

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



Fourth Sunday in Lent
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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

Ask an usher about 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 in Lent

The psalm sets the tone this day: “Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!” Happy are those who have “become the righteousness of God” in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has “rolled away . . . the disgrace” of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus’ sake. Rejoice!

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.

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† Confession and Forgiveness

God’s story shapes who we are, yet we often resist its truth, choosing our own way instead. In humility and hope, let us turn to God, confessing our sins and seeking mercy.

Silence for reflection.

Merciful God,

You have written your story of love and faithfulness upon our hearts, yet we confess how often we stray from its truth.

We misunderstand what is truly precious, giving into our temptations.

We doubt your promises, making choices because of fear.

We chase after what does not satisfy, squandering the gifts you have given.

Forgive us, O God.

When we forget your faithfulness, remind us of your covenant.

When we wander far from home, run to meet us with open arms.

When we cling to the wrong treasures, turn our hearts back to you.

Shape us again by your mercy, that we may carry your story in all we say and do. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, hear the good news:

God’s mercy is deeper than our failings, and God’s love reaches beyond our wandering. By the power of Christ’s redeeming love, your sins are forgiven, and you are made new. Carry this promise in your heart and live in God’s peace.

Amen.

† Gathering Hymn: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

*The assembly and
presiding minister
greet each other
(scripture ref.
2 Corinthians)*

† Greeting

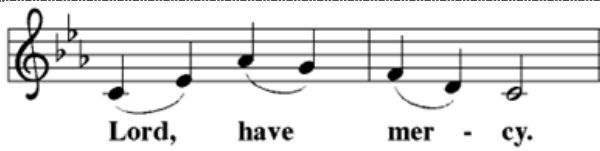
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*Kyrie Eleison
means "Lord
have mercy."
Chanting is an
ancient practice
of the church.*

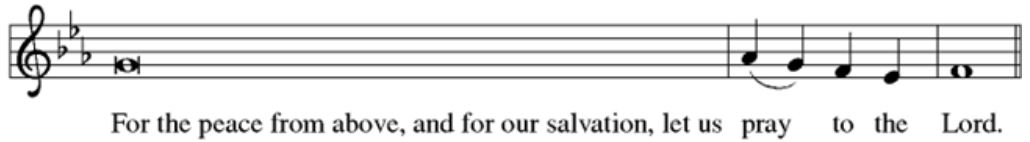
† Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



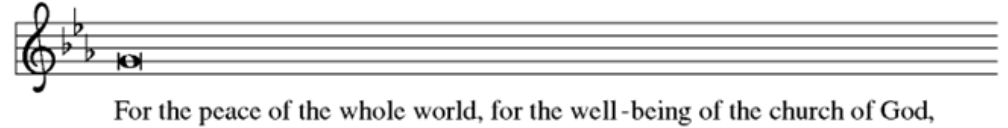
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



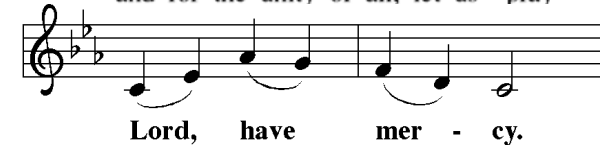
Lord, have mer - cy.



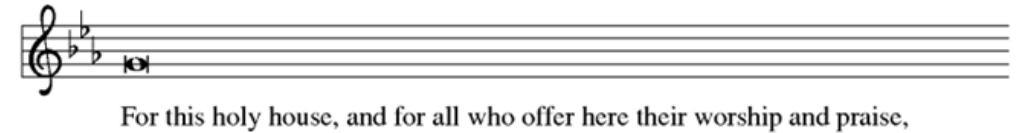
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



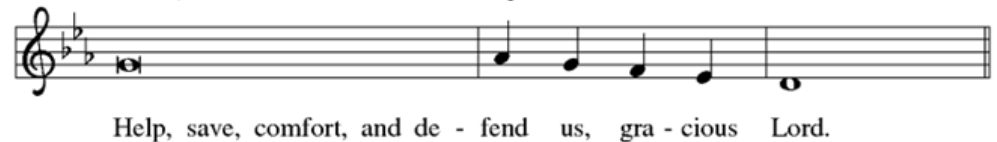
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

The Prayer of the Day highlights themes in the scripture we will hear.

† Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

To put this reading into context:

One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.

