

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



All Saints Sunday
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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.

All Saints Sunday

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

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,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
we confess that we are not awake for you.
**We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children,

and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
Through † Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.
Amen.

† **Gathering Hymn: Shall We Gather at the River- ELW 423 (v. 1, 2, 4)**

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

The assembly is greeted with words used by Paul in 2 Corinth. 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.
Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

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

† Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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.

New Testament Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

To put this reading into context:

The book of Revelation is written to 7 churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

Hear now the reading.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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*

† Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia – ELW 174



Children's Sermon

Children grade 1 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 – grade 6) 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:

Who helped you to know/experience the love of God in Christ?

Who was an important "faith mentor" in your spiritual journey?

Take a moment to give thanks to God for them. Who could you be a "faith mentor" to in your life today?

† Hymn of the Day: For All The Saints - ELW 422 (v. 1, 3, 6, & 7)

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*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

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you especially Peter, Helen, Jane, Carl, Phyllis, Betty, Joe, Willie, Pat, Char, Keyla, Rich, Anna, Jeanette, Archer, Steve, Dick, Khams and his people 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. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral

ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Remembering the Saints

Eternal God, your love is stronger than death, and your compassion more fierce than the grave. We rejoice in the lives of those whom you have drawn into your eternal embrace. Keep us in communion with them until we join the saints of every people and nation gathered before your throne.

On this day, we remember those who have died since 11/6/22:

Max Bechtel, Good Soil Member
Kaethe Buchholz, Good Soil Member
Marie Sternad, Good Soil Member
Andrew Evatt, Former Good Soil Member
Martha Boryk, mother of Robin LaGorin
Lynn Cowley, friend of Jeanne Livingood
Betty Gdovin, friend of Donna Handy
Samuel Isaacson, son of friend of Sarah Sburlea
Jim Keyerleber, father of friend of Andrew Sykaluk
Jim Link, roommate of brother of Sharon Hollowell
Floyd Nelson, uncle of Jim Mattson
Patricia Wancata, sister of Michael Wancata

We also remember all those who have died due to physical or mental illness, addiction, drug overdose, gun violence, racial profiling, natural disasters or any other reason. We remember all who have died and are now resting with you.

Remembering the Saints Hymn: Jesus Remember Me, ELW 616

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (3x)

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While the assembly sings, people are invited to come forward to light a candle for anyone they are remembering today.

A brief silence.

God the Father formed us as creatures who live and love and die.
God the Son lived a human life and joined us in death.
God the Spirit holds us in the eternal body of Christ.
Thanks be to God:
Thanks be to God.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with you beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ. We know that in our grief and celebration, you are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever,
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

The Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.

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 the QR code on the following page.

Aim your phone camera at the QR code, but don't take a picture. A link will appear to 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: 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

† 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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.

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

For All Your Saints, O Lord - ELW 427

- 1 For all your saints, O Lord,
who strove in you to live,
who followed you, obeyed, adored,
our grateful hymn receive.
- 2 For all your saints, O Lord,
who strove in you to die,
who counted you their great reward,
accept our thankful cry.
- 3 They all in life and death,
with you, their Lord, in view,
learned from your Holy Spirit's breath
to suffer and to do.
- 4 For this, your name we bless
and humbly pray anew
that we like them in holiness

may live and die in you.

- 5 To God, the Father, Son,
and Spirit, ever blest,
the One in Three, the Three in One,
be endless praise addressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776-1848, alt.

Give Thanks for the Saints- ELW 428

- 1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm
when all around seems bleak:
on God's good promise they rely,
so while they live and when they die
how forcefully they speak—
the strong, who once were weak!
- 2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear,
beyond mere mortal sight:
who seek the city God has planned,
the true, eternal promised land,
and steer on toward that light,
a beacon ever bright.
- 3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure,
a sparkling precious stone:
they show by what they say and do
an inward beauty, warm and true,
for God's concerns they own—
God's love through them is known.
- 4 Give thanks for saints of ages past
and saints alive today:
though often by this world despised,
their hearts by God are richly prized.
Give thanks that we may say
we share their pilgrim way.

Text: Martin E. Leckebusch, b. 1962 Text © 2003 Kevin Mayhew Ltd. Used by permission.

† 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: Holy God We Praise Your Name - ELW 414

1 Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim,
all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.

2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

3 Lo, the apostolic train
join your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun
through the church the song goes on.

4 Holy Father, holy Son,

Holy Spirit, three we name you,
 though in essence only one;
 undivided God we claim you
 and, adoring, bend the knee
 while we own the mystery.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

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

Beloved of God,
 go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
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: Isaac Krankowski	Reader: Jennifer Krankowski
Ushers: Bill Fink & Amanda Inman	Counters: Bill Fink and Dave Blocksom
Online Usher: Karen Sperli	Acolyte: Aaron Krankowski



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Nov 5th, 2023

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Peter Alexander, Helen Andrews, Jane Beese, Carl Bruns, Phyllis Clapper, Betty Holcomb, Willie Lee, Pat Lukas, Char Mattson, Archer Oster, Steve Patrick, Rich Petrusky, Dick Schluiep, 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 their anniversary: Pam & Joe Lanter (11/8).

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism: Lily Connor (11/5).

For those celebrating their birthday: Adam Pate (11/5), Mary Kay Liston (11/10), & Scott Wylie (11/10).

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the Glory of God in honor of Pam and Joe Lanter's anniversary.

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 **TODAY** 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: "More Than We 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. Thank you to all who submitted Intent Cards for 2024!



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. 39 intents have been received as of 11/2/23
2. 8 are pledging for the first time at Good Soil
3. 25 are growing in their generosity for next year
4. 7 intents are beginning their new level of generosity PRIOR to Jan 2024

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
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: Meals on Wheels Multiplying Ministry Tithe and Adult Forum	9:30 am 10:30 am
Sun, Nov 19	In-Person and Livestream Worship: Bishop Laura Barbins Multiplying Ministry Tithe and Adult Forum	9:30 am 10:30 am
Thurs, Nov 23	Thanksgiving Day – Church Office Closed	