

Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ



First Sunday of Advent

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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).*

First Sunday of Advent

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today’s readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord’s coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

Prelude and Welcome

Ringing of the Bell and Silent Reflection

† **Call to Worship**

One: Hope is gravity for the broken—

All: Pulling us up.

One: Hope is manna in the wilderness

All: When we want to give up.

One: Hope is seeing stars in the city

All: When we forget the sky is there.

One: Hope is the anthem of faith

All: And the reason we’re here.

One: So come to this place with your hopes and your fears,

All: For the God of new life is drawing near.

One: Let us worship Holy God.

**Gathering Hymn: Rise, O Sun of Righteousness
ELW 657 vs 1,2 & 4, 5**

- 1 Rise, O Sun of righteousness;
with your might creation bless.
Shine upon your church today,
Showing all your gentle way.
Have mercy, Lord.
- 2 Rouse our hearts from slumber deep;
may your word within us leap.
Give us voices to proclaim
praises to your holy name.
Have mercy, Lord.
- 4 Burst the bars of stubborn pride;
make the heav'nly pathway wide.
Raise us up from sin and death
with your Spirit's living breath.
Have mercy, Lord.
- 5 Honor, praise, and glory be
to the holy Trinity!
May your gracious will be done:
make us one, as you are one.
Have mercy, Lord.

Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank W. Stoldt, b. 1958
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*The assembly
is greeted
with words
used by Paul
in 2nd
Corinthians
to greet
churches.*

† 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.

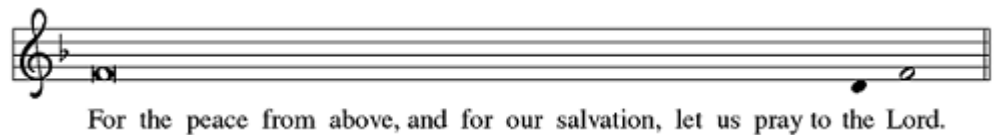
The assembly also greets the presiding minister in return. It is a moment of mutuality that signifies trust, love, mutual service, and a shared hope in God.

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy"

Kyrie



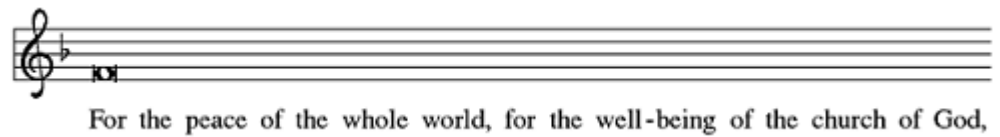
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



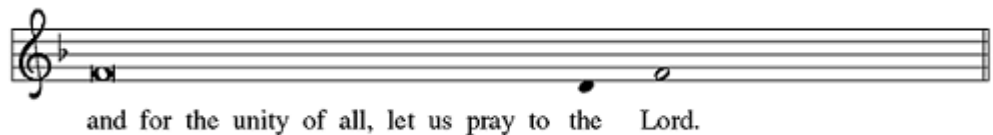
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

The Prayer of the Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.

† Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Word

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

First Reading: Isaiah 2:2-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

²In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
 shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
 and shall be raised above the hills;
 all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

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

*We welcome
the gospel
by singing
the Gospel
Acclamation.*

Gospel Acclamation: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
ELW 254 v 1

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

The Gospel reading is announced by the pastor. We rise to our feet, if able, as a sign of respect for the Gospel that reveals Jesus Christ to us.

Following the reading of the Gospel, we give thanks and praise to Jesus Christ, who is revealed to us through the Gospel reading.

† Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36-44

To put this reading into context:

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Advent Wreath Hymn: Wait for the Lord ELW 262

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison

Silence for reflection.

† Hymn of the Day: My Lord, What a Morning ELW 438

Refrain

My Lord, what a morning;
my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall.

1 You will hear the trumpet sound,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

2 You will hear the sinner cry,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

3 You will hear the Christian shout,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the world.

† Prayers of Intercession

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our own participation.

