

**Good Soil Lutheran Ministries**  
*Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve*



**Maundy Thursday**  
April 6, 2023  
7:00 pm



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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 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).*

## Maundy Thursday

*This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ’s last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples’ feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.*

### Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **Prelude and Welcome**

*On Ash Wednesday, we participated in a lengthy rite of confession—acknowledging our mortality and all the ways we fall short of being the people God made us to be. Now—6 weeks*

### **† Confession and Forgiveness**

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord’s call to struggle against all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

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| <p><i>later—we experience this pronouncement of forgiveness along with Jesus’ new commandment to love and forgive one another as he loves and forgives us.</i></p> | <p><i>Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.</i></p> <p>Most merciful God,<br/> <b>we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.</b><br/> <b>Amen.</b></p> <p>God, who is rich in mercy,<br/> loved us even when we were dead in sin,<br/> and made us alive together with Christ.<br/> By grace you have been saved.<br/> In the name of + Jesus Christ,<br/> your sins are forgiven.<br/> Almighty God strengthen you with power<br/> through the Holy Spirit,<br/> that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.<br/> <b>Amen.</b></p> |
|  | <p><b>Gathering Hymn: Where Charity and Love Prevail    ELW 359</b></p> <p>1    Where charity and love prevail,<br/> there God is ever found;<br/> brought here together by Christ's love,<br/> by love we thus are bound.</p> <p>3    Let us recall that in our midst<br/> dwells Christ, God's holy Son;<br/> as members of each body joined,<br/> in him we are made one.</p>   |

5 Let us forgive each other's faults  
as we our own confess,  
that we may love each other well  
in Christian gentleness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th. cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt.  
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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, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: Exodus 12:1, 3, 11-14**

To put this reading into context:

*Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.*

Hear now the reading:

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household.

<sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**



*In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.*

Hear now the reading:

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

*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.*

### † Lenten Acclamation

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

*The Gospel is announced. Following the reading of the Gospel, we give thanks and*

**Gospel: John 13:1-10, 12-17, 31b-35**

To put this reading into context:



*praise to Jesus Christ, who is revealed to us through the Gospel reading.*

*The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a servant, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.*

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

<sup>1</sup>Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

<sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also

glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the people so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

### **Children's Sermon**

**Homily: The Rev. Marissa Harrison**

*Silence for Reflection*

*Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice.*

*You're invited to reflect on the following question:*

*When have you experienced the gift of beloved community? What helped you feel a part of that community? How might you extend that to others yearning for authentic community and relationships?*

**† Hymn of the Day: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service  
ELW 712**

1 Lord, whose love in humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose  
ev'ry gift which you impart.

- 2 Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power  
to our world to make it whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service,  
your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to your service,  
forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort,  
counsel, aid and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom  
may your mercy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984  
Text © 1961 Oxford University Press.

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

### † Prayers of Intercession

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

*emphasizing our own participation.*

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

*+ The Church  
+ Creation  
+ Nations and leaders  
+ Those in need  
+ This faith community  
+ The great cloud of witnesses/those now resting with God*

You make a new covenant with your people. Gather your church around word and table in love and promise as these three holy days enfold us. Open us to behold the mystery of our salvation. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**


You give us our daily bread, fruit of the earth and work of human hands. Bless those who labor and tend to their crops and those who prepare our meals. Strengthen us to advocate for food justice and a fair distribution of resources. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You, our Savior and Teacher, stoop down to us in servant love. Inspire national and local leaders with a renewed sense of public service. Increase in them a humility to serve with equity and fairness. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You incline your ear to us in every need. Befriend all who are lonely. Comfort those who grieve. Soothe any who are anxious. Console all who are distressed. Graciously tend to the hurts of those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit especially *Peter, Helen, Kaethe, Jae, Jeff, Oakley, Andrew, Martha, Willie, Char, Marlon, Rich, Dick and Joan, Marie, Anna, Patricia, Jeanette, Archer...*and those we name aloud or silently in our hearts. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Precious in your sight is the death of your faithful ones. We remember and give thanks for the those who have died. With them, we trust your promise to love your own until the end. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

