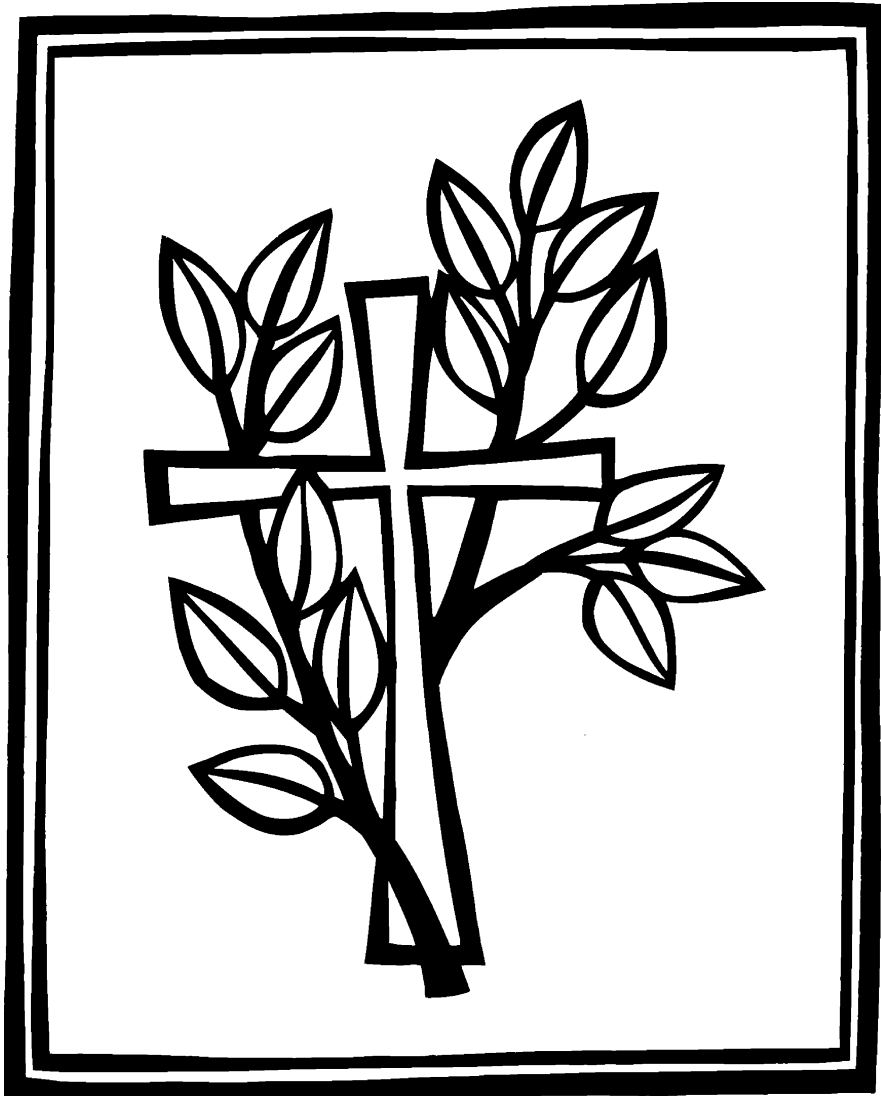


**Good Soil Lutheran Ministries**  
*Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve*



**First Sunday in the Season of Creation: “Forest Sunday”**  
**September 3rd, 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 "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.*

## First Sunday in the Season of Creation: “Forest Sunday”

*In Acts 10:39, Paul’s sermon reminds us that “They put [Jesus] to death by hanging him on a tree.” Trees have a central place in the stories of God’s Creation and God’s salvation. John 3:16 tells us ‘For God so loved the world ...’ On this first Sunday in the Season of Creation, this verse reminds us that God’s act of salvation was motivated by love for the entire world—“cosmos” in Greek—not just for humanity. Forests are an integral and indispensable part of Creation.*

### Gathering

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

Prelude

Welcome

† Call to Worship

Come, worship the God of all Creation.

**We praise the Creator, the continuous source of all living things.**

Come, worship our God who breathes life into being.

**We praise the Creator who fashions the forests, whose trees clean the air of this world,**

Come, worship our God who forms life out of soil.

