

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



Seventh Sunday of Easter
Baptism of Lisa and Zella Dormann
May 21, 2023
9:30 am

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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter	
<i>In these days leading up to Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today’s gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.</i>	
	<u>Gathering</u> <i>The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.</i> Prelude and Welcome
<i>This Call to Worship is based on the gospel reading assigned for today from John 17</i>	† Call to Worship Jesus prayed for his disciples, commending them into God’s care. Just as Jesus prays for us, commending us into God’s care. Jesus called his followers to be one as he and the Father are one. The Holy Spirit unites us into one Body of Christ. We have been blessed with the love of the Savior. We live in that love and seek to serve God. May our lives be open to God’s Spirit and reflect God’s love. In Jesus’ name, amen.
	† Gathering Hymn: Rejoice, for Christ Is King! ELW 430 1 Rejoice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king adore;

rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Our Savior Jesus reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above: *Refrain*

3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n: *Refrain*

4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet: *Refrain*

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

*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*

† **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.

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

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

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 of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and

<p><i>are about to hear.</i></p>	<p>reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.</p>
<p><i>Throughout the Season of Easter, the first reading comes from the Book of Acts outlining the early church's development as it made sense and lived into the new reality of Christ's resurrection.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Word</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.</i></p> <p>First Reading: Acts 1:6-14</p> <p>To put this reading into context:</p> <p><i>Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.</i></p> <p>Hear now the reading:</p> <p>⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."</p> <p>¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus,</p>

and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68:4, 33-35



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 17:1-11

To put this gospel reading into context:

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given to him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given to me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave to me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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 have you seen powerful examples of Christ's followers "being one?" When have you seen examples of Christ's followers falling short of that call? How might we live into that calling in a more intentional way?

† Hymn of the Day: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus ELW 392 v1-4

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him

when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?

- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

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PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love . . .
. . . and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Baptismal Sponsor, Pam, who do you present for baptism today?
Pam responds: I present Lisa and Zella for baptism.

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

Lisa responds: I do.

As you and Zella come to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with these responsibilities:

- to live among God's faithful people,
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- to learn the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
- to nurture one another in faith and prayer,
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth

Lisa, do you promise to grow in the Christian faith and life and to help Zella grow in the Christian faith and life?

Lisa responds: I do.

Sponsor Pam, do you promise to support Lisa and Zella in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Pam responds: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Lisa and Zella and pray for them in their life in Christ?

All Respond: We do.

† PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pam, Lisa and Zella, 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?

Pam, Lisa and Zella respond: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
Pam, Lisa and Zella respond: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you away from God?
Pam, Lisa and Zella 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.**

*We confess our
faith with the
words of the
Apostle's Creed*

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.**

BAPTISM

*We remember
God's
faithfulness and
salvation story
through water.*

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

Lisa, 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.**

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

Lisa, 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!

	<p>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.</p> <p><i>The assembly applauds.</i></p>
	<p>† Passing of the Peace</p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always And also with you.</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>As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our own participation.</i></p> <p><i>Each petition addresses a different topic, often in the same pattern:</i></p> <p><i>+ The Church + Creation + Nations and leaders + Those in need</i></p>	<p>† Prayers of Intercession</p> <p>United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.</p> <p>God of all, as you drew your son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.</p> <p>As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant wisdom to use it wisely. Today we especially thank you for the gift of water and the sacrament of baptism as we celebrate Lisa and Zella’s baptism today. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.</p> <p>You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge activists and organizers, teachers and politicians, and all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.</p>

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

You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held captive by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are suffering 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.**

We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide this congregation's leaders as they seek your will. We pray for the nominating committee as they invite leaders to consider serving on council next year. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. 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.**

The Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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

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.*

† **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!

