

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



19th 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 gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings, know the power of his resurrection, and live in God's abundant love.

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 God,
the one who forms us,
† Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.**

We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
Amen.

† **Gathering Hymn: God Is Here - ELW 526**

- 1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;

here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

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*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*

† 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.

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

† Hymn of Praise: Glory Be to God in Heaven, v. 1



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth;
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, throned on high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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

† Prayer of the Day

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Word

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

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

To put this reading into context:

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

Hear now the reading.

¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you

what I will do to my vineyard.
 I will remove its hedge,
 and it shall be devoured;
 I will break down its wall,
 and it shall be trampled down.
 I will make it a waste;
 it shall not be pruned or hoed,
 and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
 I will also command the clouds
 that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
 is the house of Israel,
 and the people of Judah
 are his pleasant planting;
 he expected justice,
 but saw bloodshed;
 righteousness,
 but heard a cry!

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: Celtic Alleluia – ELW 174**

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

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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 21:33-46

To put this gospel reading into context:

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Children's Sermon

Children aged 1st grade and younger are invited to leave the service after the Children's Sermon and attend a "learn and grow in faith" time with a Sunday School teacher during the sermon.

Sermon: The Rev. Eli Seitz

Silence for Reflection.

When have you experienced abundance you did not deserve? Or, when have you been on the receiving end of unexpected generosity? What impact did that have on you? How was God present?

† Hymn of the Day: The Church of Christ in Every Age - ELW 729

- 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.
- 2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.
- 3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

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† Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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.

Amen

*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

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.


God of all grace, you are the source of life and joy. Strengthen the resolve of your church throughout the world, that together we may share God's great love in Jesus Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of all creation, you plant and nourish the earth as your own precious vineyard. Bless fields and orchards and the hands of those who labor in them, that your people are fed with an abundant harvest of good fruit. We also thank you for the ministry of Lutherans Restoring Creation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of all the earth, you desire peace and justice between nations and peoples. Guide leaders of nations, states, provinces, and cities, that they faithfully govern your people with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like wine for your people. Have mercy on all who mourn, who struggle with their mental health, who cry out for justice, who hunger, and all in any need, including: Peter, Helen, Jane, Carl, Phyllis, Andrew, Joe, Willie, Pat, Char, Keyla, Rich, Marie, Anna, Jeanette, Archer, Steve, Dick, Khams and his people and family in Manipur, India, ... and all those we name aloud or silently in our hearts. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of all hope, the saints who came before us lived and died with their hearts fixed on you. We give you thanks for their faithful witness, and we wait with hope for the great day when we join their voices in praise. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

	<p>Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.</p>
<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace in one another and share it together.</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>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>The Meal</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p>Offering</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 www.goodsoillutheran.org/support or by using this QR code.</p> <p><i>Aim your phone camera at the QR code above, but don't take a picture. A link will appear to take you to our support page.</i></p> 
<p><i>The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.</i></p>	<p>† Offering Hymn: Let the Vineyards be Fruitful Lord - ELW 184</p> <p>Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.</p> <p>Text © 1978 <i>Lutheran Book of Worship</i>, admin. Augsburg Fortress.</p>

† Offering Prayer

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

† Great Thanksgiving

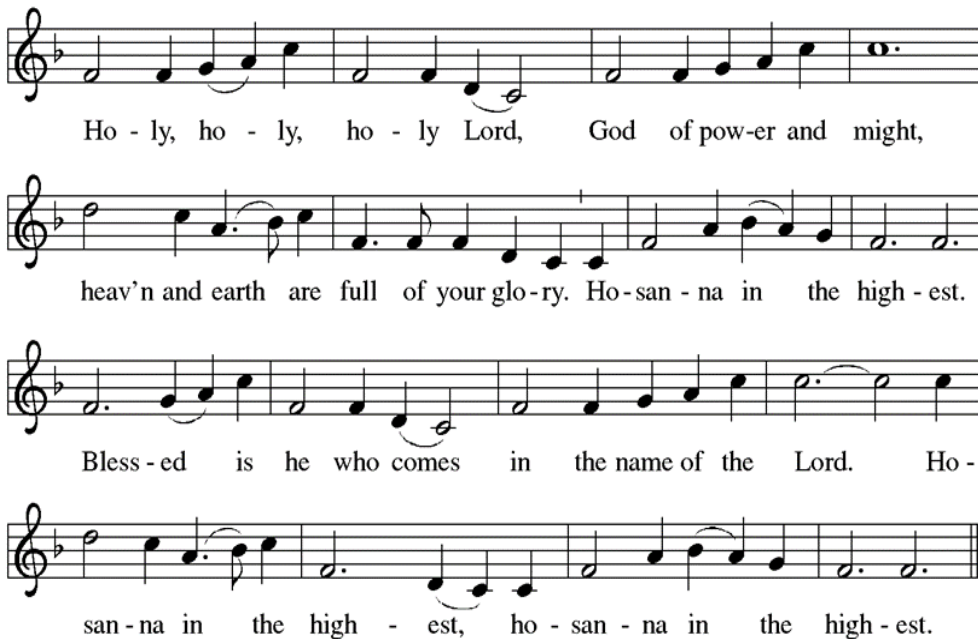
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

