

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



Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday
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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.

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday

Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Gathering

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

Prelude and Welcome

Children's Sermon and Return of the Alleluia

† Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of † the One
who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make us your own,
that restore to wholeness,
that empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Waters that strengthen your disciples,
give new life to the servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
across barriers of our own making.

Waters that open hearts,
and give a voice to the voiceless;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Grant us grace and new life, O Living God,
that our very lives are shaped by these waters and shaped by you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

	<p>† Gathering Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today (ELW 365) v. 1, 2, 4</p> <p>1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!</p> <p>2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!</p> <p>4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!</p> <p>Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, <i>Lyra Davidica</i>, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4</p>
<p><i>The assembly and presiding minister greet each other (scripture ref. 2 Corinthians)</i></p>	<p>† Greeting</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><i>The Prayer of the Day highlights themes in the scripture we will hear.</i></p>	<p>† Prayer of the Day</p> <p>God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, 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><u>The Word</u></p> <p><i>God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.</i></p> <p>First Reading: Acts 10:34-43</p> <p>To put this reading into context:</p> <p><i>Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the</i></p>

words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Hear now the reading.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who reveres God and practices righteousness is acceptable to God. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-15, 22-24, 29



¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

² Let Israel | now declare,
“God's mercy en- | dures forever.”

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵ Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:
“The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!


²² The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.

²³ By the LORD has | this been done;

	<p>it is marvelous in our eyes.</p> <p>²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.</p> <p>²⁹O give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God’s steadfast love en- dures forever.</p>
<p><i>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.</i></p>	<p>† Gospel Acclamation: Halle Halle Halle (ELW 172)</p> <p>Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.</p> <p>Music: Traditional Caribbean</p>
<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>† Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8</p> <p>To put this reading into context:</p> <p><i>The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.</i></p> <p>The holy Gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.</p> <p>¹When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus’s body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He</p>

	<p>has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.</p> <p>The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.</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><i>Where have you seen glimpses of God’s story of love breaking through situations of turmoil, uncertainty, despair and/or death? How is God’s story of love and hope being written in the world? How can you (and we) participate in it?</i></p>
<p><i>The Hymn of the Day is the assembly’s response to the sermon—making the sermon event a mutual faith conversation.</i></p>	<p>† Hymn of the Day: The Day of Resurrection! (ELW 361) v. 1, 3, 4</p> <p>1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the passover of gladness, the passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.</p> <p>3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin, the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein. Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend; for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!</p> <p>4 All praise to God the Father,</p>

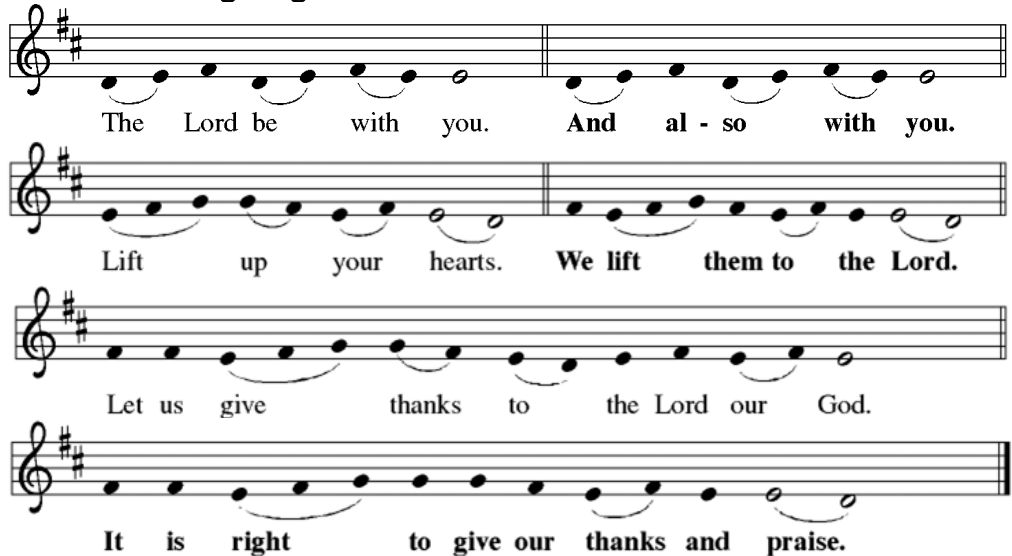
	<p>all praise to Christ the Son, all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One! Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne, and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!</p> <p>Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.</p>
<p><i>As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our own participation.</i></p> <p><i>Each petition addresses a different topic, often in the same pattern:</i></p> <p><i>+ The Church + Creation + Nations and leaders + Those in need + This faith community + The great cloud of witnesses/those now resting with God</i></p>	<p>† Prayers of the Church</p> <p>God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.</p> <p><i>A brief silence.</i></p> <p>Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. God of grace, receive our prayer.</p> <p>Nourish new life in all of creation. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace, receive our prayer.</p> <p>Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. We especially pray for war-torn areas across the world, especially in Ukraine, Russia, the Middle East and places in Africa. God of grace, receive our prayer.</p> <p>Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving. 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 home-bound members: Diane, Steve, Audrey, Ed and Verna, Kay, Joyce, Else, Kristina, and Jeanette, and those we name aloud or in our hearts. God of grace, receive our prayer.</p> <p>Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with</p>

