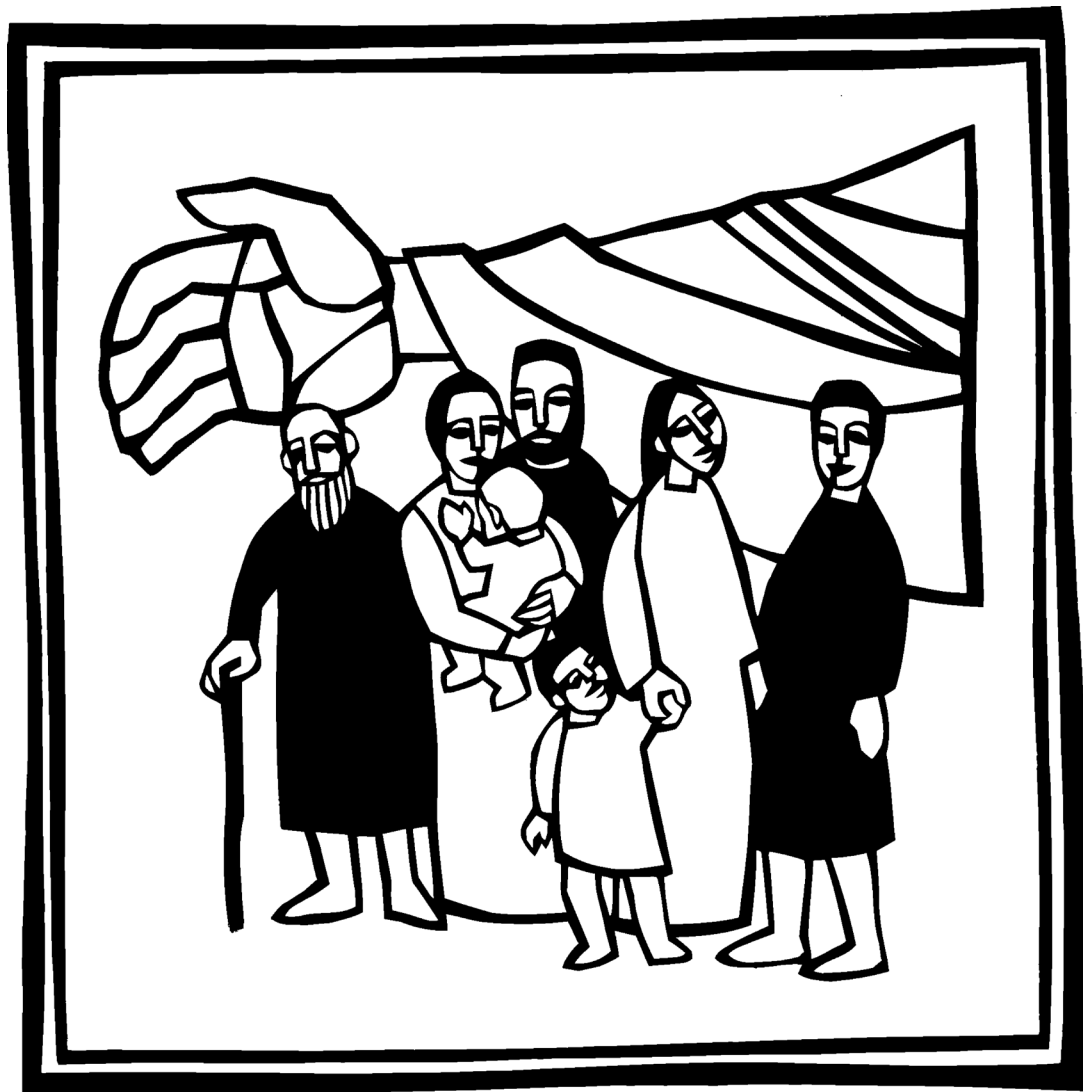


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## Welcome

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.

## Second Sunday in Lent

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

### 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: Immortal, Invisible God only Wise**  
(ELW 834) v. 1, 2, 3

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, 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 de - fend 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 the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, 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.*

**First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

To put this reading into context:

*God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.*

Hear now the reading.

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

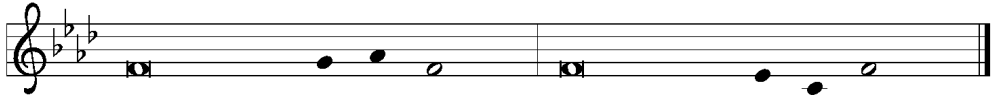
<sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup> But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup> He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other, but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates."

