

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



**Day of Pentecost**  
**May 28, 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 "prayerground" 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. Children may commune with elements or receive a blessing depending on parent/guardian preference. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice 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.**

**Day of Pentecost**

*Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God’s presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God’s presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God’s redeeming love to all the world.*

**Gathering**

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

**Prelude and Welcome**

*The Call to Worship is based on the readings for today from Acts 2:1-4, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, and John 20:19-23*

**† Call to Worship for Day of Pentecost**

Like the disciples, we gather together, united by our relationship with the Risen Christ.

**We come ready to receive what God has to give.**

Just as tongues of fire descended on the disciples,  
**We receive the gift of the Spirit’s power and inspiration.**

Just as the resurrected Christ breathed the Spirit onto the disciples,  
**We receive the gift of the Spirit’s peace and wisdom.**

All of us have been given unique spiritual gifts to use for the glory of God,

**And the gift of the Spirit unites us as one Body of Christ.**

## † Gathering Hymn: We All Are One in Mission ELW 576

- 1 We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission  
compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's love.
- 2 We all are called for service,  
to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different;  
our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others  
with God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation  
may feel God's warm embrace.
- 3 Now let us be united,  
and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel  
for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.

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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*

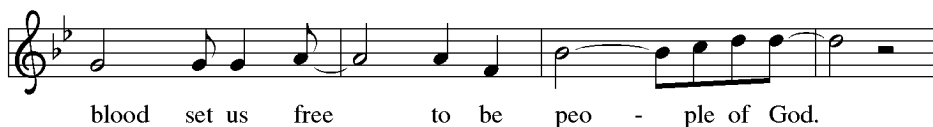
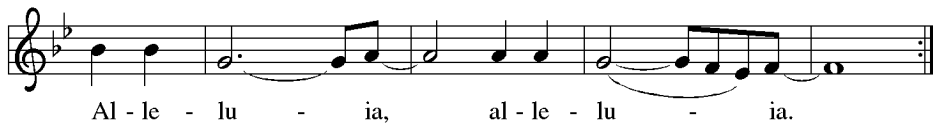
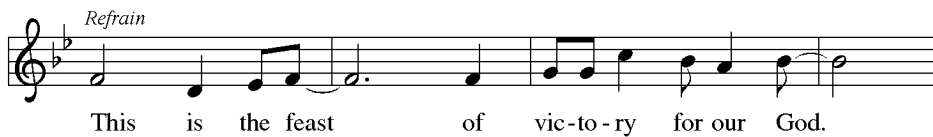
## † Greeting

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.**

that signifies trust,  
love, mutual service,  
and a shared hope in  
God.

Along with the  
return of the  
Alleluia, the  
Hymn of Praise  
returns on  
Easter Sunday  
to signify the  
joy of the  
resurrection.

## † Hymn of Praise



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -  
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Prayer of the Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we*

† Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may use the spiritual gifts you have given us to your glory, and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your

are about to hear.

Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### The Word

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

#### **First Reading: Acts 2:1-4**

To put this reading into context:

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.*

Hear now the reading:

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm: 104:24, 30-31, 33-35b**



<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;  
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.

<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;  
I will praise my God while I | have my being.

<sup>34</sup>May these words of | mine please God.  
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul.  
Hal- | lelujah!

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

To put this reading into context:

*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.*

Hear now the reading:

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to



another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, servants or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

*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

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

*Before and after the reading of the Gospel, we give thanks and praise to Jesus Christ, who is revealed to us through the Gospel reading.*

### † Gospel: John 20:19-23

To put this gospel reading into context:

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

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

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

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

### **Pentecost Message (combined Children’s Sermon and Sermon)**

*Silence for Reflection.*

*Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice.*

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

*What is a spiritual gift/talent God has given you? How has God worked through you and your gift/talent to touch the lives of others or make the world a better place?*

### **† Hymn of the Day: O Living Breath of God ELW 407**

1 O living Breath of God, wind at the beginning upon the waters;  
O living Breath of God, bearing the creation to wondrous birth;

#### *Refrain*

Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant.  
O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.