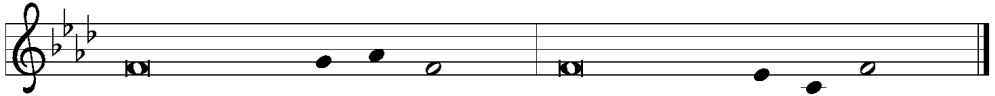
Hear now the reading.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32: 1-2, 5-7, 11



¹ Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!

² Happy are they to whom the Lord im- | putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you
forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

⁶ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of
trouble;

when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

*We welcome the
gospel by singing
the Gospel
Acclamation.
We rise, if able, to
anticipate Christ
being revealed to
us in the Living
Word of the
Gospel.*

† Gospel Acclamation



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

*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 Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

To put this reading into context:

Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.

The holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen

to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³ So he told them this parable: ^{11b} “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.” ’ ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the

fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

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

Children’s Sermon

Children grade 4 and younger are invited to step out with our Sunday School teachers for a “Learn and Grow in Faith” class during the sermon. They will return during the Passing of the Peace.

Sermon: The Rev. Rebecca Grate

Silence for Reflection.

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

Is grace part of how your story and God’s story intersect? What makes it easy to believe that? What makes it difficult to believe that God’s grace is present?

The Hymn of the Day is the assembly’s response to the sermon—making the sermon event a mutual faith conversation.

† Hymn of the Day: O, Living Breath of God (ELW 407)

- 1 O living Breath of God, wind at the beginning upon the waters;
O living Breath of God, bearing the creation to wondrous birth;

Refrain: Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant.
O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.

- 2 O living Breath of God, by whose pow’r the Son came to birth among us;
O living Breath of God, who to the creation gives life anew;

Refrain

- 3 O living Breath of God, bearing us to life through baptismal waters;
O living Breath of God, sighing with creation for freedom’s birth;

Refrain

Text: Osvaldo Catena, 1920-1986; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923 Tr. © 1998 Augsburg Fortress

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 the Church

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

God of faithful promise, make your church a new creation in Christ. As you reconcile us to yourself, guide us also in your way of reconciliation, that your church may bear witness to your love. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**


God of new beginnings, restore balance to the earth. Send rain to places of drought and sunshine to places of flooding, that the land may again support life. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of prodigal grace, unite the nations as fellow members of the human family. Give leaders the courage to put aside pride and ego, to cease squandering lives and time, and to work for the well-being of all. We especially pray for war-torn areas of Ukraine, Russia, and the Middle East. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of boundless love, receive with open arms any in need of compassion. Embrace all who are far from home or estranged from loved ones, and all who live with regret. Embolden your people to offer and to seek forgiveness. We pray especially for Helen, Fred, Jane, Gail, Mary Lou, Frank, Sara, Donna, Irene, Toni, Kate, Stan and Ann, Bill, Susan, Archer, Cherubim, Sally, Thomas, Ruth, Rich, Diane, Jeanette, Khams and his community in Manipur, ... for our home-bound members: Diane, Steve, Audrey, Ed and Verna, Kay, Joyce, Else, and Kristina, and those we name aloud or in our hearts. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of radical inclusion, widen human circles to welcome all who are excluded. Bless the work of disability ministries, ministries by and with neurodivergent people, and multicultural and ethnic-specific ministries; that the welcome of Jesus be extended to all. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection life, welcome home all who have died. We thank you for their lives and entrust them into your keeping, where true reconciliation and eternal peace are found. God, in your mercy, **receive**

	<p>our prayer.</p> <p>Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. Amen.</p>
<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, we share in Christ's peace & recognize it in each other.</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 style="text-align: center;"><i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p>Offering</p> <p>God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, & your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil keep making an impact by giving today using the QR code or at https://pushpay.com/g/goodsoillutheran</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: I Love to Tell the Story, v. 1 & refrain (ELW 661)</p> <p>1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.</p> <p><i>Refrain:</i> I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.</p> <p>Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911</p>

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† Offering Prayer

Faithful God, you have entrusted us with your story: a story of promise, grace, and abundant love. As we offer these gifts, we remember that all we have comes from you. Like Abram beneath the stars, we trust in your provision. Like the prodigal welcomed home, we rejoice in your generosity. Like Mary at Jesus' feet, we give with hearts full of love. Bless these offerings, that they may carry your story into the world and bear witness to your faithfulness.

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, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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† Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Blessed are You, O God, Author of life and Keeper of promises...

