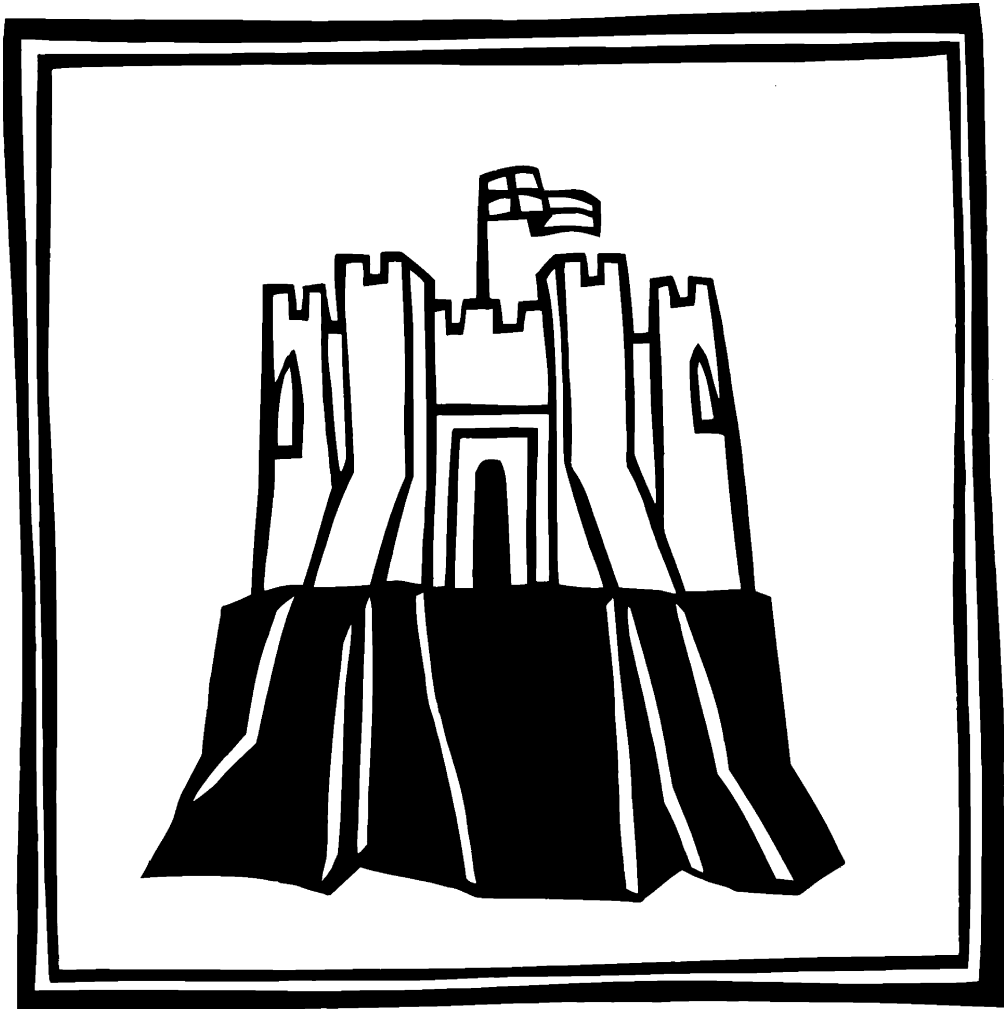


Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday and
Affirmation of Baptism for Aaron Krankowski
October 29th, 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 worshipping 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 worshipping 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.

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday and Affirmation of Baptism for Aaron Krankowski

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

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: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less - ELW 596**
(v. 1, 2, & 4)

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

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

† 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

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Word

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

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

To put this reading into context:

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

Hear now the reading.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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.

Before and after the reading of the Gospel, we give thanks and praise to Jesus Christ, who is revealed to us through the Gospel reading.

† Gospel: John 8:31-36

To put this gospel reading into context:

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

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

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

Children’s Sermon

Children 1st grade and younger are invited to step out with one of our Sunday School teachers to join the “learn and grow in faith” class during the sermon. They will return during the Passing of the Peace. Sunday School classes for all children (nursery school - 6th grade) meet after worship.

Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison

Silence for Reflection.

Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You're invited to reflect on the following question:

What is grace to you? How does it show up in your life? How does your experience of God's grace impact your orientation to the world? What does a church grounded in God's grace feel like, act like, or look like?