2 O living Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth among us;

O living Breath of God, who to the creation gives life anew;

*Refrain*

3 O living Breath of God, bearing us to life through baptismal waters;

O living Breath of God, sighing with creation for freedom's birth;

*Refrain*

Text: Osvaldo Catena, 1920-1986; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923 Tr. © 1998 Augsburg Fortress

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

## † Prayers of Intercession

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

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and all experiencing barriers of any kind. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. We especially pray for Good Soil friend, Khams Zotal, and his people experiencing ethnic cleansing and oppression in Manipur, India. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*+ The great cloud of witnesses/those now resting with God*

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort especially Peter, Helen, Andrew, Martha and Jamie, Willie, Char, Marlon, Rich, Dick and Joan, Marie, Anna, Patricia, Jeanette, Archer, Steve, our siblings in Christ at Trinity Lutheran Lakewood as they prepare for Holy Closure... and all those we name aloud or silently in our hearts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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 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.*

*God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.*

## 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](http://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

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Text © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

### † 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.**

## † Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

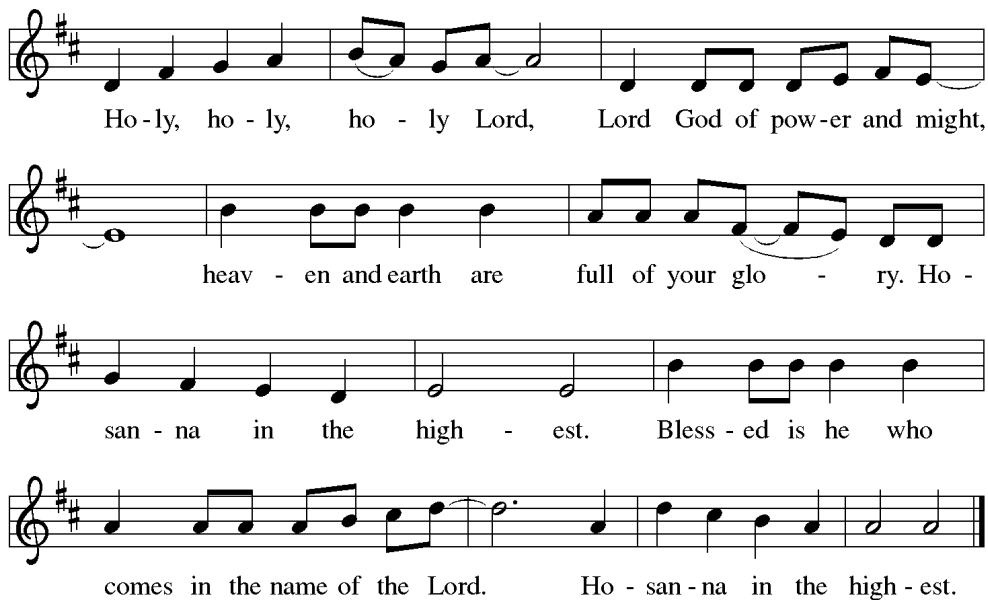
Lift up your hearts.

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 and Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed 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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray 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, see, and experience the Risen Christ, and God's great love poured out for you. Amen.

*We will continue to observe standing processional communion throughout the season of Easter—standing is considered “the posture of resurrection.” Another way for us to embody the resurrection of Jesus!*

### 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. Children are 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 single file 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 (red) is in the outer rings of the tray, the grape juice (white) is in the center. Communion cups can be returned at the end tables on your way back to your seat.*

**Communion Hymn: When Peace like a River**

*It Is Well with My Soul* ELW 785

- 1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well (it is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul,)  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

- 3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

- 4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

**† 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.**

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

† Sending Hymn: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling ELW 582

- 1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling  
in the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding  
o'er a world of gloom and night;  
Holy Spirit, ever raising  
those of earth to thrones on high;  
living, life-imparting Spirit,  
you we praise and magnify.
- 2 Holy Spirit, ever living  
as the church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving  
through us in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming  
in the church the mind of Christ:  
you we praise with endless worship  
for your gifts and fruits unpriced.
- 3 Holy Spirit, ever working  
through the church's ministry;  
quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,  
setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding  
age to age and soul to soul  
in communion never ending,  
you we worship and extol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874-1939, alt.