	<p>thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace, receive our prayer.</p> <p>We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. 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>	<div> <div> <p><u>The Meal</u></p> <p><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> </div> <div>  </div> </div>
<p><i>The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.</i></p>	<p>† Offering Hymn: Rise, Shine, You People! (ELW 665) v. 1 & 3</p> <p>1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.</p> <p>3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling, your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.</p> <p>Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt. Text © 1974 Augsburg Publishing House, admin. Augsburg Fortress.</p>

† Offering Prayer

Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

† Great Thanksgiving



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

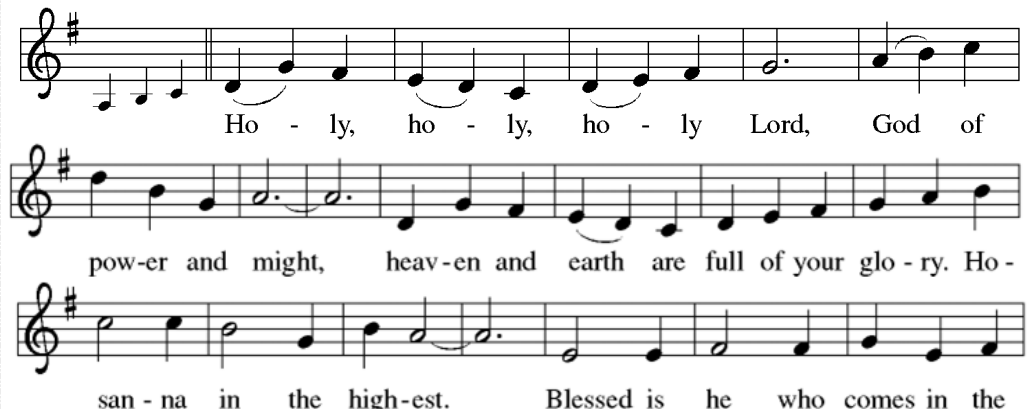
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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



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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

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

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: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice & Sing (ELW 385)

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
death's mighty stone is rolled away;
let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord,
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Communion Hymn: Christ is Risen! Alleluia! (ELW 382)

- 1 Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him
as his light once more appears;
bowing down in joy before him,
rising up from griefs and tears.

Refrain: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!
- 2 Christ is risen! All the sadness

of our Lenten fast is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness
he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending
see him rise, the victor now,
angels on his steps attending,
glory round his wounded brow. *Refrain*

3 Christ is risen! All the sorrow
that last evening round him lay
now has found a glorious morrow
in the rising of today.
See the grave its firstfruits giving,
springing up from holy ground;
Christ was dead, but now is living;
he was lost, but he is found. *Refrain*

4 Christ is risen! Henceforth never
death or hell shall us enthrall.
We are Christ's, in him forever
we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection
of our trembling hearts have ceased;
hail the day of resurrection!
Let us rise and keep the feast. *Refrain*

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

Communion Hymn: How Deep the Fathers Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,

	<p>My sin upon His shoulders; Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.</p> <p>I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom; But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer; But this I know with all my heart – His wounds have paid my ransom.</p> <p>Stuart Townend Copyright © 1995 Thankyou Music (Adm. by CapitolCMGPublishing.com excl. UK & Europe, adm. by Integrity Music, part of the David C Cook family, songs@integritymusic.com)</p>
	<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><u>The Sending:</u> <i>God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.</i></p> <p>† Blessing</p> <p>The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. Amen.</p>
<p><i>Through the sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.</i></p>	<p>† Sending Hymn: That Easter Day with Joy was Bright (ELW 384)</p> <p>1 That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light when, to their longing eyes restored, th'apostles saw their risen Lord!</p>

	<p>2 O Jesus, king of gentleness, with constant love our hearts possess; to you our lips will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.</p> <p>3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in this our Easter festival, for you will be our strength and shield from ev'ry weapon death can wield.</p> <p>4 All praise, O risen Lord, we give to you, once dead, but now alive! To God the Father equal praise, and God the Spirit, now we raise!</p> <p>Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.</p>
<i>The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body: nourished, fed, & ready to serve. Worship has ended, & our service begins!</i>	<p>† Dismissal</p> <p>Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!</p>
	<p>Postlude</p>

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You are warmly invited to Easter Fellowship & an Easter Egg Hunt outside for the kids after worship! *If there is inclement weather, the Easter Egg Hunt will be in the fellowship hall downstairs.* The Risen Christ's peace be with you!

