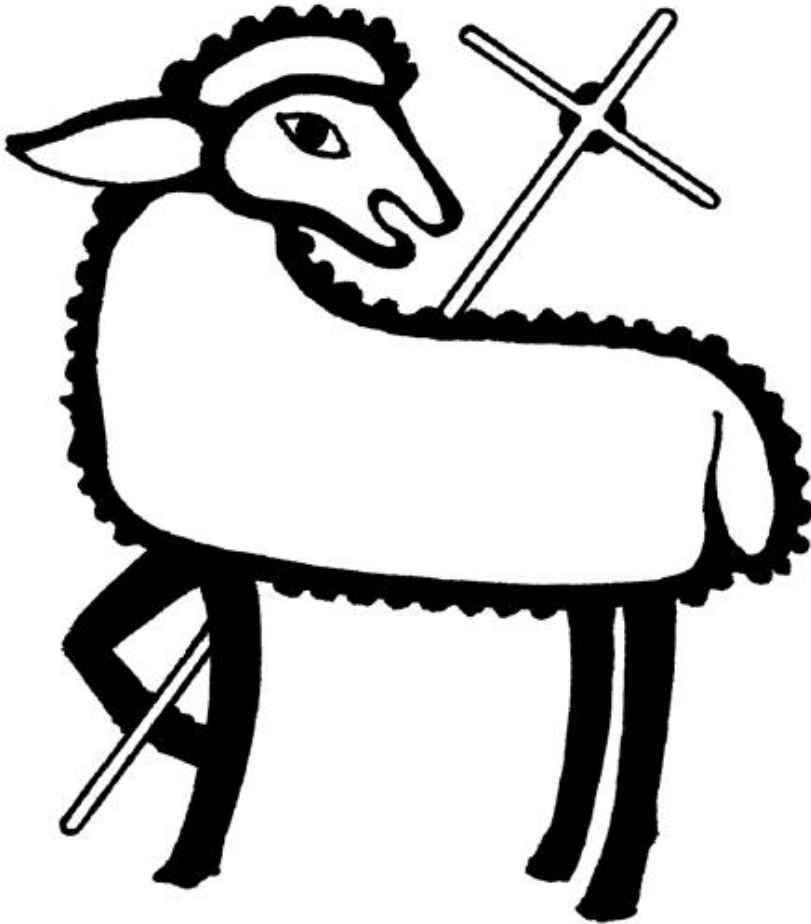


**Good Soil Lutheran Ministries**  
*Growing Together in Christ*



**Second Sunday After Epiphany**  
Jan 15, 2023  
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 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).*

## Second Sunday After Epiphany

*Today’s gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus’ baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome to Worship**

*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 through repentance.*

**† Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.**

Our hearts have turned away from you.  
For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us,  
that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare.”

God’s mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn: Christ, Be Our Light ELW 715**

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

- 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*
- 5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

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*The assembly is greeted with 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.**

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

### † Prayer of the Day

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Word

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

### **New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

To put this reading into context:

*Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Hear now the reading:

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 40:1-5, 10-11 (read responsively)**

**<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

**<sup>2</sup>He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

**<sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and be in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.**

**<sup>4</sup>Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.**

**<sup>5</sup>You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.**

**<sup>10</sup>I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

**<sup>11</sup>Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.**

*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:**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*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: John 1:29-42**

To put this reading into context:

*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>[John the Baptizer] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!<sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).



	<p>The gospel of the Lord.  <b>Praise to you, O Christ.</b></p>
	<p><b>Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison</b></p> <p><i>Silence for reflection.</i></p>
	<p>† <b>Hymn of the Day: Now Behold the Lamb ELW 341</b></p> <p>1 Now behold the Lamb,  the precious Lamb of God,  who bore all my sin, that I may live again:  the precious Lamb of God.</p> <p>2 Holy is the Lamb,  the precious Lamb of God.  Why you love me so, Lord, I shall never know;  the precious Lamb of God.</p> <p>3 Thank you for the Lamb,  the precious Lamb of God.  Because of your grace I can finish the race;  the precious Lamb of God.</p> <p>Text: Kirk Franklin, b. 1970  Text © 1996 Lilly Mack Music</p>
<p><i>As the church,  we pray for  those in our  community  and around the  world. The  prayers are  also  responsive,  emphasizing  our own  participation.</i></p>	<p>† <b>Prayers of Intercession</b></p> <p>Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world,  and all in need.</p> <p><i>A brief silence.</i></p> <p>Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized  to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation  throughout the earth. Merciful God, <b>receive our prayer.</b></p>

The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. Preserve the world's waters: protect them from pollution, support plants and animals who depend on them, and bring rain in places of drought. Guide us in protecting local waterways and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need especially 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. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**


We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.  
**Amen.**

*A practice of the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace in one another*

