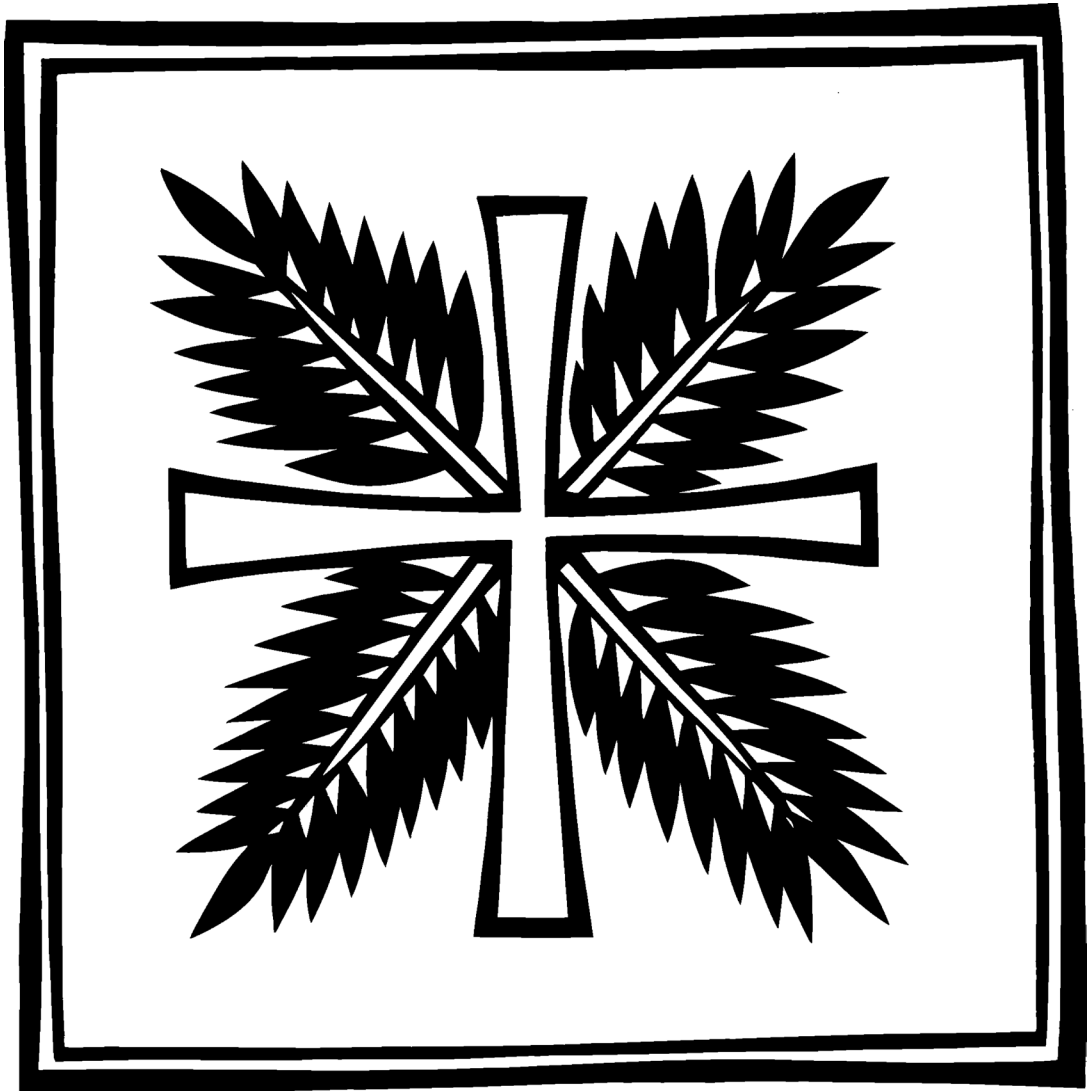


Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



Palm/Passion Sunday
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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 "playground" 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.

Palm/Passion Sunday

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

Jesus Enters Jerusalem

Worship begins with the assembly (all who are able) gathered outside near Hilliard Ave, so that we can process into the sanctuary waving our palms and celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Then, we continue the journey into a worship service full of paradox. Here palms meet passion, triumph gives way to torture, and celebration turns to crucifixion.

The passion story (passion meaning suffering) draws us in as witnesses of Jesus' last days, and reminds us of the extremes Jesus endured to express the God's unconditional love for us and the whole world.

Gathering

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

† Welcome to Worship

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

We join a great cloud of witnesses by this act of faith today:

Christians have processed with palms to remember Jesus' entry

† Blessing of the Palms

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We praise you, O God,

for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph

and was proclaimed messiah and king

by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.

