

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



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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.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

### 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.*

*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.*

*This  
Thanksgiving for  
Baptism rite is  
adapted from  
Evangelical  
Lutheran  
Worship  
supplement, All  
Creation Sings*

#### † Thanksgiving for Baptism and Water in Creation

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.**

† Gathering Hymn: I Come with Joy (ELW 482) v. 1, 2, 5

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.
- 5 Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.

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

† Greeting

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

† 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.

I 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

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

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

### † Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Throughout the Season of Easter, our first reading comes from the book of Acts—tracing the development of the early church after Jesus' resurrection.*

### The Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **New Testament Reading: Revelation 21:1-6**

To put this reading into context:

*John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.*

Hear now the reading.

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them and be their God;

<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

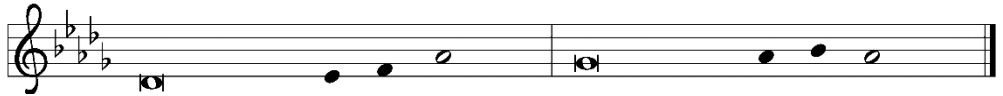
for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 148:1-6, 13-14**



<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;  
praise God | in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, | all you angels;  
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.

<sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you | shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,  
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they | were created,

<sup>6</sup> who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth  
and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for  
all | faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near  
the LORD. | Hallelujah!

*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 13:31-35

To put this reading into context:

*After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.*

The holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jewish leaders so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

	<p><b>Children’s Sermon</b></p> <p><i>Children grade 4 and younger are invited to step out with our Sunday School teachers for a “Learn and Grow in Faith” class during the sermon. They will return during the Passing of the Peace.</i></p>
	<p><b>Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison</b></p> <p><i>Silence for Reflection.</i></p> <p><i>Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You’re invited to reflect on the following question:</i></p> <p>How does love take shape in the public sphere (society, government, civic engagement)? What does that look like in programs and policies? Through individual actions? How might the Holy Spirit be inviting you to advocate for “love” in the public sphere? What can you do? Who can be a partner with you in taking action?</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><b>† Hymn of the Day: Where Charity and Love Prevail (ELW 359)</b> <b>v. 1, 3, 5</b></p> <p>1 Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.</p> <p>3 Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son; as members of each body joined, in him we are made one.</p> <p>5 Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess, that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.</p> <p><small>Text: Latin hymn, 9th. cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt. Text © 1960 World Library Publications. 3708 River Rd., Suite 400, Franklin Park, IL 60131. All rights reserved.</small></p>
<p><i>As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the</i></p>	<p><b>† Prayers of the Church</b></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>



*world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our own participation.*

*Each petition addresses a different topic, often in the same pattern:*

*+ The Church  
+ Creation  
+ Nations and leaders  
+ Those in need  
+ This faith community  
+ The great cloud of witnesses/those now resting with God*

Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**



Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. We also pray 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.**

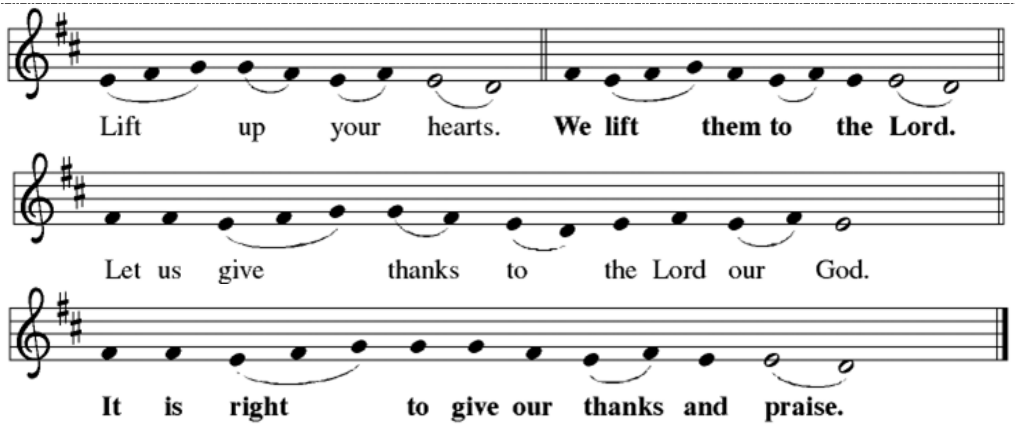
Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness. Wipe away every tear. We pray especially for Helen, Gail, family and friends of Patricia, family and friends of Pr. Mulba, Mary Lou, Frank, Sara, Toni, Kate, Stan & Ann, Charley & Cindy, Bill, Susan, Sally, Thomas, Ruth, Diane, Khams and his community in Manipur, ... for our home-bound members: Diane, Steve, Audrey, Ed & Verna, Kay, Donna, Joyce, Else, Kristina, and Jeanette, and those we name aloud or in our hearts. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing wounds in this community and beyond. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love. Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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><i>A practice of the ancient church, we share in Christ's peace &amp; recognize it in each other.</i></p>	<p><b>† Passing of the Peace</b></p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always. <b>And also with you.</b></p> <p><i>The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you" sharing the peace of Christ with one another in a no-touch or low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.</i></p>
<p><i>God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>The Meal</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p><b>Offering</b></p> <p>God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, &amp; your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil keep making an impact by giving today using the QR code or at <a href="https://pushpay.com/g/goodsoillutheran">https://pushpay.com/g/goodsoillutheran</a> <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><b>† Offering Hymn: Rise, Shine, You People! (ELW 665) v. 1</b></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><small>Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt. Text © 1974 Augsburg Publishing House, admin. Augsburg Fortress.</small></p>
	<p><b>† Offering Prayer</b></p> <p>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. <b>Amen.</b></p>
	<p><b>† Great Thanksgiving</b></p>  <p>The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.</p>