† Hymn of the Day: Canticle of the Turning - ELW 723

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.

Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

- 4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

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Affirmation of Baptism for Aaron Krankowski (Confirmation)

Presentation

Parents: We present Aaron, who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Aaron, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called him to yourself, enlightened him with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished him in the community of faith. Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.
Amen.

† Profession of Faith

Aaron, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce evil and all the forces that defy God?

Aaron: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Aaron: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Aaron: I renounce them.

Pastor addresses the candidate and assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**lowercase "c" refers to the universal church*

† Rite of Confirmation

Aaron, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- † to live among God’s faithful people,
- † to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper,
- † to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- † to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- † and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so, answer “I do, and I ask God to help me.”

Aaron: I do, and I ask God to help me.

People of God, do you promise to support Aaron and pray for him in his life in Christ? If so, answer “We do, and we ask God to help us.”

We do, and we ask God to help us.

Those making affirmation may kneel.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in Aaron the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and love of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

† Welcome

Those making affirmation stand and face the assembly.

Let us rejoice with this sibling in Christ!

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

The assembly applauds.

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| <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>As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our own participation.</i></p> <p><i>Each petition addresses a different topic, often in the same pattern:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>+ The Church</i> <i>+ Creation</i> <i>+ Nations and leaders</i> <i>+ Those in need</i> <i>+ This faith community</i> <i>+ The great cloud of witnesses/those now resting with God</i> | <p>† Prayers of Intercession</p> <p>Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.</p> <p><i>A brief silence.</i></p> <p>God our parent, you call us your children and have made us siblings through your son Jesus. Heal the church's many divisions, bring understanding and peace where there has been contention and strife, and unite us in one body through the love of Christ. God of grace, receive our prayer.</p> <p>God our creator, your hands have made the heights of the mountains, the depths of the sea, and the life that animates all creation. Bring relief to areas harmed by wildfires, floods, storms, and human carelessness. Renew the face of the earth. God of grace, receive our prayer.</p> <p>God our ruler, the nations rage and the kingdoms shake, but your word stands fast forever. Let your justice and peace roll down like waters wherever there is strife, injustice, war, or religious conflict, especially in Ukraine, Israel/Palestine, and Manipur, India. God of grace, receive our prayer.</p> <p>God our refuge and strength, draw near to all who suffer, especially Peter, Helen, Jane, Carl, Phyllis, Joe, Willie, Pat, Char, Rich, Anna, Jeanette, Archer, Steve, Dick, Khams and his people</p> |

and family in Manipur, India, Family and friends of Andrew Evatt, family and friends of Floyd Nelson, Family and friends of Marie Sternad, ... and all those we name aloud or silently in our hearts. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God our reformer, you make all things new. Free us from complacency, open us to unexpected ways, and kindle zeal in us for the future. We pray for young people affirming their baptism across the church today, including Aaron. With them, stir in us a desire for your wisdom. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God our savior, you made yourself known in the lives of all who have died in the hope of your grace. We give thanks for the witness of reformers like Martin Luther and for all whose example has brought us closer to you. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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.

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 or by using this QR code.

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.



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

† Offering Hymn: Let the Vineyards be Fruitful Lord - ELW 184

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.

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† 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.

† 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

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

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 Hymns

One Thing Remains

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change
This one thing remains
This one thing
This one thing

It is higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
And there were constant in the trial and the change
This one thing remains

Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me

Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love, Your love, Your love

And on and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never, ever have to be afraid
This one thing remains

Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love, Your love, Your love

In death, in life
I'm confident and covered by
The power of Your great love
My debt is paid
There's nothing that can separate
My heart from Your great love

Your love never fails (never fails me)
Your love never fails (Your love never fails me)
Your love never fails (never fails)

And on and on and on and on it goes
For You overwhelm and satisfy my soul
And I never, ever have to be afraid
This one thing remains

Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me

Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love, Your love, Your love
Your love
It's Your love
Your love, God never fails me
Your love, God never fails

Songwriters: Brian Johnson / Christa Joy Black / Jeremy Riddle / Riddle Jeremy / Black Christa Joy
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Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns

Unending love
Amazing grace

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Chris Tomlin, Songwriters: Giglio Louie

† 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 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: Rise Shine You People - ELW 665

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
with grace unbounded.
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
now are forgiven.

- 3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
of Jesus' glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
God's new creation.

