

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



Third Sunday of Easter
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9:30 am



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Welcome

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

For Parents with Children

Good Soil loves kids and the "holy noise" they bring! Your children are warmly welcome in worship. Sing, pray, and respond; your children will learn by worshiping with you. There's also a "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.

Third Sunday of Easter

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again & again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

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: O Day of Rest and Gladness (ELW 521)

- 1 O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright:
on you the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,
sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"
to the great God triune.
- 2 On you, at earth's creation,
the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation,
Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious
the Spirit sent from heav'n;
and thus on you, most glorious,
a threefold light was giv'n.
- 3 Today on weary nations
the heav'nly manna falls;
to holy convocations
the silver trumpet calls,
where gospel light is glowing
with pure and radiant beams
and living water flowing
with soul-refreshing streams.
- 4 New graces ever gaining
from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining
to spirits of the blest.
We sing to you our praises,
O Father, Spirit, Son;
the church its voice upraises
to you, blest Three in One.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.


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

† Greeting

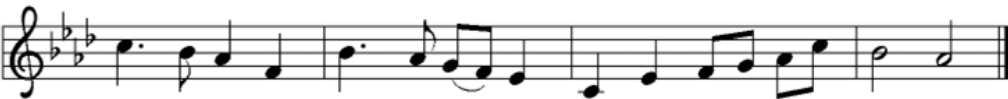
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

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


Refrain



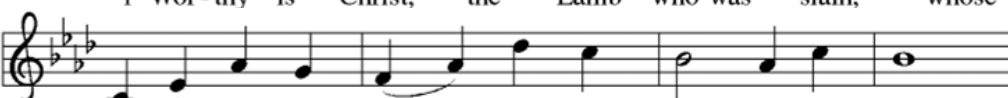
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.




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



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

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Word

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

First Reading: Acts 9:1-6

To put this reading into context:

Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

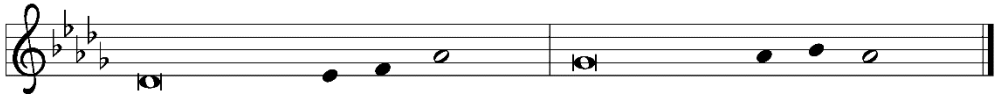
Hear now the reading.

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 30:1-4, 7-12



¹ I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.

² O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,
and you restored | me to health.

³ You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.

⁴ Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance.

⁷ You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the
mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.

⁸ I cried to | you, O LORD;

I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,

⁹“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?

Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;

O LORD, | be my helper.”

¹¹You have turned my wailing | into dancing;

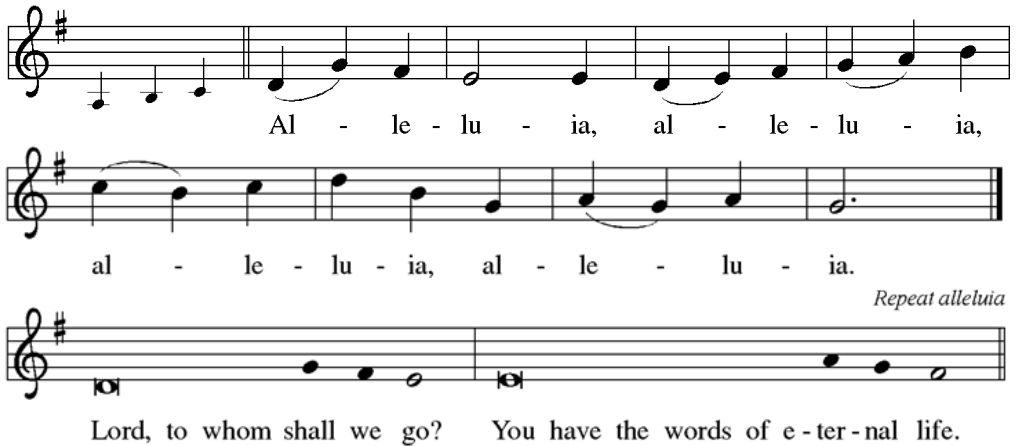
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;

O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks 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 21:1-19

To put this reading into context:

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

	<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. Mitch Phillips, Assistant to the Bishop for Leadership</p> <p><i>Silence for Reflection.</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: What Wondrous Love is This (ELW 666) v. 1, 2, 4</p> <p>1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?</p> <p>2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.</p> <p>4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.</p> <p>Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.</p>

*As the church,
we pray for
those in our
community and
around the
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*

† Prayers of the Church

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip Sunday school teachers and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**


Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries so that all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward. 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.**

