

Good Soil Lutheran Ministries

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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 are available upon request.

Bulletin 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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches: alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living & life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We're sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

Gathering

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

Prelude and 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.

† Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the Red Sea
into freedom's land.

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

Amen.

† **Gathering Hymn: There in God's Garden (ELW 342) v. 1, 2, 4**

- 1 There in God's garden
stands the Tree of Wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth
the healing of the nations:
Tree of all knowledge,
Tree of all compassion,
Tree of all beauty.
- 2 Its name is Jesus,
name that says, "Our Savior!"
There on its branches
see the scars of suffering;
see where the tendrils
of our human selfhood
feed on its lifeblood.
- 4 See how its branches
reach to us in welcome;
hear what the Voice says,
"Come to me, ye weary!
Give me your sickness,
give me all your sorrow,
I will give blessing."

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

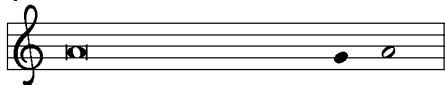
*The assembly and
presiding minister
greet one another.
(scriptural
reference:
2 Corinthians)*

† **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.

*Kyrie Eleison
means "Lord
have mercy."*

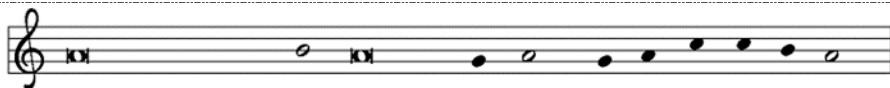
† **Kyrie**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



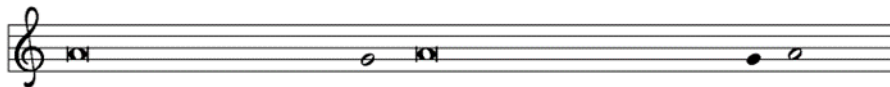
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



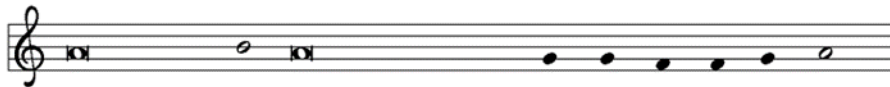
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Along with the return of the Alleluia, the Hymn of Praise returns on Easter Sunday to signify the joy of the resurrection.

† Hymn of Praise



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

† Prayer of the Day

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Season of Easter features stories from the Book of Acts following the news of Christ's

The Word

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

First Reading: Acts 8:26-31, 35-40

To put this reading into context:

resurrection
and the
development
of the early
church.

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

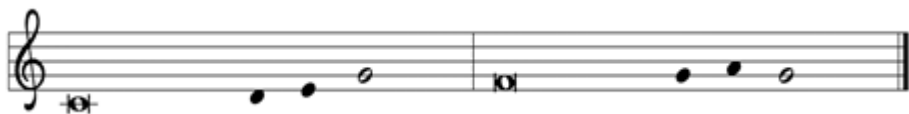
Hear now the reading.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:25-31



²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live

forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel
be- | fore the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

*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: Halle Halle Halle ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Traditional Caribbean

*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 15:1-8

To put this gospel reading into context:

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as

I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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

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 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:

How does Jesus abide in you? How do you intentionally “abide” in Jesus? How does this help you discern what God may be calling you to “prune” in your life? What might that be for you in this season of life? How about for us as a faith community?

† Hymn of the Day: We Know that Christ is Raised (ELW 449)

- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Hallelujah!
- 2 We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,
as living members of our Savior Christ. Hallelujah!
- 3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.

Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Hallelujah!

4 A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing: Hallelujah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932 Text © John B. Geyer

*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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.