	<p>† Words of Institution</p>
<p><i>The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.</i></p>	<p>† Lord's Prayer</p> <p>Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus first taught us:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Amen.</p>
	<p>† Invitation to the Table</p> <p>Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.</p> <p>Amen.</p>
	<p>Communion</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>When you receive the elements, you are invited to respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."</i></p> <p><i>Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding up front. We will be practicing standing, processional communion today.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>

Communion Hymns

God, the Sculptor of the Mountains - ELW 736

- 1 God the sculptor of the mountains,
God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens,
God the potter of the land:
you are womb of all creation,
we are formless; shape us now.
- 2 God the nuisance to the Pharaoh,
God the cleaver of the sea,
God the pillar in the darkness,
God the beacon of the free:
you are fount of all deliv'rance,
we are sightless; lead us now.
- 3 God the dresser of the vineyard,
God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest,
God the source of all we eat:
you are host at ev'ry table,
we are hungry; feed us now.
- 4 God the unexpected infant,
God the calm, determined youth,
God the table-turning prophet,
God the resurrected truth:
you are present ev'ry moment,
we are searching; meet us now.

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We Eat the Bread of Teaching - ELW 518

Refrain

We eat the bread of teaching,
drink wine of wisdom,
are given here a taste of the kingdom.
Together joined, the greatest and the least,
we all are one at Wisdom's holy feast.

1 Wisdom calls throughout the city,
knows our hunger, and in pity
gives her loving invitation
to the banquet of salvation. *Refrain*

2 Simple ones whose hearts are yearning,
come and gain from Wisdom's learning;
bread and wine she is preparing,
know her loving in the sharing. *Refrain*

3 Enter with delight and singing,

for her richness now is bringing
us this joyful celebration;
eat and drink in jubilation. *Refrain*

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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.

† Presentation of Multiplying Ministry Check to Lutherans Restoring Creation

The Sending

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

† Blessing

The God of glory,

‡ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

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

† Sending Hymn: Christ Be Our Light - ELW 715

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

5 Many the gifts, many the people,
 many the hearts that yearn to belong.
 Let us be servants to one another,
 signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

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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! The dismissal is based on Good Soil's Purpose Statement.

† Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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

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Today's Worship Servants:

Livestream: Joe Lanter	Reader: Bryan McGucken
Ushers: Bill Wahl Darlene Wahl	Counters: Joe Lanter Kim Wylie
Online Usher: Ellen Young	Acolyte: Amelia Forshey
Cantors: Beau Reddington Kaitlyn Regan	Pianist: Brynna Bailer Mango



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Oct 8th, 2023

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Peter Alexander, Helen Andrews, Jane Beese, Carl Bruns, Phyllis Clapper, Andrew Evatt, Willie Lee, Pat Lukas, Char Mattson, Keyla Mercado, Archer Oster, Steve Patrick, Rich Petrusky, Dick Schlupe, Marie Sternad, Anna Sykaluk, Jeanette Weidlich, Khams Zotal and his family and people of Manipur, India.

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism: Donna Michalski (10/10), Louise DeBell (10/14), Corey Mattson (10/14), and John Shumaker (10/14).

For those celebrating their birthday: Scott Krankowski (10/10).

Food ministry volunteer opportunities to help feed our neighbors:

Trinity Lutheran at Lakewood Congregational Church (1375 W Clifton Blvd, Lakewood) - on the third Saturday from 9am-12pm on 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.

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 next page 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.



Newsletter- Want to keep up with the latest Good Soil news? Sign up for our newsletter *Seeds* with this URL: <https://tinyurl.com/bddjk7yp> or the QR code to the left.

Growing in Faith courses - Beginning this Fall the Northeastern Ohio Synod will be offering courses for lay people who want to be more deeply rooted and grounded in love. These courses (such as worship, Old and New Testament, Lutheran theology, etc.) will be taught by pastors and offered online throughout the Fall. You can read more about the classes and register for them by using the QR code to the right.



Coffee Fellowship Volunteers Needed! - Please consider volunteering to host and/or provide healthy snacks or baked goods. Volunteers can sign-up using Ministry Scheduler Pro, the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside of the Lounge, or by contacting the church office.