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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 after church in the fellowship hall for
cake and refreshments to celebrate with Aaron on his confirmation day!*

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Today's Worship Servants:

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| Livestream: Sean Lanter | Reader: Trey Harrison |
| Ushers: Bill & Darlene Wahl | Counters: Joe Lanter & Larry Jacobson |
| Online Usher: Kim Wylie | Acolyte: TJ Lanter |



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Oct 29th, 2023

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

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism: Diane Bennett (11/3).

For those celebrating their birthday: Luca Sburlea (10/29), Alex Alusheff (11/4), and Jovi Mitterholzer (11/4).

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the Glory of God in honor of Aaron Krankowski's Affirmation of Baptism.

Flower Sign-Up- Interested in signing up to adorn Christ's altar with flowers for worship? You can sign up with the flower list on the bulletin board in the hallway or online using this QR code.



Please note: The physical flower sign-up sheet on the bulletin board has first priority. 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.

Food ministry volunteer opportunities to help feed our neighbors:

Trinity Lutheran at Lakewood Congregational Church (1375 W Clifton Blvd, Lakewood) from 9am-12pm on **November 18**. Please bring in plastic bags to help support this ministry and the food ministry of New Covenant Lutheran. Please place them in the bin in the sanctuary level hallway.

Good Soil is having an Advent Fair! – Do you love Advent/Christmas? Do you enjoy making crafts and/or sharing about God's love and the spirit of Christmas? Join Pastor Marissa and other leaders for a brainstorming/planning meeting after worship on 11/5 to plan Good Soil's Advent "make-and-take-and-learn" Fair.

Coffee Fellowship Volunteers Needed! - Please consider volunteering to host



and/or provide healthy snacks or baked goods. Volunteers can sign-up using the Ministry Scheduler Pro platform, 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 the QR code to the left.

Generosity Emphasis in October: "More Than We Can Imagine"- As we approach 2024, we can see that God has done so much more than any of us could have imagined in this place. Good Soil has grown in many ways— in our vision, in numbers, and in our depth of relationships. We have so much to look forward to for ministry initiatives in 2024 and the generosity of the congregation makes that meaningful ministry possible. **We will continue to receive intent cards through Sunday, November 5th.** You can fill out the physical pledge card or use the QR code to the right. Below are some statistics regarding pledges so far. Thank you for helping to share God's abundance!



1. # __ intents have been received as of 10/28/23
2. # __ are pledging for the first time at Good Soil
3. # __ returning pledgers are growing in their generosity
4. # __ intent cards are beginning their new level of generosity PRIOR to Jan 2024

All Saints Day - On Sunday, Nov 5 (All Saints Sunday), we will remember all of the saints



who are now at rest in God's loving arms with a candle lighting rite during worship. Knowing they are in our heart forever, please share the names of your loved ones and friends who have died in the last year (since 11/6/22). Let us know who you would like to remember using the QR code to the left or by calling the church office at 440-331-1773.

Welcome Brynna Bailer Mango, Good Soil's new Worship and Music Coordinator!

Council is excited to announce that after an intentional interview process, Brynna Bailer Mango has accepted the position to be our new Worship and Music Coordinator. Brynna earned her Bachelor of Music in Education with honors from CSU in 2021. She brings a wealth of experience including servings as a K-12 music

teacher, concert/choral accompanist, and Christian worship leader. Please introduce yourself to her and join us in warmly welcoming Brynna!

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

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



Calendar of Events

| Date | Event | Time |
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| Sun, Oct 29 | In-Person and Livestream Worship: Reformation Sunday and Confirmation of Aaron Krankowski | 9:30 am |
| Thurs, Nov 2 | Confirmation Class @ Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran | 5:45pm |
| Sat, Nov 4 | Ladies Breakfast @ Gene's Place to Dine | 9:00 am |
| Sun, Nov 5 | In-Person and Livestream Worship: All Saints Sunday Advent Fair Brainstorming/Planning Mtng | 9:30 am 10:30 am |
| Tue, Nov 7 | Election Day – <i>Church Office OPEN</i> | |
| Fri, Nov 10 | Veterans Day (Observed) Church Office Closed | |
| Sat, Nov 11 | ELCA Anti-Racist Zoom Meeting | 10:30 am |
| Sun, Nov 12 | In-Person and Livestream Worship Adult Forum: Plan Your Own Funeral (so your family doesn't have to) | 9:30 am 10:30 am |