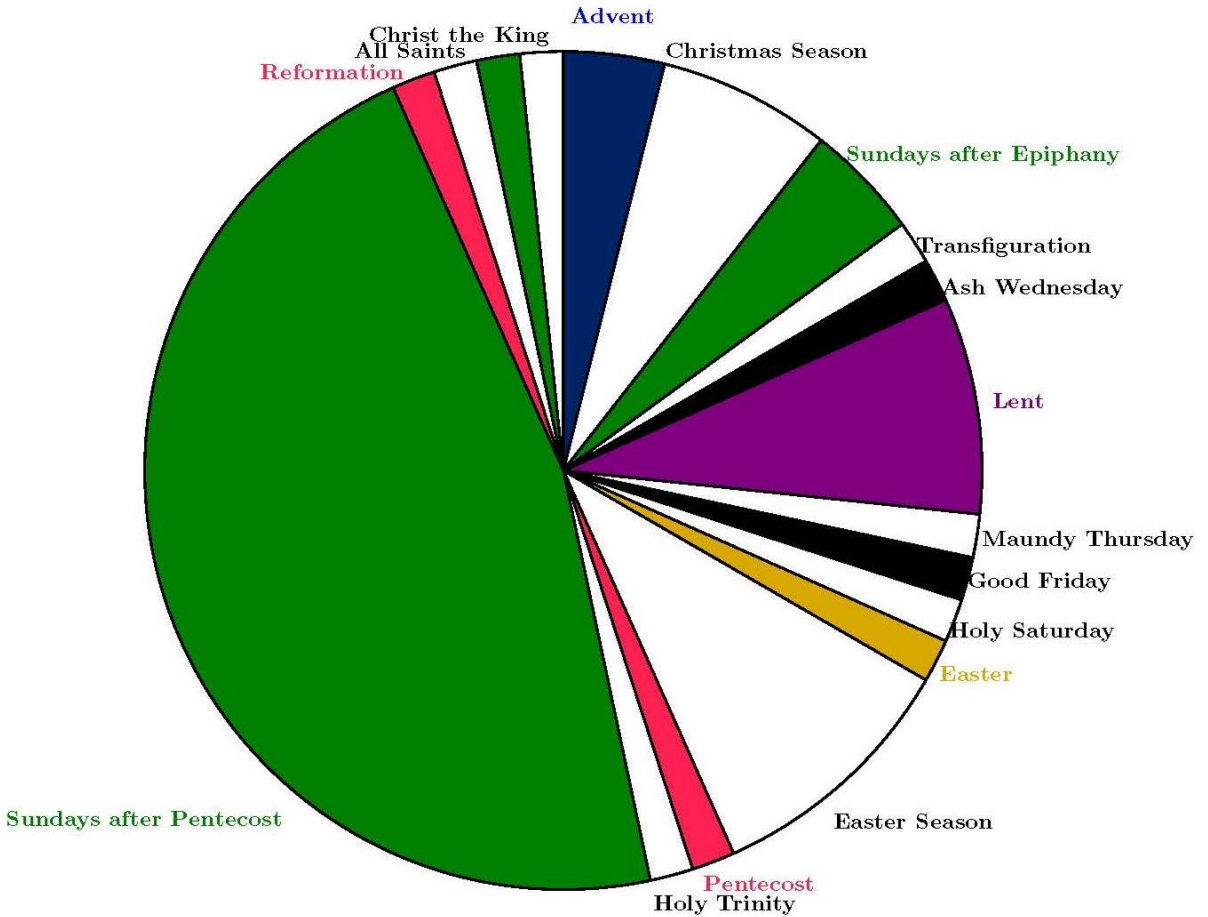


# Good Soil Lutheran Ministries

*Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve*



Reign of Christ Sunday  
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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.

## Reign of Christ Sunday

*Jesus is given the title of the Anointed One (Messiah), even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness—he is the true king who will set all things right. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love. On this last Sunday in the church year, we walk through the seasons of the liturgical calendar together, experiencing yet again the hope that comes from Christ our King.*

### **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.*

† **Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 90 and Psalm 93)**

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations.  
**From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

Before the mountains were brought forth or you formed the world,  
**From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

You are king, robed in majesty and armed with love. Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;  
**From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

† **Gathering Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns- ELW 855  
(v. 1 & 3)**

1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing

of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king  
through all eternity.

3 Crown him the Lord of love--  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes  
at mysteries so bright.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5

*The assembly is greeted with words used by Paul in 2 Corinthians to greet churches. The assembly greets the presiding minister as well. 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.**

### 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. They will return during the Passing of the Peace. Sunday School classes for all children (nursery school – grade 6) meet after worship.*

## The Word

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

### Advent

A reading from Isaiah 40:1, 3-5

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. A voice calls out: 'In the desert prepare the way for the Lord make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all humankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **A few words about Advent**

**Advent Hymn: Prepare the Royal Highway    ELW 264 vs 1&4**

1 Prepare the royal highway;  
the King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley  
a level road appear!  
Then greet the King of glory,  
foretold in sacred story:

*Refrain:* Hosanna to the Lord,  
for he fulfills God's word!

