

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



10th Sunday after Pentecost  
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9:30 am



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### Welcome

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

### For Parents with Children

Good Soil loves kids and the "holy noise" they bring! Your children are warmly welcome in worship. Sing, pray, and respond; your children will learn by worshiping with you. There's also a "prayground" area in the back of the sanctuary and a nursery/cry room behind that on the back left side. We pray that worshiping together as a family is a meaningful experience!

### For Those Needing Hearing Assistance

Please ask an usher about our hearing assistance devices to enhance your worship experience.

### Holy Communion

Christ is truly present with us in worship and through this meal. All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion here at Good Soil. 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.**

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*In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.*

### **Gathering**

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

**Prelude**

**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: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly - ELW 461**

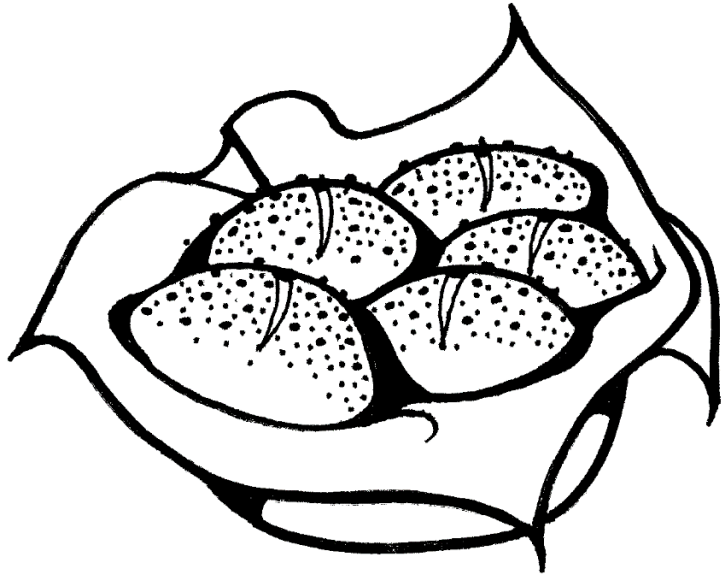
- 1 All who hunger gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.  
Here in truth we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.
- 2 All who hunger, never strangers;  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here in joy we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.
- 3 All who hunger, sing together,  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here in peace we have been fed.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

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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.**



# † Kyrie (v. 1, 2, 4)

*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-passioned 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

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Word

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

### **First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5**

To put this reading into context:

*God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.*

Hear now the reading.

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



*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: Matthew 14:13-21

To put this gospel reading into context:

*After John the Baptizer is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.*

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

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”

<sup>17</sup>They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” <sup>18</sup>And he said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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:*

*God takes the little we have and multiplies it beyond anything we can imagine for the sake of God's work in the world.*

*When have you seen a small act of grace, kindness, or generosity multiplied beyond what anyone might expect? How might you bring something to share for God's work this week in your life, community, workplace, or the world?*

## † Hymn of the Day: Praise and Thanksgiving - ELW 689

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer  
for all things living, you have made good:  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
- 2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,  
that with our neighbor we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,  
harvesting, milling for daily bread.
- 3 Father, providing food for your children,  
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share  
one with another, so that, rejoicing  
with us, all others may know your care.
- 4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,  
freely confessing your gracious hand.  
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;  
your love sustaining showers the land.

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

*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*

## † Prayers of Intercession

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire all the baptized to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. Receive our Prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain. Protect fragile ecosystems, supply food and water to nourish creatures, and raise us up to care for all you have created. Receive our Prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders this desire, support the work of international peace organizations, and provide relief for those in war-torn areas, especially in Manipur, India and Ukraine. Receive our Prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you especially Peter, Helen, Andrew, Martha and Jamie, Willie, Char, Keyla, Marlon, Rich, Dick and Joan, Marie, Anna, Jeanette, Jane, Archer, Steve, Dick and family and friends of Joan in the wake of her recent passing, Khams and his people and family in Manipur, India, ... and all those we name aloud or silently in our hearts. Receive our Prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, especially our partners Meals on Wheels and Trials for Hope,

that we share your abundance with all who hunger. Receive our Prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You have placed before us examples of faithful living who have witnessed to your promises. Rouse us by their lives of service and dedication to be your hands, feet, and voices in this world. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**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: 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: Good Good Father - Chris Tomlin

