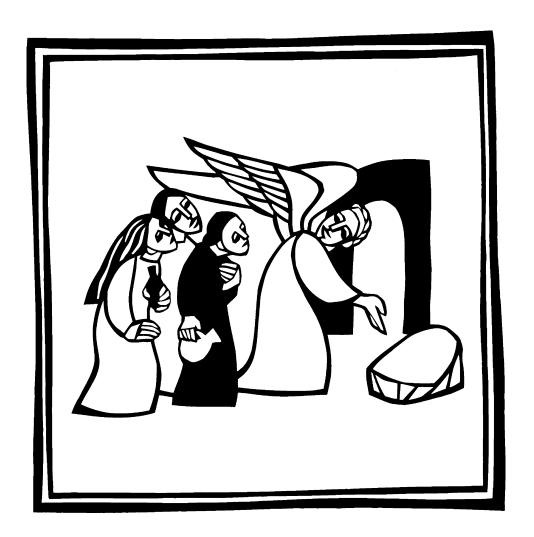
Good Soil Lutheran Ministries

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day April 9, 2023 9:30 am



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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 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).

Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. We are astonished, elated, and grateful, and we depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

Gathering The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
Prelude and Welcome
† Call to Worship
What are you looking for? The light before dawn.
What are you looking for? A reason to hope.
What are you looking for? Joy after grief and flowers after winter.

What are you looking for? A place to belong.
What are you looking for? We are looking for the Messiah.
Good news, people of God: Jesus is risen and love is alive! Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.
Children's Sermon and the Return of the Alleluia
† Thanksgiving for Baptism
Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty,
you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.
In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.
Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,

the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all. Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. Amen.

† Gathering Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today ELW 365

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia! now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

The assembly is	† Greeting
greeted with	
words used by	The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
Paul in 2 nd	
Corinthians to	and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
greet churches.	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.	
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The Prayer of	
the Day	God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he
highlights themes from	is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and
i	hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as
the scripture	your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through
readings we	
are about to	Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you
hear.	and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
	Amen.
	<u>The Word</u>
	God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.
	First Reading: Acts 10:34-43
	To put this reading into context:
	Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army
	officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity:

Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection

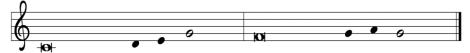
fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Hear now the reading:

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35but in every nation anyone who reveres him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-15, 22-24



¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good; God's mercy en- | dures forever.

²Let Israel | now declare, "God's mercy en- | dures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song, and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:

"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!

- ²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected has become the chief | cornerstone.
- ²³By the LORD has | this been done; it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made; let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

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

† Gospel Acclamation: Halle Halle Hallelujah ELW 172



Music: Caribbean traditional

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: John 20:1-18

To put this gospel reading into context:

John's gospel describes the confusion and excitement of the first Easter: the stone is moved, disciples race back and forth, and angels speak to a weeping woman. Then, Jesus himself appears.

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but

she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Easter Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison

Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You're invited to reflect on the following question:

When have you encountered Christ in your life? What helped you recognize Christ's presence in your midst? How will you look for Jesus throughout the next 50 days of the Easter Season?

† Hymn of the Day: Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing ELW 389 vs 1-3 & 5

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
 The cross stands empty to the sky.
 Let streets and homes with praises ring.
 Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.

- 3 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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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 in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

You call your church to witness to your salvation. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in all we say and do. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Each petition addresses a different topic, often in the same pattern:

You bring abundant life throughout creation. The green blade rises, and all creation greets the resurrection dawn. Preserve vineyards and orchards and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation. Risen Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

+ The Church + Creation + Nations and leaders +Those in need

You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human-made divisions. Infuse your justice in every nation of the world that all experience the peace that only you can give. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

+ This faith community

hear our prayer.

+ The great cloud of

witnesses/those now resting with God	You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for all who are sick or in any need especially, Peter, Helen, Kaethe, Andrew, Martha, Willie, Char, Marlon, Rich, Dick and Joan, Marie, Anna, Patricia, Jeanette, Archer and all those we name aloud or silently in our hearts. Risen Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
	As you have raised Jesus from the dead, you show us your resurrection promise. With your holy ones who have sung your praise, free us from fear and empower us to go and tell the good news. Risen Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
	Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.
A practice of	† Passing of the Peace
the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace in one another	The Peace of Christ be with you always And also with you.
and share it together.	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.
God entrusts us with	Offering

everything we offering is one

have. Our

God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, and your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil continue making an way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church. 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.

† Offering Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen ELW 377 vs 1

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

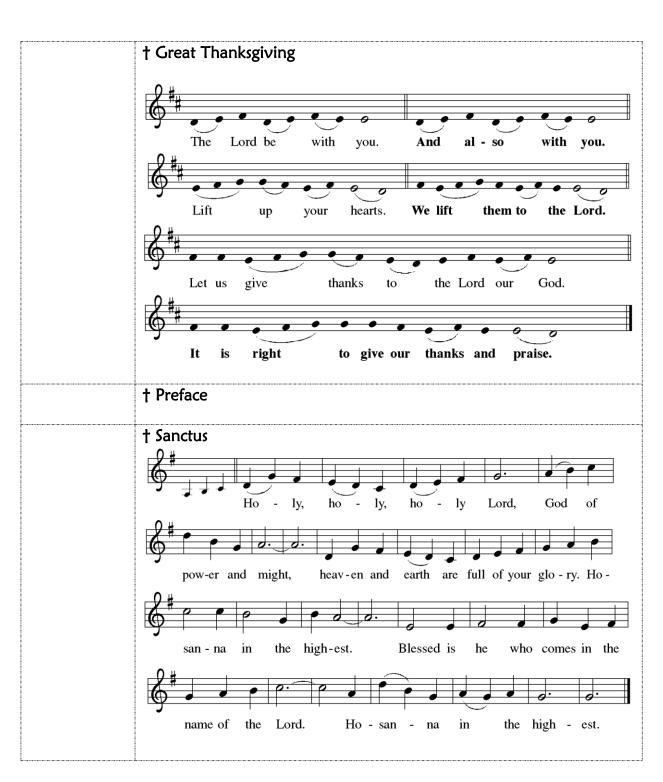
Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