4 His is no earthly kingdom;  
it comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom  
and justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
for kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772-1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
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## Christmas

A reading from Luke 2:1-7

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world...and everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her first born, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**A few words about Christmas**

**Christmas Hymn: Joy to the World ELW 267 vs 1&4**

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
  
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

## Epiphany and Time after Epiphany

A reading from Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We see his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

They went on their way and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **A few words about Epiphany and Time After Epiphany**

#### **Epiphany Hymn: We Three Kings    WOV 646 vs 1&5**

1     We three kings of Orient are;  
      bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
      field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
      following yonder star.

#### *Refrain*

Oh, star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light!

5     Glorious now behold him arise,  
      King and God and Sacrifice;  
      heav'n sings alleluia:  
      alleluia the earth replies.    *Refrain*

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891, alt.

## Lent

A reading from Psalm 51:1-3, 10-12

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### A few words about Lent

#### **Lenten Hymn O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days ELW 319 vs 1 & 3**

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days  
you prayed and kept the fast;  
inspire repentance for our sin,  
and free us from our past.
  
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed  
and fixed your mind above;  
so teach us to deny ourselves  
that we may know God's love.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930  
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## Holy Week

A reading from Mark 8:31-32, 34-35

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly.

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.”

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **A few words about Holy Week**

#### **Holy Week Hymn: Ah, Holy Jesus ELW 349 vs 1 & 2**

- 1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.
- 2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;  
I crucified thee.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

## Easter

A reading from Luke 24:1-5

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared, and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!”

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

A few words about Easter

**Easter Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today    ELW 365 vs 1 & 2**

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

## Pentecost

A reading from John 20:19-22

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again, Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**A few words about Pentecost**

**Pentecost Hymn: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling ELW 582 vs 2, 3**

- 2 Holy Spirit, ever living  
as the church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving  
through us in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming  
in the church the mind of Christ:  
you we praise with endless worship  
for your gifts and fruits unpriced.
- 3 Holy Spirit, ever working  
through the church's ministry;  
quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,  
setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding  
age to age and soul to soul  
in communion never ending,  
you we worship and extol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874-1939, alt.

## Time After Pentecost

A reading from Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**A few words about Time After Pentecost**

**Time After Pentecost Hymn: O God, Beyond All Praising  
ELW 880 vs 1 & 3**

- 1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
- 3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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*As the church,  
we pray for  
those in our  
community and  
around the*

## **† 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.

*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*

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, in Christ we experience the abundance of your generous love. Direct us to respond as your united and universal church, following where you lead. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In Christ, we are brought into union with all of creation. With mountains, seas, dry lands, and animals of the field, we seek your guidance and protection. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In Christ, we know merciful judgment. Guide rulers of every nation in ways of humble leadership and wise decision-making. Allow aid to come to all who are in need, oppressed, or hurting, especially our siblings in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, and Russia. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In Christ we feel the depth of your love and care toward us. Nourish all who hunger, connect any who are isolated, and surround all who experience rejection or abuse. We pray for those who suffer especially Peter, Helen, Jane, Carl, Tanya, Phyllis, Betty, Joe, Willie, Pat, Char, Rich, Anna, Jeanette, Archer, Steve, Dick, Khams and his people and family in Manipur, India, family and friends of Connie Bilski ... and all those we name aloud or silently in our hearts. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**


Holy God, in Christ we are welcomed home. We praise you for the faithful witness of those who have served you and extended your welcome and love to us. Unite us with them as one body of 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.**

*A practice of the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace in one*

† **Passing of the Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you always  
**And also with you.**

<p><i>another and share it together.</i></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;"><b><u>The Meal</u></b>  <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 the QR code on the next page.</p> <p><i>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.</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: Let the Vineyards be Fruitful Lord - ELW 184</b></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><small>Text © 1978 <i>Lutheran Book of Worship</i>, admin. Augsburg Fortress.</small></p>
	<p><b>† Offering Prayer</b></p> <p>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.  <b>Amen.</b></p>

## † 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*

### † Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus first taught us:

*to teach them  
how to pray.*

**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.**

### **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**

#### **Beautiful Savior- ELW 838**

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,



truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-1889, alt.

### Soon and Very Soon- ELW 439

1        Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King x3

*Refrain:* Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

2        No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King x3 *Refrain*

3        No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King x3 *Refrain*

4        Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King x3

5        Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Text: Andrae Crouch, b. 1945 Text and music © 1976 Bud Johnson Songs/Crouch Music, admin. EMT  
Christian Music Publishing

† **Post-Communion Table Blessing**

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

**Amen.**

† **Reign of Christ**

A reading from Revelation 1:4b-6

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first born from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

**A few words about Reign of Christ**

**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: Crown Him with Many Crowns- ELW 855  
(v. 4 & 5)**

4 Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,

and lives that death may die.