...Remembering his life, death, and resurrection, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

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: Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling (ELW 608)

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain: "Come home, (Come home,
come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909

Communion Hymn: Restore in Us, O God (ELW 328)

1 Restore in us, O God,
the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove.

2 O Spirit, wake in us
the wonder of your pow'r;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives
like springtime bud and flow'r.

3 Bring us, O Christ, to share
the fullness of your joy;

baptize us in the risen life
that death cannot destroy.

- 4 Three-personed God, fulfill
the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends,
may see you face to face.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

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† Post-Communion Table Blessing

Now 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

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,

† bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

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

† Sending Hymn: My Life Flows on in Endless Song (ELW 763)v 1, 2, 4

- 1 My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

- 2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

- 3 What though my joys and comforts die?

	<p>The Lord my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899</p>
<p><i>The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body: nourished, fed, & ready to serve. Worship has ended, & our service begins!</i></p>	<p>† Dismissal</p> <p>Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. Thanks be to God!</p>
	<p>Postlude</p>

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Today's Worship Servants:

Ushers: Bill Fink & Kim Wylie	Livestream: Sean Lanter
Reader: Sharon Bechtel	Acolyte: Amelia Forshey
Counters: Kim Wylie & David Paine	Altar Care: Paula Maeder Connor
Online Usher: Karen Sperli	Communion Bread: Michael Mitterholzer
Cantor: Erik Bogen	



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Mar 30, 2025

Especially in our prayers: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bp. Barbins of the NEO Synod, Helen Andrews, Fred Ayers, Jane Beese, Gail Boggs, Mary Lou Busby, Frank Dunaway, Sara Gresh, Donna Handy, Irene Krankowski, Toni Kulma, Kate Labuda, Stan & Ann Layman, Bill Meyer, Susan Omerod, Archer Oster, Cherubim Pate, Sally Pate, Thomas Pate, Ruth Patrick, Rich Petrusky, Diane Traxler, Jeanette Weidlich, & Khams Zotal & his people in Manipur. We also pray for our homebound members: Diane Bennett, Steve Bugosh, Audrey Dorin, Ed & Verna Fink, Kay Eaton, Joyce Miller, Else Rolland, & Kristina Seeley.

For those celebrating birthdays this week: Pr. Marissa (4/3), Pam Lanter (4/4), & Kaitlyn Regan (4/4).

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism this week: Sharon Regan (4/4) & Becky Williamson (4/4).



Bethesda Staff Partnership- Scan the QR code to learn more about how Good Soil and Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran are exploring a potential staff partnership for faith formation!

Lenten Devotionals- Looking for a devotional for Lent 2025? Scan the QR code to the right for a devotional developed by pastors around Ohio and North Carolina, including Pr. Marissa!



Optional Mid-Week Lenten Gatherings at Bethesda- For those who may wish to participate in a more traditional mid-week worship service (rather than Good Soil's "Scriptures and Stories" mid-week gatherings), Bethesda on the Bay is offering one more opportunity for fellowship and evening prayer: April 2, 6:00pm- Soup Supper, 7:00pm- Evening Prayer

RIC Pre-Vote Survey Through March (LAST CALL, Survey closes on 3/31)- Good Soil has been engaging the RIC process (to become a designated safe and affirming place for LGBTQIA+ people and people of color) over the past year with learning opportunities, congregational discussions and activities. The RIC process includes a "pre-vote" survey to get a preview of how the congregation may vote before the official vote to become RIC is scheduled. Responses are anonymous, unless you indicate that you need information about whether or not you are a voting member. Thank you for your input! You may fill out the survey using the QR code, or the physical forms on the welcome table.



Stories and Scriptures: Lent is a time to grow deeper in our faith. This year Good Soil will be offering 5 mid-week gatherings called "Stories and Scripture" led by Pastor Marissa and Pastor Jim Kulma. The gatherings will take place in the lounge at 6:30pm. Remaining dates: 4/2, & 4/9. Questions? Contact admin@goodsoillutheran.org. Grow in faith with one another, Pastor Marissa and Pastor Jim this Lenten season as we explore stories from scripture and our lives.

We are also looking for volunteers to bring snacks for each Stories and Scriptures meeting! We need one more volunteer for 4/9, and all the other slots are filled. Thank you to those who have already signed up! Use the QR code to the right to access the sign up sheet, call 440-331-1773, or email cclc@goodsoillutheran.org.