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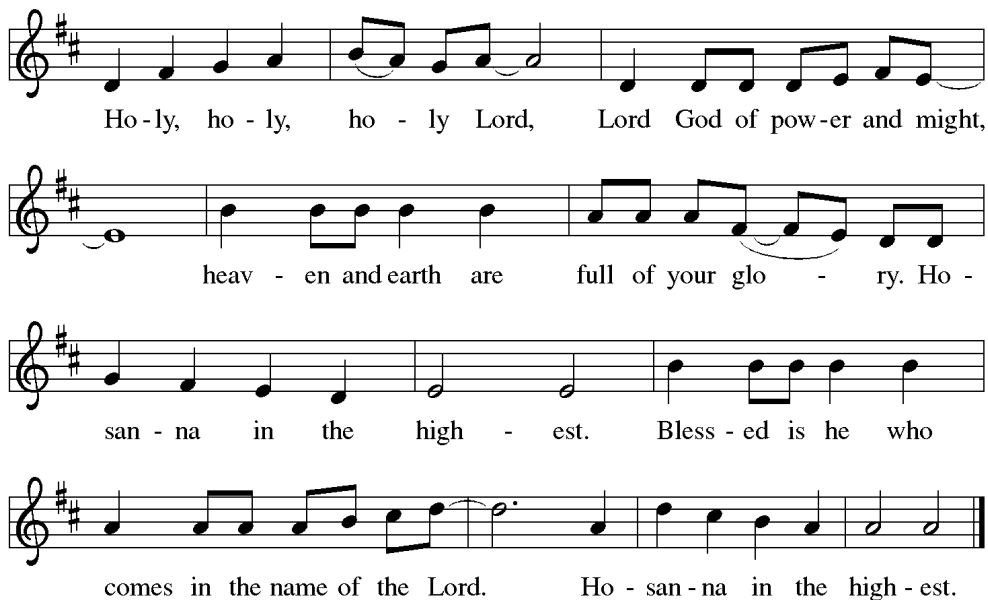
† **Offering Prayer**

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.**

† **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: Shout to the Lord ELW 821

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

	<p>† Post-Communion Table Blessing</p> <p>May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.</p>
	<p>† Blessing</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><i>Through the sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.</i></p>	<p>† Sending Hymn: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High ELW 857</p> <p>Lord I lift Your name on high Lord I love to sing Your praises I'm so glad You're in my life I'm so glad You came to save us</p> <p>You came from heaven to earth to show the way From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky Lord I lift Your name on high <i>(repeat both verses twice)</i></p>
<p><i>The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body— fed, nourished, and ready to serve. Worship has ended, and our service begins!</i></p>	<p>† Dismissal</p> <p>Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. Thanks be to God.</p>
	<p>Postlude</p>

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

Coffee Hour Discussion Question:

Share a favorite baptism story!

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Today’s Worship Servants:

Presiding: Rev. Marissa Harrison	Reader: Paula Connor
Ushers: Larry Jacobson Stan Zeager	Counters: Larry Jacobson Stan Zeager
Online Usher: Kim Wylie	Acolyte: Jack Johnson
Livestream: Joe Lanter	Sunday School Teachers: Louise DeBell (Early Learners) Pam Lanter (Primary) Darlene Wahl (Middle Schoolers)
Communion Assistants: Laura O’Neil Shawn O’Neil	



Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, May 21, 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, Rich Petrusky, Dick and Joan Schluep, Marie Sternad, Anna Sykaluk, Patricia Wancata,

Jeanette Weidlich, Archer Oster, Steve Patrick, and our siblings in Christ at Trinity Lutheran Lakewood as they prepare for Holy Closure.

For those celebrating their birthday:

Jack Smith (May 21), Barbara Demko-Werner (May 24), Robin LaGorin (May 24), David Connor (May 26)

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the glory of God to celebrate Barbara Demko-Werner’s birthday.

Calendar of Events		
Date	Event	Time
Sun, May 21	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am
	NO Sunday School – Start of Summer Break	
	Coffee Hour	10:30 am
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