5 Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail  
throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4

*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: Sean Lanter	Readers: Bryan McGucken, Bill Fink, William Eversole, Anne Paine, Jennifer Krankowski, JoAnne Wancata, Michael Wancata, & Sharon Bechtel
Ushers: Stan & Joan Zeager	Counters: Stan Zeager & Jessica Berkshire
Online Usher: Dave Blocksom	Acolyte: Amelia Forshey



## Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Nov 26th, 2023

**For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength:** Peter Alexander, Helen Andrews, Jane Beese, Carl Bruns, Tanya Calcote, Phyllis Clapper, Betty Holcomb, Willie Lee, Pat Lukas, Char Mattson, Archer Oster, Steve Patrick, Rich Petrusky, Dick Schlupe, Anna Sykaluk, Jeanette Weidlich, Khams Zotal and his family and people of Manipur, India, and family and friends of Connie Bilski.

**For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism:** Mary Kay Liston (12/1).

**For those celebrating their birthday:** George Young (11/29) and Jim Mattson (12/1).

**The flowers adorning the altar today** are given to the Glory of God in memory of Patricia Eversole.

**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.



**Good Soil is having an Advent Fair 12/3!** – Do you love Advent/Christmas? Do you enjoy making crafts and/or sharing about God's love and the spirit of Christmas? Then join us after worship on 12/3 in the fellowship hall for Good Soil's Advent Fair! **So that we can provide enough craft supplies and food, please RSVP by 11/26 here or by calling/emailing the church office.**



**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.



**Plan your funeral (so your family doesn't have to).** In the past around this time of year, Pastor Marissa has offered an adult forum inviting people to plan their own funeral services now so their family members don't have to. (Involves filling out a planning sheet that the church will make a copy of and keep on file for you). If you are interested in that planning material or setting up a planning meeting with Pastor Marissa, please reach out to her at [pastormarissa@goodsoillutheran.org](mailto:pastormarissa@goodsoillutheran.org).

**The Longest Night: A Service of Candlelight, Prayer, and Hope, 12/21 at 6:30 pm-** The Longest Night is a quiet, meditative service with candlelight for those who are experiencing grief around the holidays or simply need a quiet place to rest and renew spiritually.

**Children's Christmas Pageant, 12/17 During Worship-** Come support the kids of Good Soil as they put on a Christmas Pageant! See their hard work and telling of the nativity story during worship on Sunday, 12/17.

**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.



### Good Soil Sunday School

#### 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*

## Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
Sun, Nov 26	<b>In-Person and Livestream Worship</b>	9:30 am
Sat, Dec 2	Ladies Breakfast @ Gene's Place to Dine	9:00 am
Sun, Dec 3	<b>In-Person and Livestream Worship</b> <b>Advent Fair</b> <b>Zoom Q&amp;A mtng about the proposed 2024 Ministry Funding Plan (budget).</b> Please RSVP to Council President Ellen Young at <a href="mailto:eebeese@hotmail.com">eebeese@hotmail.com</a>	9:30 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm
Thurs, Dec 7	Confirmation Class @ Bethesda	5:45 pm
Sat, Dec 9	ELCA Anti-Racist Zoom Meeting	10:30 am
Sun, Dec 10	<b>In-Person and Livestream Worship</b> <b>Ecumenical Christmas Caroling with Lakewood Ministerium (Meet at Lakewood Baptism Church)</b>	9:30 am 12:00 pm
Sun, Dec 17	<b>In-Person and Livestream Worship AND Children's Christmas Pageant</b>	9:30 am
Thurs, Dec 21	<b>The Longest Night In-Person and Livestream Worship Service</b>	6:30 pm
Sun, Dec 24	<b>Lessons and Carols In-Person and Livestream Worship</b> <b>Candlelight Christmas Eve In-Person and Livestream Worship</b>	9:30 am 6:30 pm

# Celebrate The Season

with Good Soil Lutheran Ministries

Advent Fair

12/3 at 11 am

Children's Christmas Pageant

12/17 at 9:30 am

The Longest Night: A Service of Candlelight,  
Prayer, and Hope

12/21 at 6:30 pm

Lessons and Carols Worship

12/24 at 9:30 am

Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship

12/24 at 6:30 pm

Scan the code for more information!

All services will be held both in person  
at Good Soil (20300 Hilliard Blvd) and  
livestreamed via Facebook.



*The Advent Fair is in-person only.*

Who could you invite to come with you and share the joy of the season with Good Soil? Pray for them and pick up some invitations this Sunday through December.