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

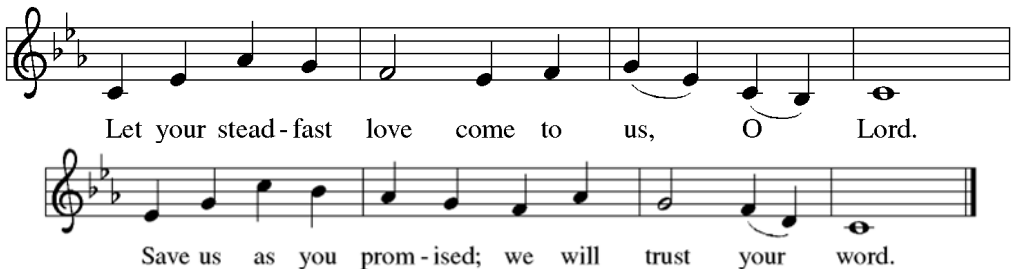
**Psalm 27:1, 4-9, 11**



- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then I shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- <sup>4</sup> One thing I ask of the LORD; one I thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God I in the temple.
- <sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will I give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high  
up- I on a rock.
- <sup>6</sup> Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies I who surround me.  
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of  
rejoicing; I will sing and make music I to the LORD.
- <sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O LORD, I when I call;  
have mercy on me and I answer me.
- <sup>8</sup> My heart speaks your message— I “Seek my face.”  
Your face, O LORD, I I will seek.
- <sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- I vant  
in anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O  
God of I my salvation.
- <sup>11</sup> Teach me your I way, O LORD;  
lead me on a level path, because of I my oppressors.

*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**



<p><i>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.</i></p>	<p><b>† Gospel Reading: Luke 13:31-35</b></p> <p>To put this reading into context:</p> <p><i>Neither Herod’s plotting nor Jerusalem’s resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.</i></p> <p>The holy Gospel according to Luke.  <b>Glory to you, O Lord.</b></p> <p><sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup> He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”</p> <p>The gospel of the Lord.  <b>Praise to you, O Christ.</b></p>
	<p><b>Children’s Sermon</b></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
	<p><b>Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison</b></p> <p><i>Silence for Reflection.</i></p> <p><i>Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You’re invited to reflect on the following question:</i></p> <p><i>When have you felt protected or sheltered by God’s love? How does the Body of Christ contribute to that experience?</i></p>



*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: Thy Holy Wings (ELW 613)**

- 1 Thy holy wings, O Savior,  
spread gently over me,  
and let me rest securely  
through good and ill in thee.  
Oh, be my strength and portion,  
my rock and hiding place,  
and let my ev'ry moment  
be lived within thy grace.
- 2 Oh, let me nestle near thee,  
within thy downy breast  
where I will find sweet comfort  
and peace within thy nest.  
Oh, close thy wings around me  
and keep me safely there,  
for I am but a newborn  
and need thy tender care.
- 3 Oh, wash me in the waters  
of Noah's cleansing flood.  
Give me a willing spirit,  
a heart both clean and good.  
Oh, take into thy keeping  
thy children great and small,  
and while we sweetly slumber,  
enfold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite  
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*As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our own participation.*

† **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.*

Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you give shelter to living things. Strengthen the voice of

