Good Soil Lutheran Ministries

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21st, 2024 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 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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

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	Gathering The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. Prelude and Welcome	
In the	† Thanksgiving for Baptism	
Confession and Forgiveness, we are drawn by	Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!	
God's mercy to prepare to	Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God,	
assemble around the Word and Sacrament. It may be seen as a return to the gift of Baptism through repentance.	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: How Great Thou Art (ELW 856) v. 1, 2, 4

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*
- 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

 Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" Refrain

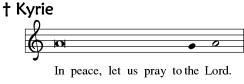
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The assembly and presiding minister greet one another. (scriptural reference: 2 Corinthians)

† 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."



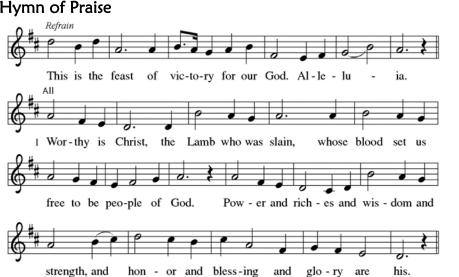




For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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





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

The Season of Easter features stories from the Book of Acts following the news of Christ's resurrection and the development of the early church.

† Prayer of the Day

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father 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: 1 John 3:16-24

To put this reading into context:

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

Hear now the reading.

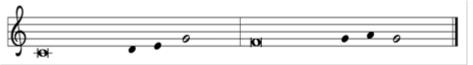
¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before God ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and God knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from God whatever we ask, because we obey God's commandments and do what pleases God.

²³And this is God's commandment, that we should believe in the name of God's Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as Jesus commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23



'The LORD | is my shepherd;

I shall not | be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters.

³You restore my | soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil:

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

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.



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 10:11-18

To put this gospel reading into context:

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.".

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:	
Think of a time of transition in your life (move, job, graduation, birth of a child, death of a loved one, retirement, other life milestones). How was God the Good Shepherd present? How did God care for you and bring you through that transition?	
† Hymn of the Day: The King of Love my Shepherd Is (ELW 502) v. 1, 2, 4, 6	
The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.	
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.	
In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me, thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.	
6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.	

As the church,	† Prayers of Intercession
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	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.
	Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower your church around the world to worship and serve alongside one another as coworkers in the gospel. God of grace, receive our prayer.
	Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace, receive our prayer.
	Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. Be especially with the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, and Haiti. God of grace, receive our prayer.
	Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. We pray especially for Helen, Carl, Pam, Joe, Tanya, Tim, Joe, Frank & Vicki, Gary, family & friends of Nancy, family & friends of Paul, Willie, Char, Susan, Rich, family & friends of Gus, Jeanette, Archer, Ruth, Steve, Dick, Kristina, Sandy, Jeanette, Khams & his people & family in Manipur, India & all those we name aloud or in our hearts. God of grace, receive our prayer
	Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace, receive our prayer.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

	Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace, hear our prayer. 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.	
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 of low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.	
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 by using the QR code to the right or at www.goodsoillutheran.org/support 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.	
The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.	† Offering Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia! Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Text © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.	

† 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 with The with you. Lord be you. And al - so the Lord. Lift hearts. We lift them to up your the Lord our God. Let us give thanks to It is right to give our thanks and praise. † Preface † Sanctus Lord God of pow'r and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, full heav'n and earth of are your glo ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed 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: Great is Thy Faithfulness (ELW 733) 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;	

thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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Communion Hymn: The Church of Christ in Every Age (ELW 740)

- 1 God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say Praise
- 2 God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast How does the creature say Woe How does the creature say Save
- 3 God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave How does the creature say Grace How does the creature say Thanks
- 4 God of the hungry God of the sick
 God of the prodigal
 How does the creature say Care
 How does the creature say Life

	5 God of the neighbor God of the foe God of the pruning hook How does the creature say Love How does the creature say Peace		
	6 God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart How do your children say Joy How do your children say Home Text: Jaroslav J Vajda, b 1919 Text ©1983 Concordia Publishing House All rights reserved. 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.		
ļ	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: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing (ELW 385)		
sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.	1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia!		
	2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's mighty stone is rolled away; let all the world rejoice and say:		

	Alleluia, alleluia!
	3 Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life, which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia!
	4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord, the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia! Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt. Text © 1952, ren. 1986 Hymns Ancient & Modern, admin. Hope
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The dismissal sends us out as Christ's	† Dismissal
Body: fed, nourished, & ready	Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
to serve. Worship	Thanks be to God. Alleluia!
has ended, & our service begins!	
	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: Isaac Krankowski	Reader: Bill Fink
Ushers: Dave Blocksom, Kim Wylie, &	Counters: Dave Blocksom & Kim Wylie
Darlene Wahl	
Online Usher: Karen Sperli	Acolyte: TJ Lanter
Cantor: Kaitlyn Regan	



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Apr 21, 2024

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Helen Andrews, Carl Bruns, Pam Bruns, Tanya Calcote, Tim Chiang, Joe Forshey, Joe Gray, Frank & Vicki, Gary Kaiser, family & friends of Nancy Koch, family & friends of Paul Kohler, Willie Lee, Char Mattson, Susan Omerod, Archer Oster, Ruth Patrick, Steve Patrick, Rich Petrusky, family & friends of Gus Robles, Dick Schluep, Kristina Seeley, 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: Ariel Benewiat (4/26).

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism: Toni Kulma (4/22), Char Mattson (4/22), & Beau Reddington (4/24).

Today's altar flowers are given in praise for God's unconditional love and compassion for us, and for blessing us with the love of others in our lives. In loving memory of Jerry W. Hoegner.

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 enews with a friend? Sign up for or share our newsletter Seeds with this QR code to the right or this URL: https://tinyurl.com/bddjk7yp



RIC Bible Study Opportunities: There are particular passages of scripture that have been mistranslated and used against the LGBTQIA+ community. Come learn more about this from Rev. Dr. Eric Bodenstab (ELCA pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Kent OH) as he shares other instances of how the bible has been mistranslated and what this means for our commitment to welcome of all, especially those on the margins. (4/30 in-person at Good Soil at 7pm and 5/5 via zoom at 12:30pm).

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. We've been hearing from renters, neighbors and members about the condition of the parking lot. Now is the time we need to act ... no more unsightly and unsafe pot holes. Our goal is to raise \$20,000.00 to help fund the overall cost of this project. Two households have already contributed a foundational gift totaling \$5500 to kick off this

campaign. Our council leadership has also committed to contributing to this campaign. We invite you to join these leaders and make as generous a gift as you feel you can. The following table provides a snapshot of the gift levels needed to reach this \$20,000.00 goal. Your gift at any of these levels 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.



Needed Gifts	Gift Levels	Total of Gift Amounts
0	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
0	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
1	\$ 900.00	\$1,800.00
1	\$ 700.00	\$1,400.00
3	\$ 600.00	\$2,400.00
0	\$ 550.00	\$2,750.00
5	\$ 400.00	\$2.400.00
6	\$ 300.00	\$2,100.00
7	\$ 250.00	\$1,750.00
8	\$ 100.00	\$ 900.00
31	Totals	\$9,750.00

Calendar of Events		
Date	Event	Time
Sun, Apr 21	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Sun, Apr 27	New Covenant Produce Distribution	8:30 am
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	9:30 am
	RIC Bible Study on "Clobber Passages" (via Zoom)	12:30 pm