We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. Be especially with the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, and Haiti. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering. We pray especially for Helen, Gail, Carl, Pam, Mary Lou, Joe, Tanya, Tim, Frank D., Joe, Frank & Vicki, Gary, family & friends of Nancy, family & friends of Paul, Kate, Willie, Char, Susan, Rich, family & friends of Gus, Jeanette, Archer, Ruth, Steve, Dick, Kristina, Jack, Sandy, Jeanette, Khams & his people & family in Manipur, India... & all those we name aloud or in our hearts. God of grace, **receive our prayer**

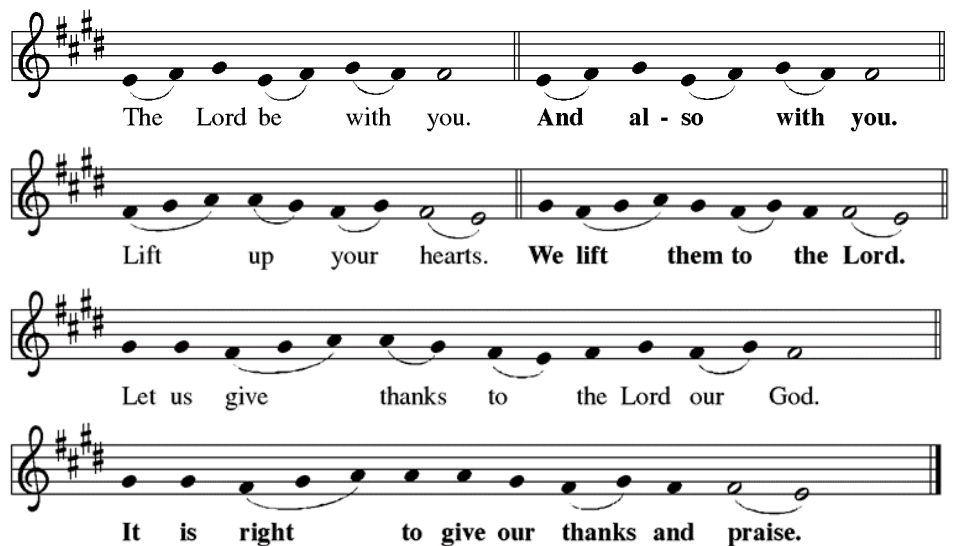
With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at

	<p>the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace, receive our prayer.</p> <p>Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. 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>Offering <i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></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 by using the QR code to the right or at www.goodsoillutheran.org/support</p>  <p><i>Aim your phone camera at the QR code, but don't take a picture. A link will appear to click on that will take you to Good Soil's support page.</i></p>
<p><i>The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.</i></p>	<p>† Offering Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen ELW 377 vs 1</p> <p>1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!</p> <p><i>Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!</i></p> <p><small>Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Text © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.</small></p>

† Offering Prayer

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

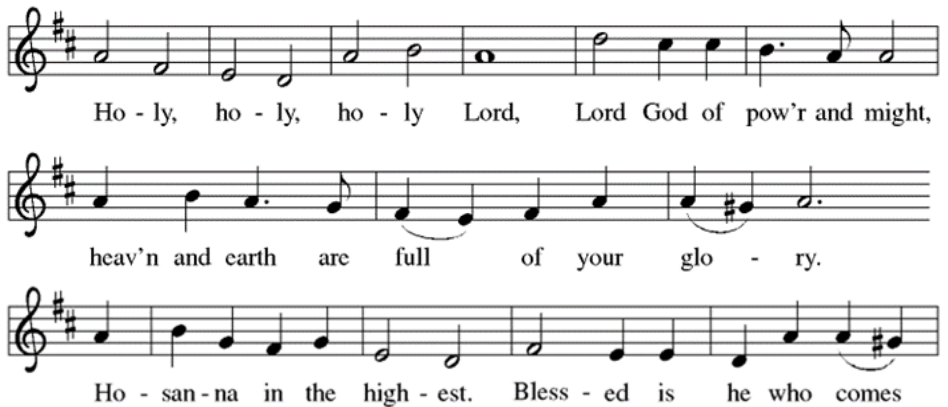
† Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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, Lord God of pow'r 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.

† Eucharistic Prayer and 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

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

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 down the center aisle to the front in a single-file line. We will be observing standing processional communion, rather than kneeling at the rail.