**We praise the Creator whose land brings nourishment.**

Come, worship our God who receives our lament in the wilderness.

**We praise the Creator whose Son brings healing to all Creation.**

Come, worship our God who sends waters flowing with life.

**We praise the Creator whose baptism unites us as one Body of Christ in solidarity with all Creation.**

*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 so loves the world and all who live in it. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, Creation, and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,  
**we expect nature to serve our needs, and we have damaged it in the process. We trample every wild place and pollute your waters. We abuse your good Earth until it cries out in pain. Forgive us, loving God. Remind us of the covenant you made with the whole Earth. Nourish us so we can restore your awe-inspiring Creation. Amen.**

Christ, the one who was buried into the heart of the Earth and then raised up to new life, forgives you all your sin. Freed from your burdens, receive this forgiveness and be led by the Spirit to do God's healing work in the world. **Amen.**

## † Gathering Hymn: Light Dawns on a Weary World - ELW 726

1 Light dawns on a weary world  
when eyes begin to see  
all people's dignity.  
Light dawns on a weary world:  
the promised day of justice comes.

### *Refrain*

The trees shall clap their hands;  
the dry lands, gush with springs;  
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!  
We shall go out in joy,  
and be led forth in peace,  
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

2 Love grows in a weary world

when hungry hearts find bread  
and children's dreams are fed.  
Love grows in a weary world:  
the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain*

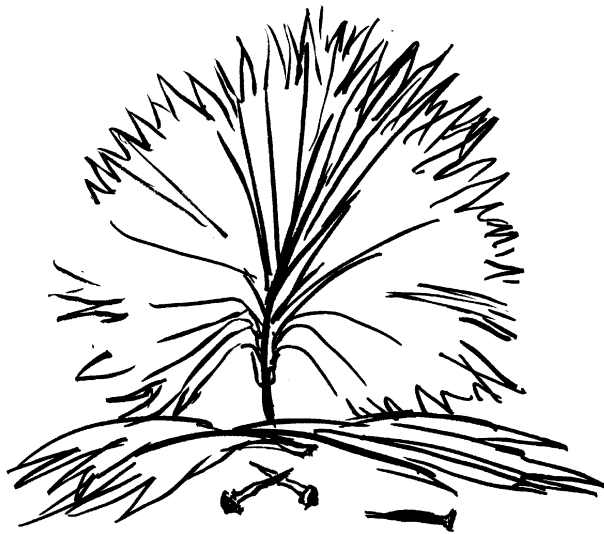
- 3 Hope blooms in a weary world  
when creatures, once forlorn,  
find wilderness reborn.  
Hope blooms in a weary world:  
the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain*

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*The assembly is greeted with words used by Paul in 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians to greet churches. The assembly greets the presiding minister in return. It is a moment of mutuality that signifies trust, love, mutual service, and 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.**



† Hymn of Praise: All things Bright and Beautiful - WOV 767 (v. 1, 4)

*Refrain*

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,  
 all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.  
 1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
 God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.  
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

*The Prayer of the Day gathers all our praise into one and highlights themes from scripture that we are about to hear.*

† Prayer of the Day

O Lord, maker of all things, you planted the trees of the Earth and raised them up to give the breath of life for all creatures. As your Son was lifted up on the tree bringing new life to all Creation, stir us by your Spirit to protect the world you have made. We join the forests in praising you, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The response "Word of God, Word of life," acknowledges the power of God's Word to shape our lives. "Thanks be to God" is a historic response which*

**The Word**

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

**First Reading: Acts 10:34-42**

To put this reading into context:

*Paul notes that "they put [Jesus] to death by hanging him on a tree" (v. 39). Trees have been used as instruments of torture and death throughout human history. However, Paul proclaims that the resurrection brings new life to all.*

*acknowledges  
that we have  
heard what  
was said.*

Hear now the reading.

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who loves God and does what is right is acceptable to God. <sup>36</sup>You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

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 – ELW 171\*

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He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.  
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.  
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

*\*This gospel acclamation tunes comes from our Muscogee (Creek) native siblings and may be sung in a round.*

*Before and  
after the  
reading of the  
Gospel, we  
give thanks  
and praise to*

† Gospel: John 3:1-16

To put this gospel reading into context:

*Nicodemus comes to Jesus and has his entire viewpoint of faith reoriented according to a new way of understanding God's grace and*

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

*mercy. Entering into a Season of Creation, we come to Jesus who reorients our thinking about the environment according to the same grace and mercy of God.*

The holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jewish people. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

<sup>11</sup>Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

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:*

Where have you experienced new growth out of brokenness? What newness of life did God bring forth out of that experience?

