we go	God, who gives life to all things					
out to live as Christ's body						
in the world.	·					
	And may the holy Trinity, + one God,					
	guide you always in faith, hope, and love.					
	Amen.					
	7 WHICH					
	† Sending Hymn: The Church of Christ in Every Age ELW 729 vs 1, 3, & 5					
	1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age					
	beset by change, but Spirit-led,					
	must claim and test its heritage					
	and keep on rising from the dead.					
	3 Then let the servant church arise,					
	a caring church that longs to be					

begins!	Postlude
Body—fed, nourished, and ready to serve. Worship has ended, and our service	
The dismissal sends us out into the world as Christ's	† Dismissal Go in peace, with Christ beside you. Thanks be to God.
	 a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity. 5 We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord; to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word. Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000 Text © 1971 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

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Today's Worship Servants:

Presiding: The Rev. Marissa Harrison	Reader: Eric Carlson	
Ushers: Michael Wancata	Counters: Jessica Berkshire	
Stan Zeager	Joe Lanter	
Online Usher: Bill Fink	Acolyte: Isaac Krankowski	



Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, October 30 2022

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Helen Andrews; 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; Jeanette Weidlich; Gloria Weidlich

For those celebrating birthdays: Alex Alusheff (Nov 4), Jovi Mitterholzer (Nov 4), Adam Pate (Nov 5)

For those celebrating the anniversaries of their baptism:

Diane Bennett (Nov 3), Lily Connor (Nov 5), Paula Maeder Connor (Nov 5)

Today is Intent Sunday! Intent Cards will be received in worship today and can also be submitted through Monday, November 7th. Our goal is to grow an additional \$200 per week in total average offering in 2023 so that we can accomplish the ministry goals outlined in stewardship letter #2 (which is available for reference in Good Soil's e-news)

Thanks to a few generous everyday saints, Good Soil has the opportunity to unlock a special challenge gift of \$5000 if/when 48 Intent Cards are received--every Intent Card makes a difference!



Scan this QR code (left) to submit your intent card online

Thanks to those who have already submitted their intent card for 2023! At the printing of this bulletin, we have received **16 Intent Cards** and have reached **\$216** growth in total weekly offerings, exceeding our \$200 weekly growth goal!

Everyday Saints Slide Show, Nov. 6 – We're preparing a slide show for Sun, Nov 6 to showcase the Everyday Saints who have had an impact on your life. Submit a photo of your everyday saint along how that person shared Christ's love with you, helped you grow in faith, etc. Use the QR code (right) for prompts when thinking about what an everyday saint does. Email your photo and description to goodsoilav@gmail.com by Tues, Nov. 1



Pub Theology continues! Join us as we continue exploring key points in Lutheran theology, following Dave Daubert's book, "Lutheran Trump Cards: Playing Our Best Hand in the 21st Century." Sessions are Wednesdays at 7pm at Immigrant Son Brewery, 18120 Sloane Ave in Lakewood. On Sun, Nov 13, an Adult Forum will be held after worship to give a brief overview of the content as well. Remaining Pub Theology Dates: Nov 2nd & 9th.

All Saints Sunday is next week, Nov 6. During worship we will light candles to remember those who have died since Nov 7th, 2021 and are now resting with God. If you'd like to add a loved one's name to the list, please call the office at 216-440-331-1773 or add their name on this google doc by scanning this QR code:



Focus Groups for Purpose Statement/Guiding Principles Discernment Events Please mark your calendars to attend ONE of these focus group opportunities:

Saturday, Nov. 12th – Lunch at 12pm, event begins at 12:30pm (childcare provided) **Sunday, Nov. 27**th – Brunch after worship, event begins at 11:30am (childcare provided) **Wednesday, Nov. 30**th – Dinner at 6pm, event begins at 6:30pm

Calendar of Events			
Sun, Oct 30	REFORMATION AND INTENT SUNDAY		
	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am	
	Sunday School	10:30 am	
	Potluck and "Multiplying Ministry" Party!	11:00 am	
Wed, Nov 2	Pub Theology Session #2 – Immigrant Son Brewery,	7:00 p.m.	
	Lakewood		
Thurs, Nov 3	Confirmation Class, Bethesda on the Bay, Bay Village	5:30 p.m. –	
		7:00 p.m.	
Sat, Nov 5	DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK AN		
	HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED!		
	Ladies' Breakfast at Gene's Place	9:00 a.m.	
Sun, Nov 6	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	9:30 a.m.	
	In-Person and Livestream Worship	10:30 a.m.	
	Sunday School	10:30 a.m.	
	Coffee Hour		