<p><i>Each petition addresses a different topic, often in the same pattern:</i></p> <p><i>+ The Church</i>  <i>+ Creation</i>  <i>+ Nations and leaders</i>  <i>+ Those in need</i>  <i>+ This faith community</i>  <i>+ The great cloud of witnesses/those now resting with God</i></p>	<p>prophets who call humanity to care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. God, in your mercy, <b>receive our prayer.</b></p> <p>Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abram and Sarah to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today’s leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. We especially pray for war-torn areas of Ukraine, Russia, and the Middle East. God, in your mercy, <b>receive our prayer.</b></p> <p>Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need. May all know they are not alone. We pray especially for Helen, Fred, Jane, Gail, Mary Lou, Frank, Sara, Donna, Irene, Toni, Kate, Stan and Ann, Bill, Susan, Cherubim, Sally, Thomas, Ruth, Rich, family &amp; friends of Gary, 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 of grace, <b>receive our prayer.</b></p> <p>Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Son, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy, <b>receive our prayer.</b></p> <p>Holy God, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to their example. God, in your mercy, <b>receive our prayer.</b></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. <b>Amen.</b></p>
<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, we share in Christ’s peace &amp; recognize it in each other.</i></p>	<p><b>† Passing of the Peace</b></p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always.  <b>And also with you.</b></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>	<div data-bbox="678 40 813 81" data-label="Section-Header"> <p><u>The Meal</u></p> </div> <div data-bbox="423 81 1068 121" data-label="Text"> <p><i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> </div> <div data-bbox="1142 40 1276 170" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="268 121 396 162" data-label="Section-Header"> <p><b>Offering</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="268 178 1303 292" data-label="Text"> <p>God’s ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, &amp; your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil keep making an impact by giving today using the QR code or at <a href="https://pushpay.com/g/goodsoillutheran">https://pushpay.com/g/goodsoillutheran</a></p> </div> <div data-bbox="282 300 1303 381" data-label="Text"> <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> </div>
<p><i>The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God’s blessings.</i></p>	<div data-bbox="268 406 1243 454" data-label="Section-Header"> <p><b>† Offering Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story, v. 1 &amp; refrain (ELW 661)</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="315 470 745 787" data-label="Text"> <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> </div> <div data-bbox="268 803 792 966" data-label="Text"> <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> </div> <div data-bbox="268 982 591 1015" data-label="Text"> <p>Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911</p> </div>
<p><i>From God’s Story on Our Hearts: Lenten Liturgy by The Rev. Tina Crog, used with permission.</i></p>	<div data-bbox="268 1031 524 1079" data-label="Section-Header"> <p><b>† Offering Prayer</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="268 1096 1303 1372" data-label="Text"> <p>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.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="268 1372 369 1412" data-label="Text"> <p><b>Amen.</b></p> </div>

## † Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

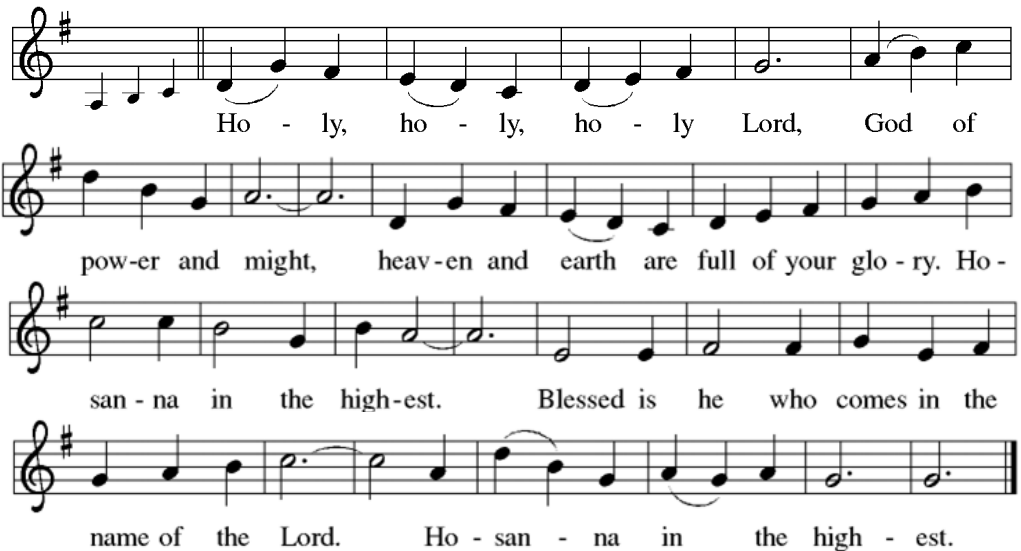
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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.**

<p><i>The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.</i></p>	<p>† <b>Lord's Prayer</b></p> <p>Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus first taught us: <b>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.</b></p>
	<p>† <b>Invitation to the Table</b></p> <p>All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.</p>
	<p><b>Communion</b></p> <p><i>Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil.</i></p> <p><i>Children are welcome to come to the Lord's table for communion or for a blessing, depending on parent/guardian's preference.</i></p> <p><i>When you receive the elements, you are invited to respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."</i></p> <p><i>Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding up front. You are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
	<p><b>Communion Hymn: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (ELW 596)</b></p> <p>1        My hope is built on nothing less                  than Jesus' blood and righteousness;                  no merit of my own I claim,                  but wholly lean on Jesus' name.</p> <p><i>Refrain:</i> On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;                  all other ground is sinking sand,                  all other ground is sinking sand.</p> <p>2        When darkness veils his lovely face,                  I rest on his unchanging grace;                  in ev'ry high and stormy gale</p>