### † Passing of the Peace

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

<p><i>and share it together.</i></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;"><b><u>The Meal</u></b> <i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p><b>Offering</b></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 <a href="http://www.goodsoillutheran.org/support">www.goodsoillutheran.org/support</a> or by using this QR code:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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>† <b>Offering Hymn: Rise, Shine, You People! ELW 665 v 1</b></p> <p>1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.</p> <p><small>Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt. Text © 1974 Augsburg Publishing House, admin. Augsburg Fortress.</small></p>
	<p>† <b>Offering Prayer</b></p> <p>Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power,</p>

	<p>and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.          You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,  <b>Amen.</b></p>
	<p><b>† Great Thanksgiving</b></p> <p>The Lord be with you.  <b>And also with you.</b></p> <p>Lift up your hearts.  <b>We lift them to the Lord.</b></p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  <b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b></p>
	<p><b>† Words of Institution</b></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><b>† Lord's Prayer (prayed by all)</b></p> <p>Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.</p> <p><b>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.</b></p>
	<p><b>† Invitation to the Table</b></p> <p>Come and taste the joy of God!</p>
	<p><b>† Communion</b></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</i></p>

*the elements, you are invited to respond with “Amen” or “Thanks be to God.”*

*Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding down the center aisle to the front. We will be observing standing processional communion tonight, rather than kneeling at the 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.*

### **Communion Hymn: Good to Me by Audrey Assad**

1 I put all my hope  
In the truth of Your promise  
And I steady my heart  
On the ground of Your goodness  
When I'm bowed down with sorrow  
I will lift up Your name  
And the foxes in the vineyard  
Will not steal my joy

Because You are good to me good to me  
You are good to me good to me  
You are good to me

2 And I lift my eyes  
To the hills where my help is found  
And Your voice fills the night  
Raise my head up to hear the sound  
And when fires burn all around me  
I will praise You my God  
And the foxes in the vineyard  
Will not steal my joy

Because You are good to me good to me  
You are good to me good to me  
You are good to me (Yes you are)  
You are good to me good to me  
You are good to me good to me  
You are good to me

Your goodness and mercy  
Shall follow me all my life  
I trust in Your promise (3x)

You are good to me good to me  
You are good to me good to me  
You are good to me (3x)

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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 God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod  
‡ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.  
**Amen.**

<p><i>Through the sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.</i></p>	<p>† <b>Sending Hymn: Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult</b>  <b>ELW 696 vs 1, 3, 4 &amp; 5</b></p> <p>1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea, day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me!"</p> <p>3 Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."</p> <p>4 In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."</p> <p>5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call, give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.</p> <p>Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895</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>† <b>Dismissal</b></p> <p>Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.  <b>Thanks be to God.</b></p>
	<p><b>Postlude</b></p>

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

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## Today's Worship Servants:

Presiding: The Rev. Marissa Harrison	Reader: Eric Carlson
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## Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, Jan 15, 2023

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

**For those celebrating birthdays:**

Carl Bruns (Jan 17), Jeanette Weidlich (Jan 20), Max Bechtel (Jan 21), Ava Wahl (Jan 21), Jerad Williamson (Jan 21)

**Annual Commemoration Service for The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** is being held this afternoon. Please join us in commemorating the life and times of this extraordinary man.

When: Sunday, January 15, 2023

Where: Peace Lutheran Church, 3740 Mayfield Rd., Cleveland Hts.

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Theme: "When Silence is Betrayal"

Speaker: The Rev. Kimberly Vaughn, Sr. Director, Christian Community and Leadership Mission, ELCA

**Epson printer, DVD player, and Mitsubshi VHS player** – During recent clean-up in the upstairs Sunday school area, an unused Epson printer, small boombox-type DVD player, and a Mitsubishi VHS player were moved to the counters room next to the church office. If you are the owner of any of these items, please call the church office next week at 440-331-1773 to arrange to take them home or let us know we can dispose of them. Thanks!

**“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!



<b>Calendar of Events</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Sun, Jan 15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In-Person and Livestream Worship</b></li> <li>• <b>Sunday School</b></li> <li>• <b>Coffee Hour</b></li> </ul> Synod-Wide Annual Commemoration Worship Service for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Lutheran, 3740 Mayfield Rd. Cleveland Heights	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <b>3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Mon, Jan 16</b>	MLK DAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Conference-Wide Service Project for Confirmation Students and Families at the Lee Miles Hunger Center, 16718 Miles Ave	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Tues, Jan 17</b>	Good Soil Council Meeting	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun, Jan 22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In-Person and Livestream Worship</b></li> <li>• <b>Sunday School</b></li> <li>• <b>Coffee Hour</b></li> </ul>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Sun, Jan 29</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In-Person and Livestream Worship</b></li> <li>• <b>Sunday School</b></li> <li>• <b>Coffee Hour</b></li> </ul>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>1030 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>

