

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



Second Sunday of Easter
Earth Day Worship
April 27th, 2025
9:30 am



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Welcome

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

For Parents with Children

Good Soil loves kids and the "holy noise" they bring! Your children are warmly welcome in worship. Sing, pray, and respond; your children will learn by worshiping with you. There's also a "prayground" area in the back of the sanctuary and a nursery/cry room behind that on the back left side. We pray that worshiping together as a family is a meaningful experience!

For Those Needing Hearing Assistance

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 of Easter, Earth Day Worship

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. The risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace. On this Earth Day Sunday, we give thanks to God for God's good creation and how we see signs of God's love and new life in and through it as well.

Gathering

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

Prelude and Welcome

*In the
Thanksgiving
for Baptism,
we recall how
God has joined
us to Christ
through
baptism and
clothes us with
mercy and
forgiveness.*

† Thanksgiving for Baptism and Water in Creation

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Here is water: rushing, surging, pounding, crashing.

Foaming waters that wash us clean,

scrubbing away the guilt, the burden that clings,

wiping away the grime of fear.

Blessed be water:

**We give you thanks, Creator God,
for sea and ocean, tides and waves.**

Here is water: tumbling, streaming, free-flowing showers of grace.

Bubbling fount to soothe our hearts,

balm for the scars of angry division,

salve for the wounds of ignorant pride.

Blessed be water:

**We give you thanks, Creator God,
for rain and snow, storm and mist.**

Here is water: clear, cool, quenching-the-thirst-of-our-souls.

Still waters to restore our spirits, renew our hope,

refreshment for the journey,

sparkling with the promise of new life.

Blessed be water:

*The
thanksgiving
praises God for
all of God's
saving actions
through water
and the word,
praying and
trusting that
this assembly
will be
renewed by the
Holy Spirit in
forgiveness,
grace, and
love.*

<i>This Thanksgiving for Baptism rite is adapted from Evangelical Lutheran Worship supplement, All Creation Sings</i>	<p>We give you thanks, Creator God, for stream and pool, spring and lake.</p> <p>Here is water, through which God created and continues to create. Weaving with the Breath of life every living being, binding all of creation as one.</p> <p>We give you thanks, Creator God, for the gift of life, for this water without which life would cease, for the gift of baptism, through which these waters birth us again into your promise of newness, wholeness, and oneness.</p> <p>Blessed be each soul here and not here, one people, one with all that is. Blessed be this water that births us, renews us, and welcomes us home. Amen.</p>
	<p>† Gathering Hymn: God of the Sparrow (ELW 740) v. 1, 3, 5</p> <p>1 God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say Praise</p> <p>3 God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave How does the creature say Grace How does the creature say Thanks</p> <p>5 God of the neighbor God of the foe God of the pruning hook How does the creature say Love How does the creature say Peace</p> <p>Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda b. 1919 Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.</p>
<i>The assembly and presiding minister greet each other (scripture ref. 2 Corinthians)</i>	<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>

† Hymn of Praise (Refrain, v. 1, and Refrain)

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and

Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

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

† Prayer of the Day

O God of all life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath, revive your creation, connect us to one another, and strengthen us to be the body of 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.

New Testament Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

To put this reading into context:

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present and end of all time.

Hear now the reading.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him,

and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:14-17, 24-25, 28-29



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!

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!”

¹⁷ **I shall not | die, but live,**
and declare the works | of the LORD.

²⁴ This is the day that the | LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

²⁵ **Hosanna! | O LORD, save us!**
We pray to you, LORD, pros- | per our days!

²⁸ You are my God, and | I will thank you;
you are my God, and I | will exalt you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Before and after the reading of the Gospel, we give thanks and praise to Jesus Christ, who is revealed to us through the Gospel reading.

† Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

To put this reading into context:

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”

The holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark

	<p>of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”</p> <p>²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”</p> <p>³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.</p> <p>The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.</p>
	<p>Children’s Sermon</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>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 do you see glimpses of the Risen Christ? Where do you see visions of God’s healing in your own life or in the life of the world? How do the Earth and natural world reflect God’s healing? Who can you share that with in the coming days and weeks?</i></p>
<p><i>The Hymn of the Day is the assembly’s response to the sermon—making the</i></p>	<p>† Hymn of the Day: Touch the Earth Lightly (ELW 739) v. 1, 2, 3</p> <p>1 Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently, nourish the life of the world in our care: gift of great wonder,</p>

<p><i>sermon event a mutual faith conversation.</i></p>	<p>ours to surrender, trust for the children tomorrow will bear.</p> <p>2 We who endanger, who create hunger, agents of death for all creatures that live, we who would foster clouds of disaster— God of our planet, forestall and forgive!</p> <p>3 Let there be greening, birth from the burning, water that blesses, and air that is sweet, health in God's garden, hope in God's children, regeneration that peace will complete.</p> <p>Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931 Text © 1992 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.</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</i> <i>+ Creation</i> <i>+ Nations and leaders</i> <i>+ Those in need</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>Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire us to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Receive our prayer, O God. Your mercy is great.</p> <p>Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Receive our prayer, O God. Your mercy is great.</p> <p>Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges. We pray especially for war-torn areas across the world, especially in Ukraine, Russia, the Middle East and places in Africa. Receive our prayer, O God. Your mercy is great.</p> <p>Embrace all those who carry wounds, that they might know your</p>

<p><i>+ This faith community + The great cloud of witnesses/those now resting with God</i></p>	<p>compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort those who are suffering. We pray especially for Helen, Fred, Jane, Gail, Patricia, Mary Lou, Frank, Sara, Donna, Irene, Toni, Kate, Stan and Ann, Bill, Susan, Archer, Cherubim, Sally, Thomas, Ruth, Rich, Diane, Jeanette, Khams and his community in Manipur, ... for our home-bound members: Diane, Steve, Audrey, Ed and Verna, Kay, Joyce, Else, and Kristina, and those we name aloud or in our hearts. Receive our prayer, O God. Your mercy is great.</p> <p>Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Receive our prayer, O God. Your mercy is great.</p> <p>We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Receive our prayer, O God. Your mercy is great.</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>

The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.