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† Offering Prayer

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



	† Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution
The Lord's Prayer is Jesus'	† Lord's Prayer
response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.	We pray together as Jesus first 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
	We are all seeking something
	thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.
Standing is considered	† Communion
"the posture of resurrection."	Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil. Children are
Additionally, the wine and grape juice are sparkling today to further celebrate the joy of Easter!	welcome to come to the Lord's table for communion or for a blessing, depending on parent/guardian's preference.
	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 down the center aisle to the front. We will be observing standing processional communion, rather than kneeling at the rail.
	Gluten-free bread is available upon request. The wine (white) is in the outer rings, the grape juice (red) is in the center. Communion cups can be returned at the end tables on your way back to your seat.

Communion Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing ELW 362

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious king, who has washed us in the tide flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Christ, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine, gives his body for the feast— Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured death's dread angel sheathes the sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread; with sincerity and love eat we manna from above. Alleluia!
- 5 Mighty victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie; you have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy,
 this alone can sin destroy!
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!

	8 Father, who the crown shall give,
	Savior, by whose death we live,
	Spirit, guide through all our days:
	Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!
	Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.
	† Post-Communion Table Blessing
	May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
	and keep you in his grace. Amen.
	† Blessing
	The God of all,
	who raised + Jesus from the dead,
	bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
	to live in the new creation. Amen .
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Through the	† Sending Hymn: The Day of Resurrection, ELW 361 vs 1, 3, & 4
sending hymn	
we are sent out into the world	1 The day of resurrection!
to follow Jesus.	Earth, tell it out abroad,
to remew sesas.	the passover of gladness,
	the passover of God.
	From death to life eternal,
	from sin's dominion free,
	our Christ has brought us over
	with hymns of victory.
	3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
	let earth its song begin,
	the round world keep high triumph
	and all that is therein.
	Let all things, seen and unseen,
	their notes of gladness blend;
	for Christ the Lord has risen,
	our joy that has no end!

	Postlude
sends us out as Christ's Body— fed, nourished, and ready to serve. Worship has ended, and our service begins!	Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. Thanks be to God.
The dismissal	Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne, and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone! Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt. † Dismissal
	4 All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son, all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!

You are warmly invited to stay after worship for special Easter Fellowship and an Easter Egg Hunt outside for the kids! In the event of inclement weather, the Easter Egg Hunt will be held downstairs in the fellowship hall.

The Risen Christ's peace be with you!

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Call to Worship and Eucharistic Prayer adapted from "Seeking: Words for Worship" by Rev. Sarah A. Speed, A Sanctified Art, LLC sanctifiedart.org

Today's Worship Servants:

Presiding: The Rev. Marissa Harrison	Reader: Barbara Munch	
Ushers: Barbara Demko-Werner	Counters: Joe Lanter	
Bill Fink	Barbara Munch	
Bill Wahl		
Darlene Wahl		
Online Usher: Kim Wylie	Acolyte: Jack Johnson	
Livestream: Joe Lanter		



Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, April 9, 2023

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Peter Alexander, Helen Andrews, Kaethe Buchholz, Andrew Evatt, Martha Lanter, Willie Lee, Char Mattson, Marlon Naylor, Rich Petrusky, Dick and Joan Schluep, Marie Sternad, Anna Sykaluk, Patricia Wancata, Jeanette Weidlich, Archer Oster.

For those celebrating their birthday:

Matthew Inman (Apr 9), Serena Cottrell (Apr 10), Abby Alusheff (Apr 11), Ed Fink (Apr 12)

The flowers adorning the altar today are given by members of the Good Soil faith community to the glory of God in celebration of the Resurrection:

The Berkshire Family
Dave & Abbie Blocksom
The Lanter Family

Carl Bruns Jim Mattson

The Connor Family Shawn & Laura O'Neil Louise DeBell Mike & JoAnne Wancata

Barbara Demko-Werner West Side Hungarian Lutheran Church

Bill Fink The Wylie Family

Sharon Hollowell Deb Yandala

<u>Easter Egg hunt after worship TODAY!</u> Rain plan in fellowship hall (Overflow candy will be donated to Trials for Hope)

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, Apr 9	 In-Person and Livestream Worship – EASTER SUNDAY 	9:30 am
	Easter Egg Hunt	10:30 am
	Coffee Hour	10:30 am
Mon, Apr 10	Easter Monday – OFFICE CLOSED	
Tues, Apr 11	GS Executive Team Meeting	7:30 pm
Sun, Apr 16	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am
	Sunday School	10:30 am
	Coffee Hour	10:30 am