

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



**2nd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 11, 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.**

## 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

*Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord’s day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God’s mercy for the world.*

### **Gathering**

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

**Prelude - Music from Deb Yandala and her son, Matt Bishop**

**Welcome**

*In the Confession and Forgiveness, we are drawn by God’s mercy to prepare to assemble around the Word and Sacrament. It may be seen as a return to the gift of Baptism through repentance.*

**† Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity † one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned.  
We have hurt our community.  
We have squandered your blessings.  
We have hoarded your bounty.  
We have failed to be honest.  
We have lacked the courage to speak.  
We have spoken falsely.  
In the name of Jesus,  
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.  
God offers boundless grace when we fail.  
Claim the gift of God's mercy:  
you are freed and forgiven  
in the name of † Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**† Gathering Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ELW 858**

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend  
you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
if with his love he befriend you.

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.


*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.**

# † Kyrie


*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passionate re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the




u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*The Prayer of the Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.*

## † Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## The Word

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

### **Gospel Part 1: Matthew 9:9-17**

To put this gospel reading into context:

*Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. His ministry is one of restoration and newness of life, often in ways that break social norms.*

Hear now the reading:

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but it is those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

<sup>14</sup>Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, 'Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?' <sup>15</sup>And Jesus said to them, 'The wedding-guests cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the

bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. <sup>16</sup>No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. <sup>17</sup>Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.'

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



*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 Part 2: Matthew 9:18-26

To put this gospel reading into context:

*This is a continuation of the same gospel passage. Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.*

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



<sup>18</sup>While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” <sup>19</sup>And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup>for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” <sup>22</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well.

<sup>23</sup>When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup>he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup>And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

### Children’s Sermon

Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison

*Silence for Reflection.*

*Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice.*

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

*Jesus offers restoration and healing to all during everyday encounters. This summer, how will you look for Jesus to show up in your midst and meet you in your everyday life? What might that look like? How can you keep your eyes and spirit open for Jesus and the work of the divine?*

† Hymn of the Day: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say ELW 611

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.
  
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.
  
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till trav'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

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

† Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

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

We pray, O God, for the church. Unite us with those on the margins, that the whole world recognizes that your mercy is greater than our human capacity to restrict it. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for creation. Tend forests and fields and safeguard all wild animals. Preserve lakes, rivers, and oceans and send rains to water the earth. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters and wildfires. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for the nations. Awaken in our leaders compassion for people who have too often felt forgotten or neglected, and inspire policy solutions that promote equity and inclusion. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for all who are in need. Accompany anyone enduring illness, suffering, and those grieving a loved one's death. Send relief to all especially Peter, Helen, Andrew, Martha and Jamie, Willie, Char, Marlon, Rich, Dick and Joan, Marie, Anna, Patricia, Jeanette, Archer, Steve, Khams and his people and family in Manipur, India, our siblings in Christ at Trinity Lutheran Lakewood as they hold their closing worship service today... and all those we name aloud or silently in our hearts. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks, O God, for all the saints. Renew our faith that you can do what you have promised and raise us, with all our beloved dead, to new life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **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.*



*If you would like to contribute to the offering for Khams Zotal and his family, please put "Khams" or "India" in the memo line.*

*The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.*

## † Offering Hymn: We Are an Offering ELW 692

We lift our voices,  
we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to You;  
we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices,

Lord, use our hands,  
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours;  
we are an offering.

All that we have  
All that we are  
All that we hope to be  
We give to You  
We give to You

We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
We are an offering  
We are an offering

### † Offering Prayer

God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

† Sanctus



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

† 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

All people are called to Christ's table.  
Come, eat what is good. **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. 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 up front. You are invited to stand or kneel at the altar 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: This Is My Song ELW 887

1 This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

2 My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.  
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.

So hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,  
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.  
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;  
myself I give you; let your will be done.

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### † 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 who calls across the cosmos  
and speaks in the smallest seed  
† bless, keep, and sustain you  
now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

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

### † Sending Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee ELW 836

1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.



- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,  
 earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
 stars and angels sing around thee,  
 center of unbroken praise.  
 Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
 flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
 chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
 call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,  
 ever blessing, ever blest,  
 wellspring of the joy of living,  
 ocean-depth of happy rest!  
 Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
 all who live in love are thine;  
 teach us how to love each other,  
 lift us to the joy divine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

*The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body—fed, nourished, and ready to serve. Worship has ended, and our service begins! The dismissal is based on Good Soil's Purpose Statement.*

## † Dismissal

Go in peace as the people of Good Soil:  
**Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve!**

## Postlude

*Coffee Hour is paused until Father's Day, Sunday June 18th.*

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## Today's Worship Servants:

Presiding: Rev. Marissa Harrison	Reader: William Eversole
Ushers: Chris Jacobson Larry Jacobson	Counters: Joe Lanter Becky Williamson
Online Usher: Alex Alusheff	Acolyte: Sean Lanter
Livestream: Joe Lanter	



## Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, June 11, 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 have their Service of Holy Closure today.

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

Mark Liston (Jun 13), Jennifer Krankowski (Jun 16)

### **For those celebrating their baptism:**

Jessica Berkshire (Jun 13), Jacob Wylie (Jun 15)

**The flowers adorning the altar today** are given to the glory of God to by the Lanter family to celebrate Evan's birthday.

## **Food ministry volunteer opportunities to help feed our 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

**Love Offering for Khams Zotal:** During our Sunday services on June 4 and June 11, we will be collecting a love offering for Khams and his family. Khams met members of our congregation while participating in an international camp counselor program at Camp Mowana. He has contacted Good Soil about some terrible oppression/ethnic cleansing happening in his hometown of Manipur, India. Read more about him and the situation in Manipur in the June 2 e-news. Please put “Khams” or “India” in the memo line of your love offering. \*\*\*A Good Soil member will be matching this love offering dollar for dollar up to a total match of \$1000.00\*\*\*

**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.

**Please welcome Good Soil's new Church Administrator!** After a prayerful search and interviews with several candidates, Good Soil has hired Cara Rovella to serve as our next Church Administrator. Cara graduated from CSU with her Bachelor's of Music in Vocal Performance and most recently served as school secretary at Stepstone Academy in Cleveland. We welcome her gifts and experience and look forward to her start date of June 20th! The church office email address will continue to be [admin@goodsoillutheran.org](mailto:admin@goodsoillutheran.org)

<b>Calendar of Events</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
Sat, Jun 10	Northeast Ohio Synod Anti-Racist Zoom Mtg	10:30 am
<b>Sun, Jun 11</b>	<b>In-Person and Livestream Worship</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	<b>Congregational Meeting</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Tues, Jun 13	GS Executive Team Mtg	7:30 pm
Sat, Jun 17	Produce Giveaway with Trinity Lutheran at Lakewood Congregational Church, 1375 W. Clifton Blvd	9:00 am
<b>Sun, Jun 18</b>	<b>In-Person and Livestream Worship - Father's Day</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	<b>Father's Day Coffee Hour</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Tues, Jun 20	GS Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Sat, Jun 24	Produce Giveaway with New Covenant Lutheran, 1424 Hayden Ave, Cleveland	8:30 am