Today's Worship Servants:

Cantor: William Eversole	Livestream: Isaac Krankowski
Reader: Barbara Munch	Acolyte: TJ Lanter
Counters: Barbara Munch & Jessica Berkshire	Altar Care: Evan Paine
Online Usher:	Communion Bread: Chris Jacobson
Ushers: Bill Wahl, Darlene Wahl, Bill Fink, & Stan Zeager	Musicians: Erik Bogen, William Eversole, & Evan Paine



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Apr 20, 2025

Especially in our prayers: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bp. Barbins of the NEO 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, & Jeanette Weidlich.

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

The flowers adorning the altar today are given by members of the Good Soil faith community to the glory of God in celebration of the Resurrection:

Brenda Alexander, <i>in memory of Gary Smith</i>	The Fink Family	Barbara Munch
The Badgett Family	Sharon Hollowell	Martha Panek
Linda Beebe	Chris and Larry Jacobson	Gary & Anne Ruhl
The Berkshire Family	The Johnson Family	John Shumaker
The Connor Family	The Lanter Family	The Smith Family
Barbara Demko-Werner	Jeanne Livingood	The Wahl Family
Karen Erchul	Jim Mattson	The Wylie Family
The Eversole Dugan Family	The McCourt Family	Stan Zeager
	The Molnar Family	The Zupančič-Dick Family

Please pick up your flowers after worship today. The flower list is posted on the sacristy cabinet (side room to the left of the altar) for reference.

ALLELUIA! He is Risen Indeed! 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! AND, Don't forget the Egg Hunt! Children are invited to participate in GSLM's traditional Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn. (Fellowship Hall "Hunt" in case of rain.)

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.



Bethesda Staff Partnership- Scan the QR code to learn more about how Good Soil & Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran are exploring a potential faith formation staff partnership! Please pray for our joint call committee as they begin their journey together. The call committee will be installed during worship in the coming weeks.



Sabbatical FAQ Sheet- Thank you for participating in the sabbatical questionnaire. The Renewal planning team & Pr. Marissa have put together an FAQ sheet to summarize those responses & answer posed questions. Scan the QR code for that document or see the bulletin board for a printed version.

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 Playground. 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>



Learn more about sabbaticals on 5/4 after worship: Pr. Mitch Phillips, Assistant to the Bishop for Leadership, will host a presentation & Q&A session at Good Soil about sabbaticals & how they contribute to the health of both pastors & congregations. Good Soil & Pr. Marissa are planning for a time of Renewal Leave for Summer 2026. Bring questions & see the sign-up sheets for proposed congregational renewal activities.

WELCA (Women of the ELCA) Sleep in Heavenly Peace Spring Rally: Sat, 5/3, Registration, Breakfast, & 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– Includes breakfast & box lunch. (Indicate Wrap: Chicken Caesar, McAllister's Club, or Veggie. Includes chips, pickle & cookie) RSVP by 4/28: Sherryweber@verizon.net or 914-924-4451 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (Handicap Accessible) 28455 Center Ridge Rd, Westlake OH

The Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly will be held online on Sat, 5/17, 9 am-12 pm. This business meeting gives voting members the opportunity to engage in synod decisions, participate in discussions, & connect with fellow members across the synod. Visitors may watch the livestream or attend a watch party to observe the Assembly's operations & decision-making process. Bill Fink, Martha Panek, & Pr. Marissa are attending as Good Soil reps this year, but anyone may join the watch party at Bethesda on the Bay. To attend the watch party as a guest, email admin@goodsoillutheran.org. Good Soil will cover the \$25 registration fee for the first 10 guests who are interested.

Pre-RIC Vote Survey Outcome 92%! The RIC Team is celebrating the results of the recent pre-RIC vote survey. Thanks to all who participated and shared their thoughts. Scan the QR code to the right for a written update from the RIC Team that also addresses some of the questions received from the survey (ex: "If our old welcome statement already said we're welcoming, why do we need to update it?" or, "How do I access additional scriptural engagement resources on this topic?"). The vote will take place during our Annual Meeting after worship on **June 8th**. Thanks for your prayers and engagement!



Calendar of Events		
Date	Event	Time
Sun, Apr 20	In-Person & Livestream Worship: Easter Sunday	9:30 am
Mon, Apr 21	<i>Easter Monday: Church Office Closed</i>	
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 Adult Forum with Pastor Mitch Phillips: Sabbaticals for the Health of Pastors and Congregations	9:30 am
Sun, May 11	In-Person & Livestream Worship, <i>Mother's Day</i>	9:30 am
Sun, May 18	In-Person & Livestream Worship	9:30 am