Gluten-free bread is available on request. The wine (red) is in the outer rings of the tray, the grape juice (white) is in the center. Communion cups can be returned at the end tables on your way back to your seat.

Communion Hymn: Where Charity and Love Prevail (ELW 359)

- 1 Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love we thus are bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear,
God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul
now love God in return.
- 3 Let us recall that in our midst
dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of each body joined,
in him we are made one.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;
let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek;
be his our only peace.
- 5 Let us forgive each other's faults
as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well
in Christian gentleness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th. cent.: tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt.

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Communion Hymn: Abide with Me (ELW 629)

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.
- 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 3 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;

what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.

- 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me!
- 5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heav'n's morning breaks,
and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847

† 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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

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

† Sending Hymn: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (ELW 645) v. 1, 2, 4

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,

binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever
and our confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your lovingkindness,
hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.

4 Praise and honor to the Father,
praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

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

† Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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*You are warmly invited to gather upstairs in the lounge for coffee
fellowship following worship!*

Today's Worship Servants:

Livestream: Sean Lanter	Reader: Sharon Bechtel
Ushers: Bill Fink, Larry Jacobson, & Bill Wahl	Counters: Kirsten Reading & Kim Wylie
Online Usher: Ellen Young	Acolyte: Edward Inman
Cantor: Kaitlyn Regan	



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Apr 28, 2024

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Helen Andrews, Gail Boggs, Carl Bruns, Pam Bruns, Mary Lou Busby, Tanya Calcote, Tim Chiang, Frank Dunaway, Joe Forshey, Joe Gray, Frank & Vicki, Gary Kaiser, family & friends of Nancy Koch, family & friends of Paul Kohler, Kate Labuda, Willie Lee, Char Mattson, Susan Omerod, Archer Oster, Ruth Patrick, Steve Patrick, Rich Petrusky, family & friends of Gus Robles, Dick Schlupe, Kristina Seeley, Jack Tewell, Sandy Towberman, Jeanette Weidlich, Khams Zotal & his family & people of Manipur, India, & the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, & Haiti.

For those celebrating their birthdays: Laura O'Neil (4/28), Steve Bugosh (5/2), Jacob Wylie (5/3), Austin Carlson (5/4), & Corey Mattson (5/4).

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism: George Young (5/4).

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 list 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 to reschedule.



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.



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 QR code to the right or this URL: <https://tinyurl.com/bddik7yp>



RIC Bible Study Opportunities: Did you know that for almost 1000 years, artistic expressions in Western Christianity depicted Moses with horns because of bad Latin translation? If not, then you need to come to Horny Moses: The Faulty Development of Biblical Support Against Homosexuality to hear how we can keep a

similar thing from happening in our day. If you know about Moses with horns, then you know why you need to come to Horny Moses: The Faulty Development of Biblical Support Against Homosexuality. In this class we'll look at what created horny Moses and how an awareness of that history can attune us to respond to the clobber passages used to attack the LGBTQ+ community and discover that Lutherans have a unique relationship with certainty around uncertain topics. (4/30 in-person at Good Soil at 7pm and 5/5 via zoom at 12:30pm).

The Rev. Dr. Eric L. Bodenstab currently serves as pastor of Trinity Lutheran in Kent, Ohio. He was ordained as a pastor in the ELCA in 2003 and has served congregations in Kansas, Minnesota, Illinois, and Ohio. He received his bachelors from Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin, masters from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina, and doctorate from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. As a St. Louis native, he enjoys good baseball and roots for the Cardinals. He is married to Deacon Erin T. Bodenstab, and their daughter, Althea, keeps them busy. When he has time, Eric loves to play board games.

Project Isaiah 43: *"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you see it?"*

God spoke these words to the people of Israel in exile in Babylon, but there is no reason to believe God isn't saying the same thing to the church today!

Do you wonder what the Lutheran Church of the 21st century will look like? Are you concerned about the future of your congregation or neighboring congregations?

