Good Soil Lutheran Ministries

Growing Together in Christ



Fifth Sunday After Epiphany and Baptism of Otto David Mitterholzer

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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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Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

 	Prelude
	Welcome to Worship
This Call to Worship is	† Call to Worship
inspired by our assigned gospel for the day.	If the human body, body of blood and muscle, is to live, it needs salt.
	If the body of Christ, body of peace and justice, is to live, it needs us!
	If the earthly creation, bustling and blooming, is to flourish, it needs the sun's light.
	If the new creation we are in Christ is to flourish, it needs the Spirit's light!

Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world. Our faith, our love, our hope — essential as salt and light.

Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world. Briny and bright, we are God's faithful people.

We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ: a welcoming oasis, a compassionate community, a justice-making people, giving glory to God. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: Gather Us In ELW 532

- Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.

 Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion

lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away—here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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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

† 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

God.

hear.

† Prayer of the Day

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Word

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

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:6-10

To put this reading into context:

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

Hear now the reading:

6ls not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? 7Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ^{9a}Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. ⁹⁶If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness

and your gloom be like the noonday.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1, 4-8 (read responsively)

¹Praise the LORD! Happy are those who revere the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

⁵It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

⁸Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

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:



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: Matthew 5:13-20

To put this reading into context:

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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 (2nd part to resume in classes after worship.)

Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison

Silence for reflection. Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You're invited to reflect on the following question: When has God worked through you to be "salt" or "light" to someone else?

† Hymn of the Day: Borning Cry ELW 732

- 1 "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
 I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."
- 2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."
- 3 "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."
- 4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,I'll be there when you are old.I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937 Text © 1985 John C. Ylvisaker

Baptism of Otto David Mitterholzer

Presentation

God, who is rich in mercy and love . . .

... Mike and Jessica, who do you present for baptism today? Sponsors respond: We present Otto for baptism.

Jen and Matt, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child, Otto, baptized into Christ?

Parents respond: We do.

As you bring Otto to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Jen and Matt, do you promise to help Otto grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents respond: We do.

Mike and Jessica, do you promise to nurture Otto in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors respond: We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Otto and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

Assembly responds: We do.

† Profession of Faith

Matt, Jennifer, Mike, and Jessica, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce evil and all the forces that defy God? Parents and Sponsors respond: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? Parents and Sponsors respond: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? Parents and Sponsors respond: I renounce them.

People of God:

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

† Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

<u>Baptism</u>

Otto, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God . . .

...the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Otto, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized!

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The assembly applauds.

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.

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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

You call your people to be salt and light for the world, sharing your redeeming love. We give thanks for the baptism of Otto David Mitterholzer and the mission and ministry we share in your name. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Instruct the powerful in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry, that workers are not oppressed. Throughout the world, inspire voters and raise up politicians to heed your call for nations to practice righteousness. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in

their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way especially Helen, Jae, Jeff, Oakley, Andrew, Jamie, Willie, Char, Jen; Rich, Dick and Joan, Marie, Jeanette, Andrew . . . and those whom we lift up in our hearts silently or aloud. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death. We praise you for all whose faith in Christ shines forth in their witness. Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven. 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.**

The Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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 today 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.

God entrusts us

everything we

offering is one

way we give thanks to God

and support the ministry of

the church.

have. Our

with

† Offering Hymn: Rise, Shine, You People! ELW 665 v 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.

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	† Offering Prayer				
	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,				
	and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.				
	You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,				
	Amen.				
	Amen.				
	† Great Thanksgiving				
	1 Great Thanksgiving				
	The Lord be with you.				
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	And also with you.				
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	Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.				
	we fill them to the Lord.				
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	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.				
	It is right to give our thanks and praise.				
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to teach them	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy				
how to pray.	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

Come and taste the joy of 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. When you receive 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 up front. We will observe processional (standing) communion today, rather than kneeling at the altar.

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 Hymns:

The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW 502

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
- Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid,

and home, rejoicing, brought me.

- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me, thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing ELW 544

- 1 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing, worship, thanks, devotion voicing: glory be to God on high! Christ, your cross and passion sharing, by this eucharist declaring yours the final victory.
- 2 Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing, lost and lonely, one voice hearing, ears attentive to your word; by your blood new life receiving, in your body, firm believing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
- 3 Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving,

	we go forth alert and living in your Spirit, strong and free. Partners in your new creation, seeking peace in ev'ry nation, may we faithful foll'wers be. Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902-1983, alt. Text © Oxford University Press.
	† 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 中 bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. Amen.
Through the sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.	 † Sending Hymn: This Little Light of Mine ELW 677 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
	3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

	Text: African American spiritual
The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body—fed, nourished, and ready to serve. Worship	† Dismissal Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. Thanks be to God.
has ended, and our service begins!	
	Postlude

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

Coffee hour discussion question: Share a memory from a baptism you've witnessed/participated in (meaningful, humorous, memorable, etc.)

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Call to Worship adapted from Caldwell United Methodist Church https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/01/call-to-worship-opening-prayer-matthew.html

Today's Worship Servants:

Presiding: The Rev. Marissa Harrison	Reader: JoAnne Wancata
Ushers: Barbara Demko-Werner	Counters: Michael Wancata
Sharon Hollowell	Stan Zeager
Online Usher: Dave Blocksom	Acolyte: Aaron Krankowski
Livestream: Michael Wancata	Sunday School Teachers:
	Louise Debell (Early Learners)
	Pam Lanter (Primary)
	JoAnne Wancata (Middle Schoolers)



Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, Feb 5, 2023

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

For those celebrating their birthday:

Becky Williamson (Feb 6), Kim Wylie (Feb 6), Joyce Miller (Feb 8)

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism:

Jovi Mitterholzer (Feb 10), Jim Mattson (Feb 8)

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the glory of God by Larry and Chris Jacobson to celebrate the birthdays of their daughters, Becky Williamson and Kim Wylie.

Good Soil turns 5 this month! Next Sunday, Feb 12, we will Welcome New Members during worship and celebrate Good Soil's birthday in the fellowship hall after worship. If you've been worshiping with Good Soil, you're already a part of the faith community and we're grateful you're here. And, if you'd like to take the next step to make your membership official, please reach out to Pastor Marissa at pastormarissa@goodsoillutheran.org for more info. If you're interested in helping to make plans for the celebration, please reach out to Joan Zeager at joanzeager@gmail.com to let her know or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the upstairs hallway outside the lounge.

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, Feb 5	In-Person and Livestream Worship – Baptism of	9:30 a.m.		
	Otto Mitterholzer			
	Sunday School	10:30 a.m.		
	Coffee Hour	10:30 a.m.		
Sat, Feb 11	ELCA Anti-Racism Conversation via Zoom	10:30 a.m.		
Sun, Feb 12	In-Person and Livestream Worship – Celebrating	9:30 a.m.		
	Good Soil's 5 th Birthday and Welcome of New			
	Members			
	Sunday School	10:30 a.m.		
	Coffee Hour	10:30 a.m.		
Tues, Feb 14	HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!			
	Good Soil Executive Team Meeting	7:30 p.m.		
Sun, Feb 19	In-Person and Livestream Worship –	9:30 a.m.		
	Transfiguration Sunday and Saying "farewell" to	10:30 a.m.		
	the Alleluia	10:30 a.m.		
	Sunday School			
	Coffee Hour			
Tues, Feb 21	Good Soil Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.		
Wed, Feb 22	ASH WEDNESDAY			
	In-Person and Livestream Worship	6:30 p.m.		