† Offering Hymn: Rise, Shine, You People! (ELW 665) v. 1

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.

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† 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.

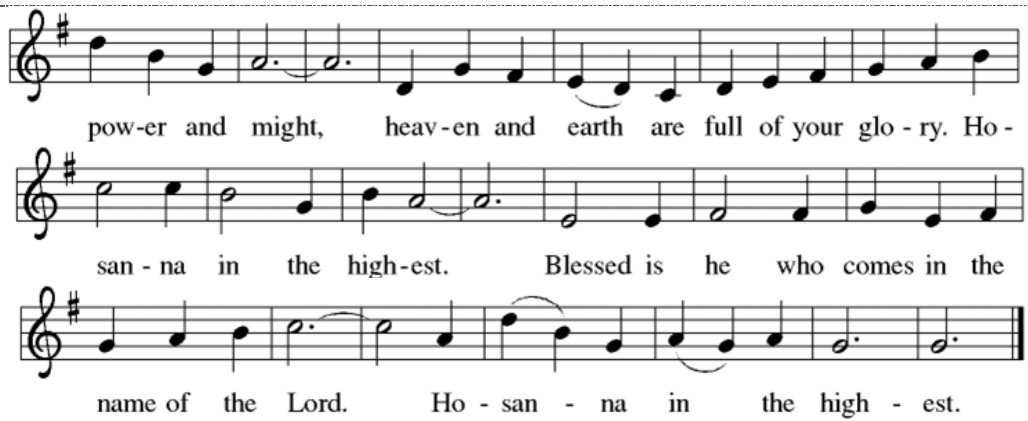
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

† Preface

† Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of



† Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life...
...Therefore, 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 today to embody the posture of the resurrection, 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: How Great Thou Art (ELW 856)

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

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

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

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Communion Hymn: God the Sculptor of the Mountains (ELW 736)

1 God the sculptor of the mountains,
God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens,
God the potter of the land:
you are womb of all creation,

we are formless; shape us now.

2 God the nuisance to the Pharaoh,
God the cleaver of the sea,
God the pillar in the darkness,
God the beacon of the free:
you are fount of all deliv'rance,
we are sightless; lead us now.

3 God the dresser of the vineyard,
God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest,
God the source of all we eat:
you are host at ev'ry table,
we are hungry; feed us now.

4 God the unexpected infant,
God the calm, determined youth,
God the table-turning prophet,
God the resurrected truth:
you are present ev'ry moment,
we are searching; meet us now.

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† Post-Communion Table Blessing

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

The Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

† Blessing

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><i>Through the sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.</i></p>	<p>† Sending Hymn: Earth and All Stars! (ELW 731) v. 1, 4, 5</p> <p>1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song! <i>Refrain</i></p> <p><i>Refrain:</i> God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!</p> <p>4 Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song! Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song! <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Text © 1968 Augsburg Publishing House, admin. Augsburg Fortress.</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>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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Today's Worship Servants:

Ushers: Taylor Nichols & Stan Zeager	Livestream: Isaac Krankowski
Reader: Bill Fink	Acolyte: Amelia Forshey
Counters: Stan Zeager & Kirsten Reading	Altar Care: Darlene Wahl
Online Usher: Karen Sperli	Communion Bread: Chris Jacobson
Cantor: Erik Bogen	



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Apr 27, 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 their birthday this week: Steve Bugosh (5/2) & Jacob Wylie (5/3).

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

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.

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.

Save the Date - Saturday, May 17th - Spring Clean-Up- The Property Team's annual Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th from 9:30am - 12:00pm. We will be doing a general clean-up around the church building, consisting of trimming shrubs, weeding, moving and planting flowers. We'll meet in the parking lot for work assignments. Please bring your gardening gloves and tools. We'll supply lawn bags, some tools, drinks and snacks.

Bible Study: Government and Civic Engagement: Discipleship and Democracy- After worship in the lounge: 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, & 6/14, there will be a bible study discussing the ELCA's Social Statement. This is a follow-up study requested after the success of our "Faith Active in Love" study that took place before Lent. Scan the QR code to the right to view the entire statement.



March with Good Soil in the Cleveland Pride Parade! Mark your calendars for Sat, June 7, and be a part of the Good Soil team marching in the annual Cleveland Pride Parade! Step-off is 11 AM from Public Square, winding through downtown and ending at the Mall for fun, food and music. Your showing up helps demonstrate in one more way that at Good Soil we are believers in "Loving our neighbors as Jesus loves us". Today, more than ever, this show of support is so needed. See you on June 7th!

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 & shared their thoughts. Scan the QR code to the right for a written update from the RIC Team that also addresses some questions received in 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!



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.

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.

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>

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.



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>



Calendar of Events		
Date	Event	Time
Sun, Apr 27	In-Person & Livestream Worship: Earth Day	9:30 am
Sun, Apr 27	Confirmation Bowling Party @ Nautical Lanes, Avon Lake	2:00 pm
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
Sat, May 17	Synod Assembly Watch Party @ Bethesda on the Bay	9:00 am
Sat, May 17	Spring Clean-Up @ Good Soil	9:30 am
Sun, May 18	In-Person & Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Sun, May 18	Government and Civic Engagement Bible Study Session #1 of 4	10:30 am