This Spring, Bishop Barbins and the Northeastern Ohio Synod Staff is inviting every congregation to send four people to a Project Isaiah 43 event in your conference! Each Project Isaiah 43 event will include a brief presentation time, but will be heavily focused on conversations as we think together about the future of Lutheran Christianity. The four people your congregation sends may or may not include a rostered staff person - in fact, we are especially desiring the insights of congregation members!

Information gleaned from the Project Isaiah 43 events will be shared with the whole Northeastern Ohio Synod prior to June 1, 2024 as the conversations at these events will flow into what we are doing at our Synod Assembly. Contact Pastor Marissa if you're interested!

Shop for Free at Good Soil's Craft & Office Supply FREE MARKET! Starting Sunday May 5th & continuing each Sunday in May, a Free Market of hundreds of excess art supplies, craft items, paper, ribbon, chalk, office supplies & assorted additional ad hoc items (salt shakers?!) will be displayed in a room on the north side of the basement education wing. (Follow the signs)

- You will find Sunday School, Art Camp and other supplies accumulated by Our Saviors and Faith over many years.
- All are invited to take any items they can put to good use with children home for the summer, boy or girl scout troops, adult projects, visiting relatives or any adult or child you may know who could use them.
- Good Soil ministry partners using our building and the New Covenant Sunday School Leader have shopped the supplies prior to this Free Market opening.

The Free Market will open approximately 10 minutes following the end of each Sunday's service in May and close by 11:30 a.m.

- Items have been tested (e.g., do the flashlights and markers work?), compiled from dozens of unrelated boxes and roughly sorted to the extent possible in the Free Market space.
- Large paper shopping bags and some smaller plastic bags will be available - you may want to bring your own additional smaller bags.

Questions? Text or speak with JoAnne Wancata (440-655-3674) or Chris Jacobson (440-241-4291).

WHAT'S COMING UP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL?

- Classes continue through May 19 (Pentecost)
- Summer Break Begins Memorial Day Weekend (Sunday, May 26)

Paving the Way Campaign- It is time to replace Good Soil's parking lot with one that is sleek, safe, and provides a good impression of our faith community! This month we are kicking off the project to pave the way. The project also includes connecting water and electricity to the grassy back lot area to support future possibilities and ministry on that land. Our goal is to raise \$20,000.00 to help fund the overall cost of this project. There's been an outpouring of generosity, and we're getting very close to our congregational fundraising goal. Please see the chart for remaining gift amounts needed. Thank you so much for your generosity! Your gift can be made as a lump sum payment, or provided in a series of increments. Please use the Intent Form found in your worship bulletin, or this QR code to let us know your intended gift by May 19, 2024. Funds due by Sept 1st.



Remaining Needed Gifts	Gift Levels	Remaining Totals Needed
0	\$2,500.00	\$0
0	\$1,000.00	\$0
0	\$ 900.00	\$0
0	\$ 700.00	\$0
0	\$ 600.00	\$0
0	\$ 550.00	\$0
0	\$ 400.00	\$0
0	\$ 300.00	\$0
0	\$ 250.00	\$0
0	\$ 100.00	\$)
0	Total Raised: \$20,000	Total Remaining: \$0

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
Sun, Apr 28	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Tue, Apr 30	In-Person RIC Bible Study on "Clobber Passages"	7:00 pm
Sat, May 4	Confirmation Class @ Bethesda	5:45 pm
Sun, May 5	In-Person and Livestream Worship <i>Good Soil's Craft & Office Supply Free Market Begins</i> <i>RIC Bible Study on "Clobber Passages" (via Zoom)</i> <i>Project Isaiah 43 @ Bethesda</i>	9:30 am 10:40 am 12:30 pm 2:00 pm
Sun, May 12	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Sun, May 19	In-Person and Livestream Worship <i>RIC Cottage Meeting</i>	9:30 am 11:00 am
Sun, May 26	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Sat, Jun 1	Ladies Breakfast @ Gene's Place to Dine CLE Pride Parade	9:00 am 11:00 am
Sun, Jun 2	In-Person and Livestream Worship <i>1946 Movie screening</i>	9:30 am 11:00 am
Sun, Jun 9	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am