God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time, and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**


God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Bring help and hope to all who suffer trauma, especially the LGBTQ+ community and all those affected by the nightclub shooting in Colorado Springs. Today we also especially pray for: Peter, Helen, Max, Jae, Jeff, Oakley, Andrew, Jamie, Mark, Willie, Char, Jen, Rich, Marie, Jeanette, . . . and those whom we lift up in our hearts silently or aloud. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide us in our focus group conversations as we discern guiding principles and a purpose statement for our faith community in this time and place. Give us your wisdom and keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers.

Amen.

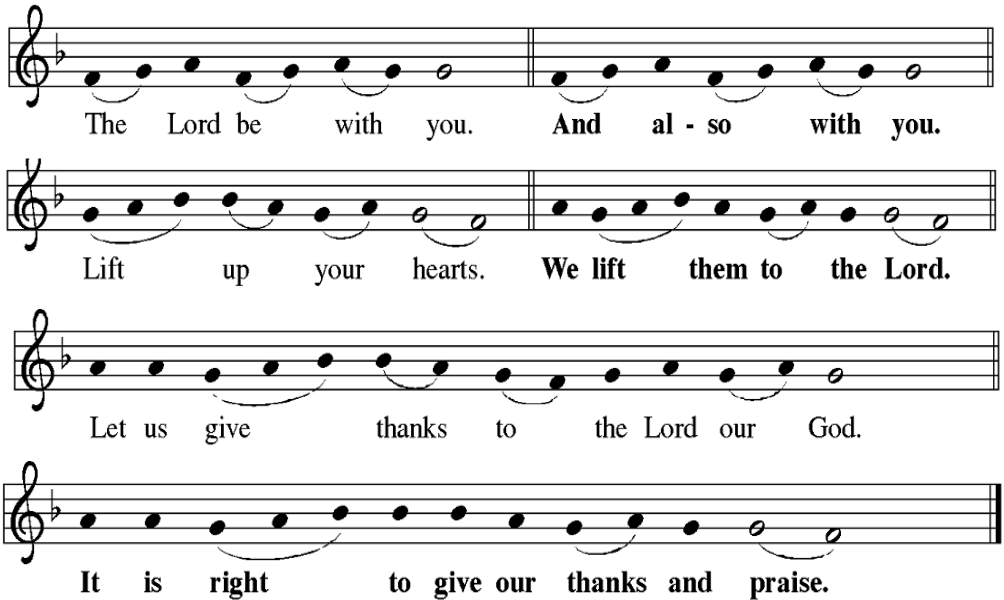
<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace in one another and share it together.</i></p>	<p>† Passing of the Peace</p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always And also with you.</p> <p><i>The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you" sharing the 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 today 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: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ELW 257 v 1</p> <p>1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.</p> <p><i>Refrain</i></p> <p>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.</p>

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite
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† Offering Prayer

Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior.
Amen.

† Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

† 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 (prayed by all)

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

Be strong, take heart!
Do not fear, here is your God.

† Communion

Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil. Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding up front. You are invited to kneel at the altar rail. Gluten-free communion is available upon request. The wine is red; grape juice is white. When you receive the elements, respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."

Communion Hymn: Just as I Am, Without One Plea ELW 592

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,
- 4 Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

	<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><i>With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ's body in the world.</i></p>	<p>† Blessing</p> <p>God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. Amen.</p>
<p><i>Through the sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.</i></p>	<p>† Sending Hymn: Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding! ELW 246</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding! "Christ is near," we hear it say. "Cast away the works of darkness, all you children of the day!" 2 Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth's bondage let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies. 3 See the Lamb, so long expected, come with pardon down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all, to be forgiv'n; 4 So, when next he comes in glory and the world is wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mercy and with words of love draw near.

	<p>5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son with the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run!</p> <p>Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878</p>
<p><i>The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body—fed, nourished, and ready to serve. Worship has ended, and our service begins!</i></p>	<p>† Dismissal</p> <p>Go in peace. Christ is near. Thanks be to God.</p>
	<p>Postlude</p>

*You are warmly invited to join in for coffee hour down the hall from
the sanctuary in the kitchen and lounge area.*

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Today's Worship Servants:

Presiding: The Rev. Marissa Harrison	Reader: Barbara Munch
Ushers: Barbra Demko-Werner Ellen Young	Counters: Kim Wylie Stan Zeager
Online Usher: Dave Blocksom	Acolyte: George Young



Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, Nov 27, 2022

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Helen Andrews; Max Bechtel; Jae, Jeff, and Oakley; Andrew Evatt; Ed Fink; Jamie Lanter; Mark Liston; Willie Lee, Char Mattson; Jen Mitterholzer; Rich Petrusky; Marie Sternad; Jeanette Weidlich;

For those celebrating birthdays:

George Young (Nov 29), Jim Mattson (Dec 1), Joe Lanter (Dec 3), Sean Lanter (Dec 3)

For those celebrating the anniversaries of their baptism:

Mary Kay Liston (Dec 1)

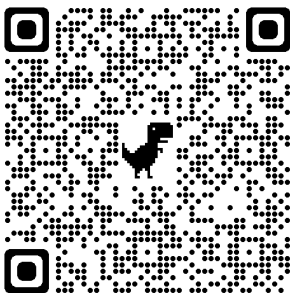
The flowers adorning the altar today are placed to the glory of God by the Youngs.

Focus Groups for Purpose Statement/Guiding Principles Discernment Events

Please attend the session today or the session on Nov 30:

Sunday, Nov. 27th – Brunch after worship, event begins at 11:30am (childcare provided)

Wednesday, Nov. 30th – Dinner at 6pm, event begins at 6:30pm (no child care provided) Please RSVP to Adam Pate, cariatureguy@yahoo.com or (419) 606-3373.



Advent Small Groups – Advent is a time of preparation and hope. We prepare our hearts for celebrating the birth of Jesus and we look with hope for the good news that Jesus brings to our lives.

We are offering an opportunity to deepen our faith through once-a-week small group reflection times Patterned after the popular Lenten small groups.

Meetings will last for an hour and there are various options to participate. Use the QR code to go to a form to sign up or contact Deb Yandala for assistance (440-503-4251 or debyandala@gmail.com).

Advent Small Group Session #1 - the week of Nov 28th - Dec 4th

Advent Small Group Session #2 - the week of Dec 5th - Dec 11th

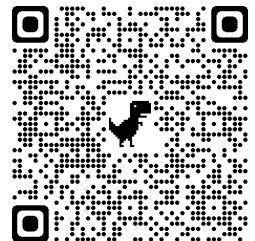
Advent Small Group Session #3 - the week of Dec 12th - Dec 18th

- Weekday morning at 10:00 a.m. in-person (day and meeting place TBD by the group)
- Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. in-person at Good Soil
- Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Voting on Good Soil's Ministry Funding Plan/Budget for 2023, save the dates!

- On Sun, Dec 4 a Q&A session will be held via Zoom for people to ask questions regarding the budget. A detailed line by line budget can be requested at that meeting or by contacting the church office.
- The following Sun, Dec 11 the congregational meeting will be held to vote on the budget and the nominating committee that will put together the slate for the 2023-2024 council nominations.

“Seeds” is a weekly e-newsletter with updates and highlights about God’s action among us! Use this QR code to sign up. You can also call the church office at 440-331-1773 for help signing up. It’s a great way to stay in touch with all the exciting happenings at Good Soil!



Calendar of Events

Sun, Nov 27	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • No Sunday School • Coffee Hour • Purpose/Guiding Principles focus Group (Brunch and Child Care provided) 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Date TBD	Advent Small Group in-person (mid-week AM)	
Wed, Nov 30	Purpose/Guiding Principles Focus Group (Dinner provided; no child care)	6:00 p.m.
Sat, Dec 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ladies' Breakfast – Gene's Place, Kamm's Corner • Advent Small Group at Good Soil 	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Sun, Dec 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • Sunday School • Communion Instruction Class • Coffee Hour • Budget Q&A via zoom 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
Sun, Dec 4	Advent Small Group via Zoom	7:00 p.m.
Date TBD	Advent Small Group in-person (mid-week AM)	
Sat, Dec 10	Advent Small Group at Good Soil	10:00 a.m.
Sun, Dec 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • Congregational Meeting • Sunday School Pageant Practice 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Sun, Dec 11	Advent Small Group via Zoom	7:00 p.m.
Date TBD	Advent Small Group in-person (mid-week AM)	
Sat, Dec 17	Advent Small Group at Good Soil	10:00 a.m.
Sun, Dec 18	Advent Small Group via Zoom	7:00 p.m.