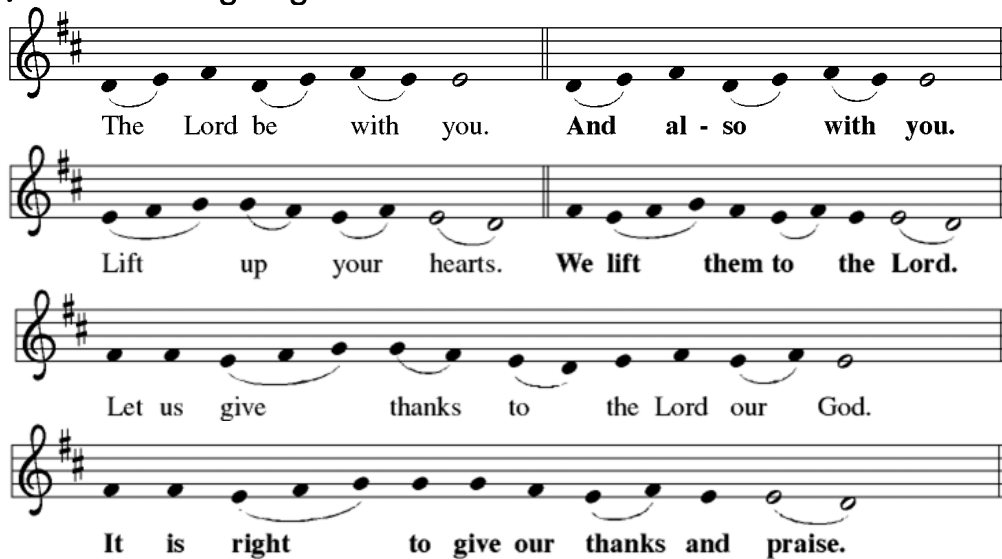
Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt & economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care. We pray especially for Helen, Fred, Jane, Gail, Patricia, family & friends of Pr. Mulba Borsay, Mary Lou, Frank, Sara, Irene, Toni, Kate, Stan & Ann, Charley & Cindy, Bill, Susan, Archer, Sally, Thomas, Ruth, Tom, Diane, Jeanette, Khams & his community in Manipur, ... for our home-bound members: Diane, Steve, Audrey, Ed & Verna, Kay, Donna, Joyce, Else, and Kristina, and those we name aloud or in our hearts. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places.

	<p>May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day. 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 <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</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>† Offering Prayer</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. Amen.</p>

† Great Thanksgiving



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

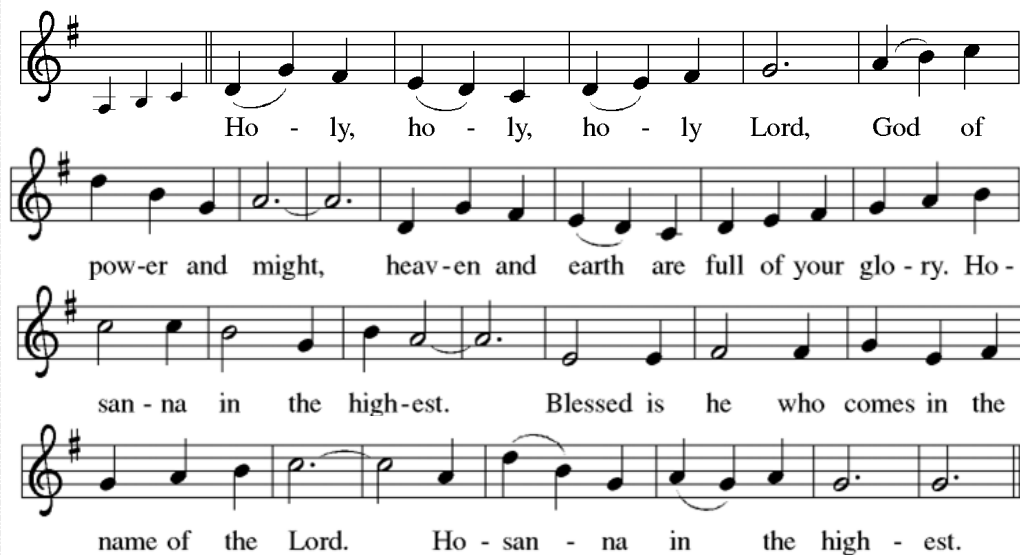
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

† Preface

† Sanctus



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

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

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

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

† 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.

<p><i>The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.</i></p>	<p>† Lord's Prayer</p> <p>Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus first taught us: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.</p>
	<p>† Invitation to the Table</p> <p>Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.</p>
	<p>Communion</p> <p><i>Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil.</i></p> <p><i>Children are welcome to come to the Lord's table for communion or for a blessing, depending on parent/guardian's preference.</i></p> <p><i>When you receive the elements, you are invited to respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."</i></p> <p><i>Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding down the center aisle to the front in a single-file line. We will be observing standing processional communion, rather than kneeling at the rail.</i></p> <p><i>Gluten-free bread is available on request. The wine (red) is in the outer rings of the tray, the grape juice (white) is in the center. Communion cups can be returned at the end tables on your way back to your seat.</i></p>
	<p>Communion Hymn: The Church of Christ in Every Age (ELW 729)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change, but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead. 2 Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

- 3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.
- 4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.
- 5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

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Communion Hymn: Beautiful Savior (ELW 838)

- 1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,

	<p>Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!</p> <p>Text: <i>Gesangbuch</i>, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904</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 style="text-align: center;"><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: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (ELW 392) v. 1, 3, 4</p> <p>1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."</p> <p>3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.</p> <p>4 Alleluia! King eternal,</p>

	<p>Lord omnipotent we own; Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne. As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.</p> <p>Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.</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: Anne Paine & Bill Wahl	Livestream: Joe Lanter
Reader: David Paine	Acolyte: Luke Williamson
Counters: David Paine & Becky Williamson	Altar Care: Paula Maeder Connor
Online Usher: Pam Lanter	Communion Bread: Anne Paine
Cantor: Paula Maeder Connor	



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, May 4, 2025

Especially in our prayers: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bp. Barbins of the NEO Synod, Helen Andrews, Jane Beese, Gail Boggs, 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, Tom Reading, Diane Traxler, and 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, and Jeanette Weidlich.

For those celebrating their birthday this week: Austin Carlson (5/4) & Corey Mattson (5/4)

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism this week: George Young (5/4) & Abbie Blocksom (5/8).

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the glory of God by the Wylie family in honor of Jacob's birthday and college graduation.

Learn more about sabbaticals TODAY 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 & 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. 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 message.



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 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>



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 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