<i>The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body—fed, nourished, and ready to serve. Worship has ended, and our service begins!</i>	<b>† Dismissal</b>  Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>
	<b>Postlude</b>

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

### Coffee Hour Discussion Question:

**Share a “Holy Spirit” moment from your life recently. What has God been up to? Where has God surprised you? Comforted you? Called you to a new thing?**

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### Today's Worship Servants:

Presiding: Rev. Marissa Harrison	Reader: Michael Wancata
Ushers: Bill Wahl Darlene Wahl	Counters: Larry Jacobson Barbara Munch
Online Usher: Kathy Berkshire	Acolyte: Alexandra Inman
Livestream: Trey Harrison	Communion Assistants: Laura O'Neil Shawn O'Neil



## Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, May 28, 2023

**For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength:** Peter Alexander, Helen Andrews, Andrew Evatt, Martha and Jamie Lanter, Willie Lee, Char Mattson, Marlon Naylor, Archer Oster, Steve Patrick, Rich Petrusky, Dick and Joan Schlupe, Marie Sternad, Anna Sykaluk, Patricia Wancata, Jeanette Weidlich, Khams Zotal and his family and people of Manipur India, and our siblings in Christ at Trinity Lutheran Lakewood as they prepare for Holy Closure on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**For those celebrating their birthday:**

Linda Beebe (May 29), Mandy Forshey (May 29), Jason Mattson (Jun 1)

**For those celebrating their wedding anniversary:**

Abby & Alex Alusheff (May 29)

**For those celebrating their baptism:**

Isaac Krankowski (May 29), Laura O'Neil (Jun 1), Loxi Verdova (Jun 1)

**Pride Parade Invitation - June 3:** Trinity Lutheran Church has invited us to join them in celebration of and advocacy for our LGBTQ+ community here in Cleveland. Parade staging is at Public Square. We'll share the exact meet up spot in next week's e-news. We will meet up between 10 and 10:30am. The parade will start at 11am at Public Square and ends at Mall B. ([See map](#)). The route takes about 25 minutes to walk with a festival to enjoy afterward for those who'd like to stay. More information can be found in the May 26 e-news or by contacting the church office.

**Produce giveaway volunteer opportunities to help feed our hungry neighbors:**

- 1) New Covenant (1424 Hayden Ave, Cleveland) - on the fourth Saturday from 8am-12pm, through August. Please bring in extra plastic bags to help support this ministry or place in the bin in the upstairs hallway. Upcoming dates: June 24, July 22, August 26

2) Trinity Lutheran at Lakewood Congregational Church (1375 W Clifton Blvd, Lakewood) - on the third Saturday from 9am-12pm, through November. Upcoming dates: June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18

**Congregation meeting on June 11:** On Sunday, June 11 the congregation is invited to stay after worship for a congregation meeting as we celebrate the ministry of the past 2022-2023 program year, vote to elect new council members, and vote to bring our constitution into alignment with the ELCA's most recent updates to the model constitution. For a review of those constitutional changes, check out the e-news or contact the church office. Council will be hosting a Q&A Session on Sunday, June 4 at 12pm via Zoom (QR code to the right) or by calling (929) 205-6099 and entering the meeting ID: 827 8972 7114 and passcode: 062689.



**Thank you for a great year of Sunday School!** A big thank you to our Sunday School teachers and volunteers (and students!) who helped make this year's Sunday School happen. We give thanks to God for the opportunity to help our young people grow in their relationship with Christ, so that their faith can support them through life's joys and challenges throughout their whole life. Thanks be to God and to all of you! Sunday School will resume in September.

Calendar of Events		
Date	Event	Time
Sun, May 28	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am
	Coffee Hour	10:30 am
Mon, May 29	Memorial Day – Office Closed	
Sat, Jun 3	Ladies' Breakfast – Gene's Place	9:00 am
	Pride Parade with Trinity Lutheran – Public Square	10:00 am
Sun, Jun 4	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am
	Coffee Hour	10:30 am
	Congregational Meeting Q&A re: constitution updates	12:00 pm
Sat, Jun 10	ELCA Anti-Racist Zoom Mtg	10:30 am
Sun, Jun 11	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am
	Annual Congregation Meeting	10:30 am