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories  
of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
of love in the dead of night  
And You tell me that You're pleased  
and that I'm never alone

You're a good, good Father  
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide  
'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word

You're a good, good Father  
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

Because You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
Oh, You're perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable  
I, I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable  
I, I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still



As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love

You're a good, good Father  
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

† **Post-Communion Table Blessing**

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

**The Sending**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

† **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: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ - ELW 674**

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

*Refrain*

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

	<p>2 Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549-1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.</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! The dismissal is based on Good Soil's Purpose Statement.</i></p>	<p>† <b>Dismissal</b></p> <p>Go in peace as the people of Good Soil: <b>Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve!</b></p>
	<p><b>Postlude</b></p>

*Coffee Hour is currently paused for the summer.*

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### Today's Worship Servants:

Livestream: Jessica Berkshire	Reader: Paula Maeder Connor
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Online Usher: Kathy Berkshire	Acolyte: Alexandra Inman



## Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, August 6th, 2023

**For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength:** Peter Alexander, Helen Andrews, Andrew Evatt, Martha and Jamie Lanter, Willie Lee, Char Mattson, Keyla Mercado, Marlon Naylor, Archer Oster, Steve Patrick, Rich Petrusky, Dick Schluep and family and friends of Joan in the wake of her passing, Marie Sternad, Anna Sykaluk, Jeanette Weidlich, Jane Welsh, and Khams Zotal and his family and people of Manipur, India.

**For those celebrating their birthday:** Darlene Wahl (8/6), Jennifer Mitterholzer (8/7), Shawn O'Neil (8/7), Lily Connor (8/8), Ava Kanagaraj (8/10), Joy Christensen (8/12), Brenna Connor (8/12), Nancy Koch (8/12), and Janet Whiley (8/12).

**For those celebrating their anniversary:** David and Anne Paine (8/10).

**The flowers adorning the altar today** are given to the Glory of God by Sharon Hollowell in honor of Jen Otto-Mitterholzer's birthday.

**Season of Creation planning TODAY after worship:** Caring for creation is one of the ways we practice discipleship. Join Pr. M today after church in the lounge for a devotion about creation care and a creative brainstorming session for how we might "adorn" the sanctuary in Sept for the Season of Creation (liturgical arts planning).

### **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.* **Final** date: 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: August 19, September 16, October 21, and November 18.

## **MORE FUN at Summer Family-Friendly Movie and Camp Fire Night 8/12**

Join your Good Soil family for an evening of movies and pizza - now kicking off with GAMES for the kids and kids at heart!

**4:00** Games and activities for toddlers on up

**5:00** Campfire/Movie Activities begin! (S'mores, Pizza, snacks, drinks)

Toddler/small child activities during the movie

Bring yourself, a comfy chair, or blankets. Pizza & movie rain or shine, campfire & outdoor games weather permitting.



Please use the QR code to let us know how many are attending and what food/supplies you can bring OR use the sign-up sheet on the hallway bulletin board OR contact the church office. Questions? Contact Adam Pate (419-606-3373) or Jennifer Krankowski (216-372-0012).

**RIC Brunch and Conversation** – Join us for brunch after worship on 8/13 to learn about the RIC (“Reconciling in Christ”) process and have conversation together about what it means to be a welcoming faith community. We’ll share stories of welcome from our own lives and hear firsthand from folks from Trinity who have gone through that RIC process before. RIC = a process/training churches can go through to earn a designation as a safe and welcoming faith community for LGBTQIA+ and people of color. Good Soil is exploring beginning that process in 2024.

**Julia Alexander’s Last Sunday is 8/13** – It has been a joy and blessing to have Julia with us as our Worship & Music Coordinator since May of 2021! Please be present in worship on 8/13 to wish her Godspeed on her next chapter ahead. Cards of thanks and gifts of appreciation for her can be brought to worship that day or mailed to: 280 Marcho Rd Etna, ME 04434.

### **Calendar of Events**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
Sun, Aug 6	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Sun, Aug 6	Season of Creation Liturgical Arts Session	10:30 am
Sat, Aug 12	ELCA Anti-Racist Zoom Meeting	10:00 am
Sat, Aug 12	Summer Family-Friendly Movie and Camp Fire Night	4:00 pm
Sun, Aug 13	In-Person and Livestream Worship (Julia’s last Sunday)	9:30 am
Sun, Aug 13	RIC Brunch and Conversation	10:30 am