<p><i>into Jerusalem since the 4th century!</i></p>	<p>Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.</p> <p>Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. Amen.</p>
<p><i>“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” was written in Latin by Bishop Theodulf of Orleans while imprisoned in the year 821.</i></p>	<p>† Processional Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor (ELW 344) v. 1, 2, 5</p> <p><i>Refrain:</i> All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.</p> <p>1 You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>2 The company of angels are praising you on high; creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>5 Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p><small>Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.</small></p>
	<p>† Confession and Forgiveness with Remembrance of Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem according to Luke 19:28b-40</p> <p>We remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and all the complex layers of meaning that go along with it. As we read through this part of the story, we pause to admit the places where we as God's people so often fall short. We listen, respond, and confess, trusting that no matter what we do or don't do, this story ends with love.</p> <p>The holy gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.</p>

²⁸ [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ”

O God,

Forgive us for the times when we do not trust your word and do not follow where you lead.

Brief silence for reflection.

³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

O God,

Forgive us when we forget that you are always coming toward us. You are drawing near, and your love always reaches for us. Help us recognize you in our midst, praise you in public, choose generosity over greed, and throw our cloaks on the road.

Brief silence for reflection.

³⁷ Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

	<p>O God, Give us the conviction to shout your name from the rooftops. Give us the wisdom to sing, “Hosanna” and to dwell with you in prayer.</p> <p><i>Brief silence for reflection.</i></p> <p>The gospel of the Lord Praise to You, O Christ.</p> <p>People of God, There will be days when we withhold our praise. There will be days when we dare not follow. There will be days when we ignore God’s call, when we choose comfort over courage, and ourselves over others. But even on those days—even on our worst days—we belong to God, and we are each called into God’s great story of love. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. We are forgiven, we are reconciled, and we are sent out to serve. Thanks be to God. Hosanna in the highest!</p>
<p><i>The Prayer of the Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear. Today’s Prayer of the Day functions as a hinge between the “Palm” and the “Passion” portions of the service.</i></p>	<p><u>Contemplation of the Passion of Christ</u></p> <p>† Prayer of the Day</p> <p>As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his suffering, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.</p> <p><i>A brief silence is kept.</i></p> <p>O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life and saving love to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.</p>
	<p>Children’s Sermon</p> <p><i>After the 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.</i></p>

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56

To put this gospel reading into context:

Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves the followers, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.

Due to the length of this passage, it is not printed in the bulletin. You are welcome to follow along in a bible or simply listen and contemplate.

It is traditional custom for people of faith to stand for Jesus' crucifixion as a sign of respect and reverence. You will be invited to do so at that time (Luke 23:32). The hymns below will be interspersed with the Gospel:

Go to Dark Gethsemane (ELW 347) v. 1

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Go to Dark Gethsemane (ELW 347) v. 2

- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,
view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

Were You There (ELW 353) v. 1

- 1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

	<p>Were you there when they crucified my Lord?</p> <p>Text: African American spiritual</p> <p>Jesus Remember Me (ELW 616)</p> <p>Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (3x)</p> <p>Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community. Text © 1981 Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent. 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.</p>
	<p>Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison</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>How do you see “Pilate’s parade” playing out in the public sphere of our society? Where have you seen glimpses of “Jesus’ parade?” How might you participate in the procession of the kingdom of God (healing, wholeness, advocacy, forgiveness) within the context of your family, neighborhood, community, or wider world this week?</p>
	<p>† Hymn of the Day: Christ, the Life of all the Living (ELW 339)</p> <p>1 Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe, Christ, yourself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe: through your suff’ring, death, and merit life eternal I inherit. Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.</p> <p>2 You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently, even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me; for you chose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented. Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.</p>

	<p>3 Then, for all that bought my pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore, for the anguish in the garden, I will thank you evermore; thank you for the groaning, sighing, for the bleeding and the dying, for that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.</p> <p>Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605-1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.</p>
	<p>† Apostles' Creed</p> <p>Let us confess our faith:</p> <p>I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.</p> <p>I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.</p> <p>I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.</p>
<p><i>As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the world. The prayers are also</i></p>	<p>† Prayers of the Church</p> <p>Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.</p> <p><i>A brief silence.</i></p>

*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*

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the Earth you love. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**


Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. We pray for war-torn areas across the world, especially in Ukraine, Russia, the Middle East and places in Africa. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