**† Hymn of the Day: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery - ELW 334**

- 1 Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,  
in your death we are reborn;  
though you die in all of hist'ry,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn.
- 2 We remember truth once spoken,  
love passed on through act and word;  
ev'ry person lost and broken  
wears the body of our Lord,  
wears the body of our Lord.
- 3 Christ, you lead and we shall follow,  
stumbling though our steps may be;  
one with you in joy and sorrow,  
we the river, you the sea,  
we the river, you the sea.
- 4 Living Water of salvation  
Be the fountain of each soul;  
Springing up in new creation,  
Flow in us and make us whole.

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## † Ionian Creed

We believe in God above us,  
maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon,  
of water and earth, of all of creation.

We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,  
born of a woman, servant of the poor,  
tortured and nailed to a tree.

A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,  
he died alone and forsaken.

He descended into the earth to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven,  
to be everywhere present throughout all ages,  
and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us,  
the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire,  
life-giving breath of the Church,  
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
source of all resurrection and of eternal life.

**Amen.**

Ionian Creed, also known as the “Celtic Creed.” The Iona Community was founded in Glasgow and Iona in 1938 by George MacLeod, minister, visionary and prophetic witness for peace, in the context of the poverty and despair of the Depression. More here: <https://iona.org.uk> Creed accessed from: <https://modernliturgist.org/project/a-celtic-creed-2/>

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

## † Prayers of Intercession

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

Make our spirits sensitive to the cries of creation, cries for justice from the hills and the trees. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*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*

God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and ensure fair wages and safe working environments. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**


God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sanctifying Spirit, make our souls sensitive to the call of our kin, species in pain calling from land, sea, and air, as well as our fellow human beings in need, including on this day: Peter, Helen, Phillis, Andrew, Joe, Martha and Jamie, Willie, Pat, Char, Keyla, Marlon, friends and family of Martha in the wake of her passing, Rich, Marie, Anna, Jeanette, Jane, Archer, Steve, Dick, Khams and his people and family in Manipur, India, ... and all those we name aloud or silently in our hearts. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of glory, we give thanks for the saints who now dwell with you. Nurture us in faith until the day we join their heavenly song. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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.**

<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace in one another and share it together.</i></p>	<p><b>† Passing of the Peace</b></p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always  <b>And also with you.</b></p> <p><i>The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you" sharing the peace of Christ with one another in a no-touch or low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.</i></p>
<p><i>God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>The Meal</b></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p><b>Offering</b></p> <p>God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, and your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil continue making an impact by giving today at <a href="http://www.goodsoillutheran.org/support">www.goodsoillutheran.org/support</a> or by using this QR code:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Aim your phone camera at the QR code, but don't take a picture. A link will appear to click on that will take you to Good Soil's support page.</i></p>  <p><i>If you would like to contribute to the love offering for Maui, enter your donation amount on the Lutheran Disaster Response line and indicate Maui in the memo box.</i></p>
<p><i>The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.</i></p>	<p><b>† Offering Hymn: This is My Father's World - ELW 824 (v. 1 &amp; 3)</b></p> <p>1 This is my Father's world,  and to my list'ning ears  all nature sings, and round me rings  the music of the spheres.  This is my Father's world;  I rest me in the thought  of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  his hand the wonders wrought.</p> <p>3 This is my Father's world;</p>

oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

### † Offering Prayer

Loving Creator, all Creation comes from you – forests, lands and prairies, wild places, rivers and streams. As we bring our offerings to you, we ask that you bless them so that your kingdom comes on Earth as it is in heaven; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### † Great Thanksgiving