	<p>my anchor holds within the veil. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>3 His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood; when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found, clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne! <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.</p> <p><b>Communion Hymn: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (ELW 325)</b></p> <p>1 I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.</p> <p>2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.</p> <p>3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.</p> <p>Text: African American spiritual</p>
	<p><b>† Post-Communion Table Blessing</b></p> <p>Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. <b>Amen.</b></p>
	<p><b>† Remembrance and Commendation of Gary Smith</b></p>
	<p><b>† Memorial Hymn: Amazing Grace (ELW 779) v. 1 &amp; 5</b></p> <p>1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found;</p>

	<p>was blind, but now I see.</p> <p>5      When we've been there ten thousand years,                  bright shining as the sun,                  we've no less days to sing God's praise                  than when we'd first begun.</p> <p>Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>The Sending</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.</i></p> <p>† <b>Blessing</b></p> <p>God our tender parent,        God the crucified one,        God the reconciling Spirit,        † bless you now and forever. <b>Amen.</b></p>
<p><i>Through the          sending hymn          we are sent out          into the world          to follow Jesus.</i></p>	<p>† <b>Sending Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory (ELW 705) v. 1, 2, 3</b></p> <p>1    God of grace and God of glory,              on your people pour your pow'r;              crown your ancient church's story;              bring its bud to glorious flow'r.              Grant us wisdom, grant us courage              for the facing of this hour,              for the facing of this hour.</p> <p>2    Lo! the hosts of evil round us              scorn the Christ, assail his ways!              From the fears that long have bound us              free our hearts to faith and praise.              Grant us wisdom, grant us courage              for the living of these days,              for the living of these days,</p> <p>3    Cure your children's warring madness;              bend our pride to your control;              shame our wanton, selfish gladness,              rich in things and poor in soul.              Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,              lest we miss your kingdom's goal,</p>

	lest we miss your kingdom's goal. Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969
<i>The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body: nourished, fed, &amp; ready to serve. Worship has ended, &amp; our service begins!</i>	† Dismissal Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. <b>Thanks be to God!</b>
	<b>Postlude</b>

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Reader: Barbara Munch	Acolyte: Luke Williamson
Counters: Becky Williamson & Barbara Munch	Altar Care: Anne Paine
Online Usher: Karen Sperli	Communion Bread: Michael Mitterholzer
Cantor: William Eversole	



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Mar 16, 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, Cherubim Pate, Sally Pate, Thomas Pate, Ruth Patrick, Rich Petrusky, family & friends of Gary Smith, 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:** Michael Benewiat (3/16), Matthew Molnar (3/17), Sharon Regan (3/17), & Chris Jacobson (3/20).

**For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism this week:** Donna Handy (3/20).





**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 two opportunities for fellowship and evening prayer every other week during the season. *March 19 and April 2: 6:00pm- Soup Supper, 7:00pm- Evening Prayer*

**RIC Pre-Vote Survey-** 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 to the right, 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 at 6:30 pm on the following dates: 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, & 4/9. All meetings will be held in the lounge, in-person only. Questions? Contact [admin@goodsoillutheran.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 16	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship</b>	9:30 am
Wed, Mar 19	Scriptures and Stories Week 2 Gathering	6:30 pm
Wed, Mar 19	Lenten Midweek Soup Supper 6pm & Evening Prayer 7pm @ Bethesda on the Bay <i>(optional)</i>	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
Fri, Mar 21- Sat, Mar 22	Overnight Confirmation Camp @ Hopewood Pines Meet in Good Soil Parking Lot	4:30 pm
Sat, Mar 22	Produce Distribution, New Covenant Lutheran, 1424 Hayden Ave	8:30 am
Sun, Mar 23	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship</b>	9:30 am
Wed, Mar 26	Scriptures and Stories Week 3 Gathering	6:30 pm
Sun, Mar 31	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship</b>	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	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship</b>	9:30 am