Sabbatical FAQ Sheet- Thank you for participating in the sabbatical questionnaire. The Renewal planning team along with Pastor Marissa has put together an FAQ sheet to summarize those responses and answer questions that were proposed. Scan the QR code to the left for that document and/or reference the bulletin board for a printed version.

Service Opportunity for Trials for Hope: On Sunday April 6 immediately after church the Service Opportunity Team invites everyone to participate in filling comfort bags for Trial For Hope in the downstairs fellowship hall. We are increasing our efforts this time to fill 350 bags! It only takes a few minutes to fill these bags but these bags make a BIG impact on many lives. Join in God's work - our hands.

Sunday School Update for EVERYONE as we head toward Holy Week

****APRIL 20th - Easter Sunday**

Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn and Coffee Fellowship for all ages following Easter Sunday Service. (Fellowship Hall "Hunt" in case of rain.)

How can you participate? Well

- DONATE Candy and Small Toys to fill the plastic eggs are being accepted in the basket in the Lounge through Palm Sunday.
- Join the FUN;
 - FILL PLASTIC EGGS with treats and small toys & organize baskets -- Saturday, April 19th (Time TBD according to volunteer availability, or please suggest another day/time during Holy Week that works for you and we may be able to work that out too!)
 - HIDE eggs before the service begins -- Sunday, April 20th (9:00 - 9:20 a.m.)
 - HELP WITH THE HUNT - Assist children, empty baskets into "take-home" bags, clear out staging area, put away baskets after the hunt (@ 15 -20 min.)

SIGN UP on the Sheets next to the Donation Basket in the Lounge or contact JoAnne Wancata (440-655-3674 text or call)

Coffee Hour Fellowship- We need volunteer hosts to set-up, brew, and clean-up the coffee/tea service &/or bring snacks/baked goods. The Coffee Hour volunteer sign-up is on the bulletin board by the lounge. Contact JoAnne Wancata (cell: 440-655-3674) w/ questions.

MOW looking for Drivers- West Shore Rocky River-Lakewood Meals on Wheels is in search of drivers to deliver meals to our recipients, especially Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please contact 440-333-6298 or rrlwcoordinator@westshoremow.org for further info.

Newsletter- Want to keep up with news at Good Soil or share the e-news with friends? Sign up or share our newsletter using the QR code or URL to the right: <https://tinyurl.com/bddjk7yp>



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. Each vase costs \$20. You may also bring your own flowers instead of buying them through Good Soil, but please do still sign up.



SUNDAY SCHOOL- Weekly Sunday faith formation for kids includes Learn & Grow and Experience & Grow opportunities during Sunday services. Additionally, kids will participate in special activities during planned monthly congregational events after worship. (Event updates will be announced, ongoing.) Contact JoAnne Wancata (cell: 440-655-3674) with questions OR to join the weekly rotation of Learn & Grow teachers/helpers.

Learn & Grow time during the worship service: Coloring, crafts, Bible stories, sharing, light snack, etc., in the classrooms on the first floor during the sermon & reflection time for adults in the sanctuary. For children in Preschool/Kindergarten through 4th grade.

Experience & Grow time participating in the worship service: Participating in the worship experience, including sermon & reflection time. Access to special materials on the "Experience & Grow" stand in the Prayground. For Grade 5 through Confirmation.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
Sun, Mar 30	In-Person & Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Wed, Apr 2	Scriptures and Stories Week 4 Gathering	6:30 pm
Wed, Apr 2	Lenten Midweek Soup Supper 6pm & Evening Prayer 7pm @ Bethesda on the Bay <i>(optional)</i>	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
Thurs, Apr 3	Confirmation Class @ Bethesda on the Bay	6:00 pm
Sat, Apr 5	Ladies' Breakfast @ Gene's Place to Dine	9:00 am
Sun, Apr 6	In-Person & Livestream Worship <i>Easter Plant orders due</i>	9:30 am
Sun, Apr 6	Trials for Hope service project	10:30 am
Wed, Apr 9	Scriptures and Stories Week 5 Gathering <i>(last one)</i>	6:30 pm
Sun, Apr 13	In-Person & Livestream Worship: Palm/Passion Sunday	9:30 am
Thurs, Apr 17	In-Person & Livestream Worship: Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm
Fri, Apr 18	Good Friday Service @ Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran	7:00 pm
Sun, Apr 20	In-Person & Livestream Worship: Easter Sunday	9:30 am