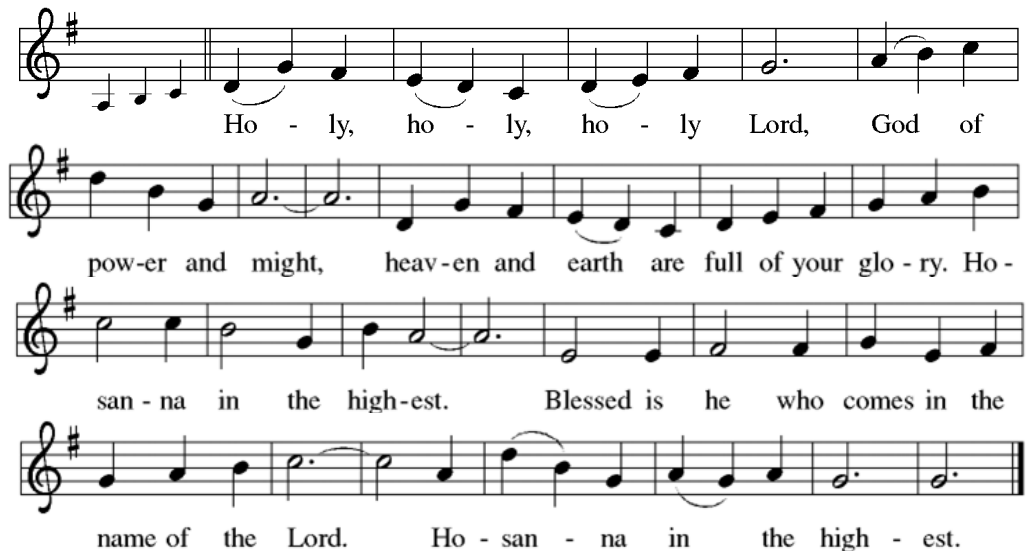
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## † Preface

## † Sanctus



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

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

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

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

## † Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Blessed are you, O God of the universe...

...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as 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*

## † 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**

<p><i>they asked him to teach them how to pray.</i></p>	<p>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>Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.</p>
	<p><b>Communion</b></p> <p><i>Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil.</i></p> <p><i>Children are welcome to come to the Lord's table for communion or for a blessing, depending on parent/guardian's preference.</i></p> <p><i>When you receive the elements, you are invited to respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."</i></p> <p><i>Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding up front. We will be observing standing processional communion today to embody the posture of the resurrection, 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><b>Communion Hymn: Great God, Your Love has Called Us (ELW 358)</b></p> <p>1 Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for love were made. Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed. We come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.</p> <p>2 We come with self-inflicted pains of broken trust and chosen wrong, half-free, half-bound by inner chains, by social forces swept along, by powers and systems close confined yet seeking hope for humankind.</p>

- 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name  
and then receive us as your own  
not through some merit, right, or claim,  
but by your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat  
and find you kneeling at our feet.
- 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread,  
and humble us, and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed,  
and show how grandly love intends  
to work till all creation sings,  
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
- 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free  
your life to live, your joy to share.  
Give us your Spirit's liberty  
to turn from guilt and dull despair,  
and offer all that faith can do  
while love is making all things new.

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### **Communion Hymn: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (ELW 789)**

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us,  
for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us; we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us; we are yours.
- 2 We are yours; in love befriend us,  
be the guardian of our way;  
keep your flock, from sin defend us,  
seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear us children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,

	<p>hear us children when we pray.</p> <p>3 You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.</p> <p>4 Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.</p> <p>Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847</p>
	<p><b>† Post-Communion Table Blessing</b></p> <p>Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. <b>Amen.</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>The Sending</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.</i></p> <p><b>† Blessing</b></p> <p>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. <b>Amen.</b></p>
<i>Through the sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.</i>	<p><b>† Sending Hymn: The Day of Resurrection (ELW 361) v. 1, 3, 4</b></p> <p>1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the passover of gladness, the passover of God.</p>

	<p>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, 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>The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body: nourished, fed, &amp; ready to serve. Worship has ended, &amp; our service begins!</i></p>	<p><b>† Dismissal</b></p> <p>Alleluia! Christ is risen. <b>Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!</b> Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! <b>Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!</b></p>
	<p><b>Postlude</b></p>

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## Today's Worship Servants:

Ushers: Larry & Chris Jacobson	Livestream: Trey Harrison
Reader: Nancie Smith	Acolyte: Ryan Williamson
Counters: Becky Williamson & Barbara Munch	Cantor: William Eversole
Online Usher: Karen Sperli	Altar Care: Paula Maeder Connor
Communion Bread: Anne Paine	



## Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, May 18, 2025

**Especially in our prayers:** Presiding Bp. Elizabeth Eaton, Bp. Barbins of the NEO Synod, Helen Andrews, Gail Boggs, family & friends of Patricia Boegner, family & friends of Pr. Mulba Borsay, Mary Lou Busby, Frank Dunaway, Sara Gresh, Toni Kulma, Kate Labuda, Stan & Ann Layman, Charley & Cindy McCabe, Bill Meyer, Susan Omerod, Sally Pate, Thomas Pate, Ruth Patrick, 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, Donna Handy, Joyce Miller, Else Rolland, Kristina Seeley, & Jeanette Weidlich.

**For those celebrating their birthday this week:** Sarah Badgett (5/19), Amanda Salasek (5/19), Dave Sierk (5/22), Barbara Demko-Werner (5/24), & Robin LaGorin (5/24).

**For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism this week:** Lisa Dormann (5/21) & Zella Dormann (5/21).

**For those celebrating their wedding anniversary this week:** Sarah and Matthew Badgett (5/24).

**The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the glory of God by Sharon Hollowell in appreciation of landscapers, farmers, gardeners and weed pullers.**

**ELCA Good Gifts** Good Soil encourages you to support the ELCA in its ongoing Good Gifts campaign throughout the month of May 2025. Visit [goodgifts.elca.org](https://goodgifts.elca.org) to read more about this program and the array of potential gift choices. Children of Good Soil will be collecting contributions each Sunday from May 11 through June 1. Online donations are also welcome. Please use the QR code to the left and choose "ELCA Good Gifts" from the "Fund" dropdown menu. Pastor Marissa will announce the grand total collected on June 8. A follow-up survey will capture the congregation's choice as to which gift Good Soil would like to give. Thank you for giving!





**TODAY! Bible Study: Government & 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 Message on Government and Civic Engagement. This is a follow-up study requested after the success of our "Faith Active in Love" study held before Lent. Scan the QR code to read the ELCA's social message.



**TODAY: Free Spring Concert at John Knox Presbyterian-** The concert will be held at 25200 Lorain Rd at 4 pm, in the sanctuary or online. Performances will be by the talented musicians of the JKP Choir, handbells, and flute ensemble as they take us on a trip through Russia, Sweden, and Hawaii. The cast of characters includes nuns, witches, and wizards. An ice cream social will follow. Join Good Soil member Jeanne Livingood for a truly *wicked* concert! Call her at 440-333-9071 with questions.

**March with Good Soil in the Cleveland Pride Parade (6/7)!** 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!

**Save the Date, Annual Meeting: 6/8 after Worship-** At our annual congregation meeting on 6/8 we will elect new council members, celebrate the ministry of the past program year, and vote to become an RIC (Reconciling in Christ) congregation. Use the QR code to the left to see the list of Good Soil voting members. If your name is not on this list and you'd like to be a voting member, please contact [admin@goodsoillutheran.org](mailto:admin@goodsoillutheran.org).



**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 also addressing 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 8<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks for your prayers and engagement!



**LMM Service Opportunity (6/14)-** You are invited to join a helping hands service opportunity event at Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries, 2100 Lakeside Ave. on Sat, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 am-12 pm. We will be refreshing and painting the dock area used as a covered patio for residents. All supplies will be provided, but a suggested item to bring is your own work gloves. On street

parking is available and we will meet at the LMM location. If you wish to carpool it is suggested that you meet in the Good Soil parking lot at 8:30am that morning or make independent arrangements for carpooling. Sign up by Sun, June 8 using the sign-up sheet near the lounge OR by contacting Sharon Regan: [Regansharon17@gmail.com](mailto:Regansharon17@gmail.com) or text 216-408-0304. Please include your name and number of people attending. LMM greatly appreciates the partnership of Good Soil, and their staff is looking forward to seeing us on June 14th!



**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 June. 6/1 at Bethesda on the Bay and 6/8 at Good Soil.



**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 questions. Scan the QR code for that document or see the bulletin board for a printed version. Also, on the bulletin board is a list of potential renewal activity opportunities to explore.

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

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

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

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

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

**The last day of Sunday School before summer break will be Father's Day, Sun. June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**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, May 18	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship</b>	9:30 am
Sun, May 18	Government and Civic Engagement Bible Study Session #1 of 4	10:30 am
Sun, May 25	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship</b>	9:30 am
Sun, May 25	Government and Civic Engagement Bible Study Session #2 of 4	10:30 am
Sun, Jun 1	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship</b>	9:30 am
Sun, Jun 1	Government and Civic Engagement Bible Study Session #3 of 4	10:30 am
Sat, Jun 7	Ladies’ Breakfast @ Gene’s Place to Dine	9:00 am
Sat, Jun 7	Cleveland Pride Parade with Good Soil	11:00 am
Sun, Jun 8	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship</b>	9:30 am
Sun, Jun 8	Annual Meeting	10:30 am