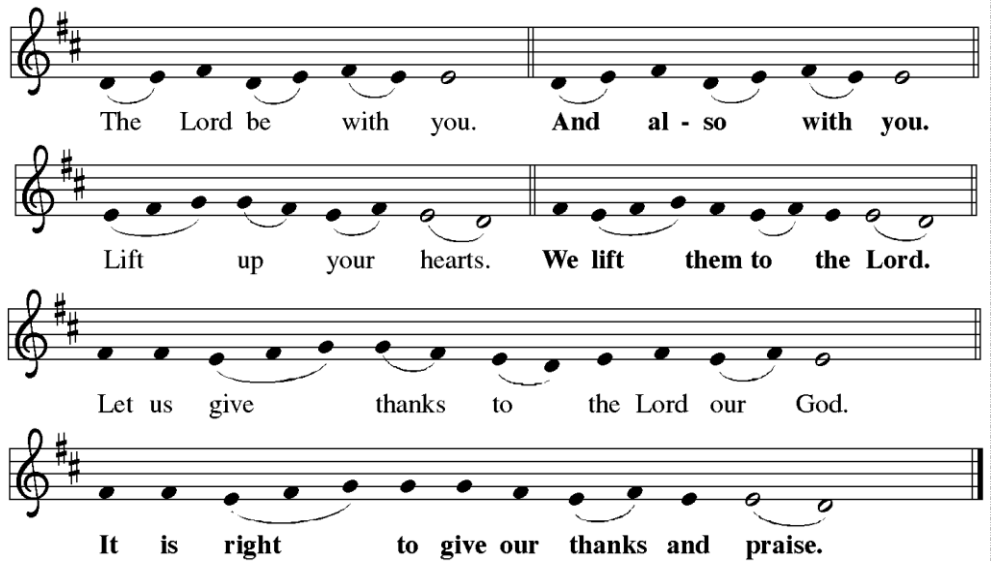
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| <p><i>A practice of the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace in one another and share it together.</i></p>                      | <p><b>† Passing of the Peace</b></p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always<br/> <b>And also with you.</b></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><br/> <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><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: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross    ELW 335</b></p> <p>Jesus, keep me near the cross,<br/> there's a precious fountain;<br/> free to all, a healing stream<br/> flows from Calv'ry's mountain.</p> <p><i>Refrain</i></p> <p>In the cross, in the cross<br/> be my glory ever;<br/> till my ransomed soul shall find<br/> rest beyond the river.</p>  |

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

### † Offering Prayer

God of good gifts,  
receive these and all our offerings  
as we present them in faithful service  
for the sake of your gospel.  
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal  
as you pour out your very presence  
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.  
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.

### † Preface

† Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

† Eucharistic Prayer and 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

Praying 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

...Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness. **Amen.**

**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. 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.*

**Communion Hymn: Ah, Holy Jesus ELW 349**

- 1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.
- 2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;  
I crucified thee.
- 3 Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;  
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,  
God interceded.
- 4 For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
for my salvation.
- 5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;



think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
not my deserving.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

### † Post-Communion Table Blessing

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

*There is no dismissal.  
Maundy Thursday is the beginning of one worship service that spans the Triduum (the great Three Days), continuing with Good Friday, and concluding with Easter.*

### Stripping of the Altar

*Please remain seated. The altar is stripped bare in preparation for Good Friday. Psalm 22 will be intoned by a single voice.*

*Please leave in silence when the psalm concludes. Go in the peace of Christ Jesus.*

*The service resumes tomorrow, Good Friday, 7:00pm at:*

*Lakewood United Methodist Church  
15700 Detroit Ave  
Lakewood, OH 44107*

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## Today's Worship Servants:

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| Presiding: The Rev. Marissa Harrison      | Reader: Abbie Blocksom                    |
| Ushers: Dave Blocksom<br>Sharon Hollowell | Counters: Dave Blocksom<br>Larry Jacobson |
| Online Usher: Ellen Young                 | Livestream: Sean Lanter                   |



## Announcements from Good Soil Thursday, April 6, 2023

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

### **For those celebrating their birthday:**

Trey Harrison (Apr 8), Matthew Inman (Apr 9), Serena Cottrell (Apr 10), Abby Alusheff (Apr 11), Ed Fink (Apr 12)

**Attention Easter Bunny Helpers (or wannabes!)** You can join the fun of filling and/or hiding eggs for Good Soil's Egg Hunt! Sign up sheets are on the board 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!



| <b>Calendar of Events</b> |   |  |
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| <b>Date</b>               | <b>Event</b>  | <b>Time</b>  |
| <b>Thurs, Apr 6</b>       | <b>In-Person and Livestream Worship - Maundy Thursday</b>   | <b>7:00 pm</b>   |
| Fri, Apr 7                | Good Friday Service at Lakewood United Methodist  | 7:00 pm  |
| Sat, Apr 8                | ELCA Anti-Racist Zoom Meeting   | 10:30 am   |
| <b>Sun, Apr 9</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In-Person and Livestream Worship – EASTER SUNDAY</b></li> <li>• <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b></li> <li>• <b>Coffee Hour</b></li> </ul> | <b>9:30 am</b><br><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><b>10:30 am</b> |
| Mon, Apr 10               | Easter Monday – OFFICE CLOSED   |  |