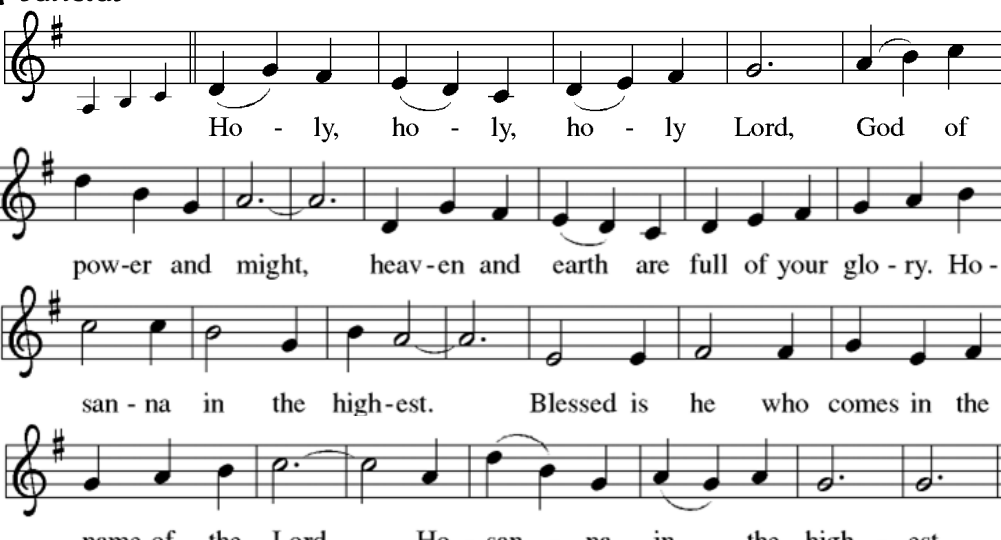
Sustain the weary. Grant perseverance to prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who suffer. We pray especially for Helen, Jane, Gail, Patricia, Mary Lou, Frank, Sara, Donna, Toni, Kate, Stan and Ann, Bill, Susan, Cherubim, Sally, Thomas, Ruth, Rich, Diane, Khams and his community in Manipur, ... for our homebound members: Diane, Steve, Audrey, Ed and Verna, Kay, Joyce, Else, Kristina, Jeanette, and those we name aloud or in our hearts. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and worship servants, musicians and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

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><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, and 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><small>Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911</small></p>
<p><i>From God's Story on Our Hearts: Lenten Liturgy by The Rev. Tina Crog,</i></p>	<p>† Offering Prayer</p> <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. Bless these offerings, that</p>

<p><i>used with permission.</i></p>	<p>they may carry your story into the world and bear witness to your faithfulness. Amen.</p>
	<p>† Great Thanksgiving</p>  <p>The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.</p> <p>Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.</p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p> <p>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>
	<p>† Preface</p>
	<p>† Sanctus</p>  <p>Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of</p> <p>pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -</p> <p>san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the</p> <p>name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.</p>
<p><i>From God's Story on Our Hearts: Lenten Liturgy by The Rev. Tina Crog, used with permission.</i></p>	<p>† Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution</p> <p>Blessed are You, O God, Author of life and Keeper of promises...</p> <p>...Remembering his life, death, and resurrection, we proclaim the</p>

	<p>mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.</p>
<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>† Lord's Prayer</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>† Invitation to the Table</p> <p>All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.</p>
	<p>Communion</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 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.</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>Communion Hymn: Alas and Did My Savior Bleed (ELW 337)</p> <p>1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die? Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?</p> <p>2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned upon the tree?</p>

Amazing pity, grace unknown,
and love beyond degree!

3 Well might the sun in darkness hide
and shut its glories in
when God, the mighty maker, died
for his own creatures' sin.

4 Thus might I hide my blushing face
while his dear cross appears,
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
and melt my eyes to tears.

5 But tears of grief cannot repay
the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away:
'tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Communion Hymn: Lamb of God (ELW 336)

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod
and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 Your gift of love we crucified.
We laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud
and sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain*

3 I was so lost, I should have died,
but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod
and to be called a Lamb of God. *Refrain*

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	<p>† Post-Communion Table Blessing</p> <p>Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Sending</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.</i></p> <p>† Blessing</p> <p>God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. Amen.</p>
<p><i>Through the sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.</i></p>	<p>† Sending Hymn: Now Behold the Lamb (ELW 341)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Now behold the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God, who bore all my sin, that I may live again: the precious Lamb of God. Holy is the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God. Why you love me so, Lord, I shall never know; the precious Lamb of God. Thank you for the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God. Because of your grace I can finish the race; the precious Lamb of God. <p>Text: Kirk Franklin, b. 1970 Text © 1996 Lilly Mack Music</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 Wahl & Sharon Hollowell	Livestream: Sean Lanter
Readers: Trey Harrison, Paula Maeder Connor, & Bill Fink	Acolyte: Evan Lanter
Counters: Joe Lanter & David Connor	Altar Care: Darlene Wahl
Online Usher: Kim Wylie	Communion Bread: Chris Jacobson
Cantor: Brenna Connor	



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Apr 13, 2025

Especially in our prayers: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Barbins of the Northeastern Ohio Synod, Helen Andrews, Jane Beese, Gail Boggs, Patricia Boegner, Mary Lou Busby, Frank Dunaway, Sara Gresh, Donna Handy, Toni Kulma, Kate Labuda, Stan & Ann Layman, Bill Meyer, Susan Omerod, Cherubim Pate, Sally Pate, Thomas Pate, Ruth Patrick, Rich Petrusky, Diane Traxler, & 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, and Jeanette Weidlich.