Coffee volunteers aren't expected to provide snacks or baked goods – but can if they would like. Anyone can donate ready to serve healthy snacks or baked goods. Please use the sign-up sheet in the hallway or <https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/30/enrollment/goodsoil> to let others know your plans. You may also use the QR code to the left. **Questions about hosting/volunteering? Stop in for Fellowship TODAY to see our new Coffeemaker system (thank you Tom Molnar!) and ask any questions.**

Community Pet Blessing with Pr. Marissa, 10/14 at 3pm: Our animal friends reflect the unconditional love of God for us in so many ways. Pastor Marissa will be officiating a Community Pet Blessing service on West Clinton Ave (near where Steve Brocker used to live and where Pr. Marissa currently lives). Bring your pets for a fun, meaningful 30min worship service where we will praise God and thank God for animal love. Each pet will also be blessed individually by Pr. Marissa. RSVP to pastormarissa@goodsoillutheran.org. Location: **In front of 7110 W Clinton Ave, Cleveland, OH 44102**

Multiplying Ministry Tithe Today- Lutherans Restoring Creation Founder Alycia Ashburn is with Good Soil to accept the "multiplying ministry" tithe designated for LRC in the amount of **\$1,015!** We're grateful to be able to "multiply ministry" in meaningful ways because of the generosity and legacy gift of Gary Dennison. And we're grateful for the ministry of Lutherans Restoring Creation! Alycia will also be leading an adult forum after worship to share more about LRC. Hope to see you there!

Gather Together 20's and 30's event -- Dinner Church- The next Gather Together event will be a dinner church event on **October 14th at 5pm.** Over a meal and in community with one another, Dinner Church attendees follow an order of worship including prayers, readings, communion, discussion, and singing. RSVP to Pastor Marissa by October 8th. The main dinner (a taco bar!) will be provided, but help with sides, toppings, salads, desserts, and drinks would be helpful! If you would like to bring something, please mention what you'd like to bring when you RSVP.

Acolyte Training Oct 15th - The word "acolyte" comes from a Greek word that means helper or companion. When you serve as an acolyte you are helping people feel a sense of God's presence with the light of Christ in worship. Acolytes help set a joyful and reverent tone for worship and bring a sense of celebration and anticipation to the service. Children from 2nd grade through 8th grade and their guardians are invited to attend acolyte training on **October 15th after Sunday School.** Training is required for new acolytes or anyone who hasn't attended formal acolyte training before, but returning acolytes are encouraged to attend for a refresher.

Update for Families: Good Soil Sunday School has begun!

DURING WORSHIP

Pray Ground

A special place to worship in the sanctuary- while being a kid! In addition to books, crayons, small toys etc., a "casually intentional" group activity will be available.

"Learn and Grow" time for children Gr. 1 and younger during the sermon

Children move down the hall to a classroom after the Children's Sermon. They return to the Sanctuary during the Passing of the Peace or Offering collection at the latest.

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Sunday School for Grades 1 – 6 in Room 1

Junior Sunday School for Preschool/Kindergarten in Room 2

Good Soil members Laura and Shawn O'Neil discovered the faith community of Good Soil through our online services. Both of them live with significant visual impairment. On New Year's Day 2023, they took a big leap of faith and attended Good Soil in-person for the first time. Since then, they've grown in faith and relationships here with this community. We've been so grateful for the group of volunteers who have been willing to drive them to worship each week in a rotation since neither of them drive and public transportation can be challenging to rely on. Laura and Shawn have recently moved from Westlake to Lakewood, so we are looking for some additional people from our faith community to serve in that driving rotation (especially if you live in Cleveland or Lakewood). The O'Neil's new home is: 11820 Edgewater Dr., Apt 709, Lakewood, OH 44107. Laura and Shawn have shared that Good Soil lifts their spirits and helps them feel connected to God and others here, and they'd like to attend worship in-person every week, if possible.

If you are willing to participate in a ride rotation (once a month, once a quarter, even once a year), please email admin@goodsoillutheran.org and Cara will add you to the driving rotation. Thanks for your consideration and helping Good Soil to continue to be the welcoming community that we are!

Calendar of Events		
Date	Event	Time
Sun, Oct 8	In-Person and Livestream Worship & Tithe Giveaway to Lutherans Restoring Creation	9:30 am
Mon, Oct 9	Indigenous Peoples' Day – Church Office Closed	
Sat, Oct 14	ELCA Anti-Racist Zoom Mtg	10:30 am
Sat, Oct 14	Community Pet Blessing @ 7110 W Clinton Ave, Cleveland, OH 44102	3:00 pm
Sat, Oct 14	Gather Together 20's and 30's Dinner Church	5:00 pm
Sun, Oct 15	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Sun, Oct 15	Acolyte Training	11:30 am
Sat, Oct 21	Food Giveaway – Trinity Lutheran @ Lakewood Congregational	9:00 am
Sun, Oct 22	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am