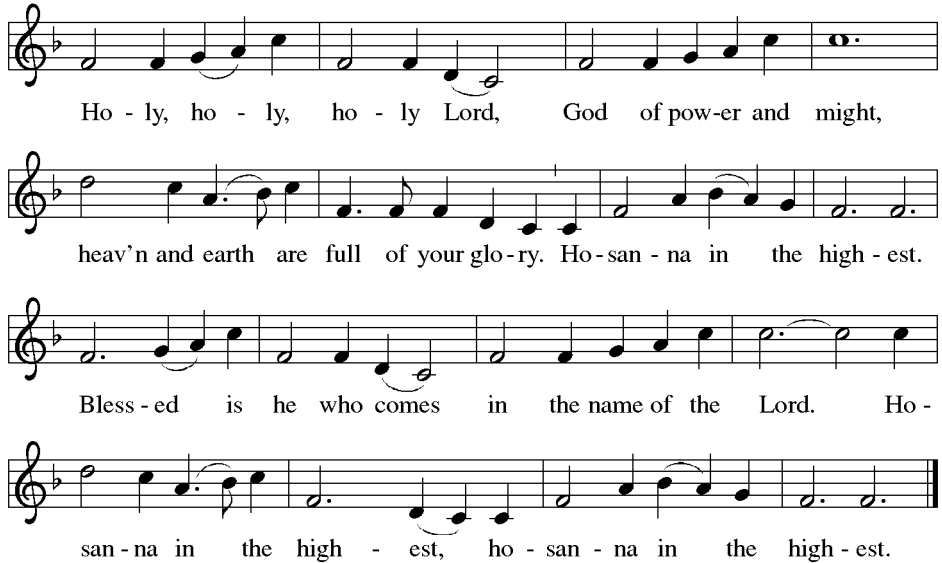
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

## † Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## † Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

...With this bread and cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*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 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 to the table to eat of the bread of the Earth and drink of the fruit of the vine—Christ's very body and blood—given for the whole cosmos.

**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: There in God's Garden - ELW 342

- 1 There in God's garden  
stands the Tree of Wisdom,  
whose leaves hold forth  
the healing of the nations:  
Tree of all knowledge,  
Tree of all compassion,  
Tree of all beauty.
- 2 Its name is Jesus,  
name that says, "Our Savior!"  
There on its branches  
see the scars of suffering;  
see where the tendrils  
of our human selfhood  
feed on its lifeblood.
- 3 Thorns not its own  
are tangled in its foliage;

our greed has starved it,  
our despite has choked it.  
Yet, look! it lives!  
its grief has not destroyed it  
nor fire consumed it.

- 4 See how its branches  
reach to us in welcome;  
hear what the Voice says,  
"Come to me, ye weary!  
Give me your sickness,  
give me all your sorrow,  
I will give blessing."
- 5 This is my ending,  
this my resurrection;  
into your hands, Lord,  
I commit my spirit.  
This have I searched for;  
now I can possess it.  
This ground is holy.
- 6 All heav'n is singing,  
"Thanks to Christ whose passion  
offers in mercy  
healing, strength, and pardon.  
Peoples and nations,  
take it, take it freely!"  
Amen! My Master!

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590-c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917-1982 Text © 1976 Hinshaw Music, Inc.

### † Post-Communion Table Blessing

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

### † Presentation of Multiplying Ministry Check to Hopewood Outdoors



## The Sending

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

### † Blessing

Almighty God, who breathes life into you and all living things, who heals all the world, and who sustains all Creation, give you peace and purpose, in the name of the Father, and the † Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

### † Sending Hymn: All Creatures Worship God Most High - ELW 835 (v. 1, 2, 6)

- 1 All creatures, worship God most high!  
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;  
sing, sister moon and stars of night:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain  
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear sister water, useful, clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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*The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body—fed, nourished, and ready to serve. Worship has ended, and our service begins!*

### † Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for Creation.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

*Coffee Hour is currently paused for the summer.*

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### Today's Worship Servants:

Livestream: Trey Harrison	Reader: William Eversole
Ushers: Stan Zeager & Joan Zeager	Counters: Bill Fink & Joan Zeager
Online Usher: Karen Sperli	Acolyte: Isaac Krankowski



## Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, September 3, 2023

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

**For those celebrating their birthday:** Paula Maeder Connor (9/3), Verna Fink (9/7), and Louise DeBell (9/8).

**For those celebrating their anniversary:** Mark & Denise Johnson (9/3) and Alex & Loxi Verdova (9/4).

### Food ministry volunteer opportunities to help feed our neighbors:

1. Trinity Lutheran at Lakewood Congregational Church (1375 W Clifton Blvd, Lakewood) - on the third Saturday from 9am-12pm, through November. Upcoming dates: September 16, October 21, and November 18. *Please bring in extra plastic bags to help support this ministry or place in the bin in the upstairs hallway.*
2. New Covenant (1424 Hayden Ave, Cleveland) where Vicar Scott Wylie serves - on the fourth Saturday from 8am-12pm. Date: **September 23rd**

**Love Offering for Maui** – This is the final Sunday that Good Soil will be collecting a love offering for Lutheran Disaster Response's efforts in Maui. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. They will work in collaboration to provide for immediate needs and recovery amid the widespread destruction. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying recovering communities in the years ahead. 100% of donations go directly to help relief efforts for the wildfires.

**The Season of Creation Has Begun!** - The Season of Creation is an annual global movement where Christian communities pray and act to care for God's creation. During September, each Sunday will be themed around an aspect of nature. See calendar below for themes and dates!

**Photos for River Sunday-** If you'd like to be included in the worship slides for River Sunday (9/17), please submit your baptism photos and/or photos in or by rivers, streams, oceans, lakes, bodies of water, etc. to [admin@goodsoillutheran.org](mailto:admin@goodsoillutheran.org) by (9/14).

**Suburban Cooperative Nursery School** is currently enrolling 3 and 4 yr olds for the fall school year. For more information, please email [suburbancoop@gmail.com](mailto:suburbancoop@gmail.com), call 440-331-9929, or visit the website at <http://www.suburbancooperative.com>

**Tithe Giveaway to Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio** - Pastor Sara Cogsil, Associate Director for Hopewood Outdoors, is here to accept the "multiplying ministry" tithe designated for Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio in the amount of \$3092! All are then also invited to stay after worship for an adult forum with Pastor Sara to learn more about how the Holy Spirit is moving at Hopewood Outdoors.

**Online Flower Sign-Up-** Interested in signing up to adorn Christ's altar with flowers for worship? Now you can sign up online! Scan the QR code to the right to access the sign-up sheet! **Please note:** The physical flower sign-up sheet is still in effect on the bulletin board at the church and outranks the digital one. Best efforts will be made to ensure the digital calendar reflects the physical one, but if you happen to digitally sign up for a date that is already taken on the physical sheet, you will be contacted about rescheduling. A digital calendar may be viewed via a link in the sign-up sheet.



**Beyond Chit-Chat Discussion Groups-** Starting the week of September 24<sup>th</sup>, two small groups (one in-person and one on zoom) will begin meeting to discuss the book *Beyond Chit-Chat*. The first 10 people to sign up will receive a free copy of the book! If you miss that window, you will be notified with options regarding purchasing a book for \$10. If you're interested, please sign up using the QR code to the right, where you will find the sign-up sheet and summary of the book!



The in-person small group will meet on Tuesdays at 7 pm at Good Soil, 9/26, 10/10, and 10/24.

The Zoom small group will meet on Wednesdays at 7 pm, 9/27, 10/11, and 10/25.

Calendar of Events		
Date	Event	Time
Sun, Sept 3	In-Person and Livestream Worship: Season of Creation begins! – <b>Forest Sunday</b> & Tithe Giveaway to Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio	9:30 am
Mon, Sept 4	<b>Labor Day – Church Office Closed</b>	
Sat, Sept 9	ELCA Anti-Racist Zoom Meeting	10:30 am
Sun, Sept 10	Season of Creation – <b>Land Sunday*</b> Outdoor Worship (not livestreamed) & Outdoor Coffee Hour	9:30 am
Thurs, Sept 14	Confirmation Introduction Family Night @ Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran	5:45 pm
Sun, Sept 17	In-Person and Livestream Worship: Season of Creation– <b>River Sunday</b> and Austin Carlson's Baptism	9:30 am
Sun, Sept 24	In-Person and Livestream Worship: Season of Creation– <b>Wilderness Sunday</b> & Tithe Giveaway to Lutherans Restoring Creation	9:30 am

*\*Land Sunday will be outdoor worship; thus, it will not be livestreamed. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket with you for worship. And grab some invitations to hand out to friends, neighbors, and colleagues to invite them to worship with you!*