For those celebrating birthdays this week: Kirsten Reading (4/16) & TJ Lanter (4/19).

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism this week: Edith Young (4/17).



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! Please hold our joint call committee in your prayers as they begin their journey together. The call committee will be installed during worship in the coming weeks.

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!



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.

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)

EVERYONE is invited to share in celebratory fellowship after worship on Easter Sunday morning! Stop in for Cake and Coffee Fellowship in the upstairs Lounge/Library and Coffee Room - stay a few minutes before dashing off to brunch, stay longer to enjoy the company of your Good Soil community; stop by after the Egg Hunt for one more treat!

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.

More online ushers needed! Online ushers are a vital part of helping folks experience a sense



of God's wide welcome and hospitality through Good Soil, even from afar. You are welcome to attend in-person while serving as the online usher if you keep your phone/tablet on silent. You can also serve from home. If you're interested in serving as an online usher, sign up using the QR code to the left or this link <https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/30/enrollment/goodsoil>

WELCA (Women of the ELCA) Sleep in Heavenly Peace Spring Rally: Saturday, May 3, 2025
Registration, Breakfast, and Fellowship 8:30 a.m. Meeting & Program 9:30 a.m. Lunch 12:00
"Silent Night, Holy Night" Presentation from Sleep in Heavenly Peace of Cuyahoga County
Registration: \$5.00– Includes breakfast & box lunch.

(Indicate Wrap: Chicken Caesar, McAllister's Club, or Veggie. Includes chips, pickle & cookie)

R.S.V.P. deadline April 28 : Sherryweber@verizon.net or phone 914-924-4451

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The Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly will be held online on Saturday, May 17th, from 9:00am to 12:00pm EST. This business meeting will give voting members the opportunity to engage in important synod decisions, participate in discussions, and connect with fellow members across the synod. Visitors are also welcome to watch the livestream or attend a Watch Party to gain insight into the Assembly's operations and witness the decision-making process. Bill Fink, Martha Panek, and Pastor Marissa will be attending as Good Soil reps this year, but anyone is welcome to join the "watch party" at Bethesda on the Bay on May 17th. The registration fee is \$50 for voting members and \$25 for watch party visitors.

Welcome to Holy Week 2025

Holy Week is the center of the church year where we relive the central story of our Christian faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By participating in the ancient practices and rituals of Holy Week, we are spiritually strengthened and connected to Christians throughout the generations and around the world who are doing the same:

Palm/Passion Sunday (April 13, 9:30 am at Good Soil) We remember Jesus' descent into Jerusalem and rejoice with the crowds waving palms and shouting "Hosanna!" Then there is a deliberate shift as we hear the passion narrative—the story of Jesus' crucifixion—from Luke. This pivot is a reminder of how quickly the crowds change from shouting "Hosanna" to shouting "crucify him."

Maundy Thursday (April 17, 7 pm at Good Soil) "Maundy" comes from the latin word for commandment as we remember Jesus' command to love one another. This service marks the official end of Lent as we receive forgiveness and remember the institution of the Lord's Supper. A particularly moving part of Maundy Thursday comes when we experience the stripping of the altar and depart in silence. Maundy Thursday is also the beginning of one continuous worship service called the "Triduum" or the great Three Days which spans Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and concludes with Easter.

Good Friday (April 18, 7 pm at Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran) Marks the day when Jesus gave his life for the sake of the world. We hear again the story of Jesus' crucifixion and his love poured out for the world.

Easter Sunday (April 20, 9:30 am at Good Soil) This is the day of resurrection—a joyous celebration of God's victory over sin and death and the most important festival day in the entire church year. Jesus is alive and we, too, are given new life through him. Get ready to break out the Alleluias and celebrate! An Easter Egg hunt for children will be offered immediately after worship.

Calendar of Events		
Date	Event	Time
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
Sun, Apr 27	In-Person & Livestream Worship: Earth Day	9:30 am
Sat, May 3	Ladies' Breakfast @ Gene's Place to Dine	9:00 am
Sun, May 4	In-Person & Livestream Worship	9:30 am