

Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ



Name of Jesus Sunday

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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 worshipping 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 worshipping 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).*

Name of Jesus Sunday

From the beginning, through baptism, we are called Christian. We are “Christened” at the font. Bearing Christ’s name, we share the same Father and are invited to address this parent intimately: Abba! Jesus bears our sins in humble obedience to the will of God. Today we pray that the mind of Christ, whose name we bear, would be our own. It is a good way to begin, again, another year.

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

† Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the Word made flesh,
our life and our salvation.
Amen.

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life,
you promise good news of great joy for all people,
and call us to be messengers of your peace.
We confess that too often we hoard our joy,
our resources, and our security.
We nurture conflict and build barriers.
We neglect the needs of our neighbors
and ignore the groaning of creation.
Have mercy on us.
Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.
Where we are reluctant, give us courage.
Where we are cynical, restore our trust.
Renew us with your grace
and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.
Amen.

Hear the good news:
We are children of God and heirs of God's promises
through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
In † Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.
Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth
shall know the salvation of God.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice ELW 288

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

- 2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!
- 3 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866

The assembly is greeted with 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.

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy." Chanting is an ancient practice of the church.

† **Kyrie (Silent Night Version by ELCA Pastor Sarah Taylor, used by permission.)**

Ky - ri - e (e)le - i - son. Chri - ste
(e)lei - i - son. Lord have mer - cy on us.
Chnst have mer - cy on us. Lord have mer - cy on
us. Chnst have mer - cy on us.

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

† **Prayer of the Day**

Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our 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.

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

To put this reading into context:

God commanded Aaron to say these words, known as the Aaronic benediction, in blessing the people of Israel. We too are marked

with God's name and God's blessing as we are sent from our assemblies into the world.

Hear now the reading:

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,
²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you;
²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
²⁷So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

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

Psalm 8: 1-2a, 3-6a, 9

¹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;**

⁹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

We welcome the gospel by singing the Gospel Acclamation. We rise, if able, in anticipation of Christ being revealed to us through the Living Word of the Gospel.

† **Gospel Acclamation: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**
ELW 254 v 2

2 Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

The Gospel is announced. 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 2:15-21**

To put this reading into context:

Eight days after his birth, Jesus is circumcised according to Jewish law and given the name announced by the angel before his conception.

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

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child;

and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison

Silence for reflection.

† **Hymn of the Day: Love Has Come ELW 292**

- 1 Love has come—a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.
- 2 Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;
what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.
- 3 Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas;
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

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

† Prayers of Intercession

United with the great cloud of witnesses throughout the ages, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.


Guide your church to confess that Jesus is Lord. Fill us with wonder at the good and saving news of Jesus. May we reveal your glory to the world with humility and hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your name, O God, is majestic in all the earth. You set the moon and stars in their courses. You are mindful of every work of your hands. Make us wise stewards of your creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bless the nations with your grace and peace. Inspire and uphold treaties, cease-fires, and international agreements that seek to calm strife between nations. Shield all those who work to protect vulnerable populations from exploitation or danger. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We cry, “Abba! Father!” as we seek your loving care in times of need. Heal those wounded by hurtful words. Console all who are weighed down by depression and anxiety. Call by name any who feel unloved, misunderstood, or rejected. Today we especially hold in our prayers: Peter, Helen, Max, Jae, Jeff, Oakley, Andrew, Daryl, Mary, Jamie, Willie, Char, Jen, Rich, Marie, Jeanette . . . and those whom we lift up in our hearts silently or aloud. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reveal yourself to us in the fullness of time, O God. Give us gratitude for what has been and hope for what is to come. Grace us with your presence during transitions in life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

	<p>With thanksgiving, we remember all the saints who proclaimed the name of Jesus in life and who now rest in glory. Show us our inheritance as adopted heirs of eternal life. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.</p> <p>In the company of your saints we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your eternal mercy and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.</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 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: Angels We Have Heard on High ELW 289, v. 1</p> <p>1 Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.</p> <p>Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, <i>The Crown of Jesus Music</i>, 1864</p>
	<p>† Offering Prayer</p> <p>God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. 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>
	<p>† Words of Institution</p>

<p><i>The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.</i></p>	<p>† Lord's Prayer (prayed by all)</p> <p>Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>† Invitation to the Table</p> <p>Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.</p>
	<p>† Communion</p> <p><i>Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil. When you receive the elements, you are invited to respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."</i></p> <p><i>Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding up front. You are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Gluten-free bread is available upon request. The wine is red; grape juice is white. Communion cups can be returned at the end tables on your way back to your seat.</i></p>
	<p>Communion Hymn: What a Beautiful Name</p> <p>You were the Word at the beginning One with God the Lord Most High Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ</p>

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

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† Post-Communion Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

*With the
blessing of
God, we go
out to live as
Christ's body in
the world.*

† Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

*Through the
sending hymn
we are sent out
into the world
to follow Jesus.*

† Sending Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name ELW 634 vs 1, 3, & 4

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.

- 3 Hail him, you heirs of David's line,
whom David Lord did call
the God incarnate, man divine
and crown him Lord of all.
The God Incarnate, man divine
and crown him Lord of all.
- 4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5-6

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

† Dismissal

Christ the Savior is born!
Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*You are warmly invited to gather in the upstairs Lounge area for coffee
hour immediately following worship.*

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Presiding: The Rev. Marissa Harrison	Reader: Abbie Blocksom
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Online Usher: Karen Sperli	Acolyte: Jack Johnson
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Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, Jan 1, 2023

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

For those celebrating birthdays:

Eric Carlson (Jan 3), Henry Smith (Jan 4)

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism:

Abby Alusheff (Jan 1)

The offering envelopes for 2023 have arrived and are on the table in the Lounge.

Please pick them up after worship to save the cost of mailing them to your home. Note that if you have been giving online, no envelopes were ordered for you but, as always, your offerings are attributed to your envelope number during the counting process.

“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

Date	Event	Time
Sun, Jan 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In-Person and Livestream Worship ● Coffee Hour 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Mon, Jan 2	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Thurs, Jan 5	Confirmation Class – Bethesda on the Bay, Bay Village	5:30 a.m.
Sat, Jan 7	Ladies' Breakfast – Gene's Place, Kamms Corner	9:00 a.m.
Sun, Jan 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In-Person and Livestream Worship ● Sunday School ● Coffee Hour ● Dandelion Team/Council Mtng with Coach 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
Tues, Jan 10	Good Soil Executive Team Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sun, Jan 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In-Person and Livestream Worship ● Sunday School ● Coffee Hour 	9:30 a.m. 1030 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Mon, Jan 16	MLK DAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Tues, Jan 17	Good Soil Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.



Happy New Year

The Lord bless you and keep you;

*The Lord make His face shine upon
you, And be gracious to you;*

*The Lord lift up His countenance
upon you, And give you peace.*

Numbers 6: 24-26