Good Soil Lutheran Ministries

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



Holy Trinity Sunday June 15th, 2025 9:30 am



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Welcome

Reflecting the abundant welcome of the Kingdom of God as revealed by Jesus, GSLM welcomes all who seek God's love and grace. We affirm and celebrate the diversity of humanity in all its races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, social and economic circumstances, abilities, and disabilities. Together, we commit ourselves to racial equity and to justice for all, because in God's kingdom, we are all beloved children of God.

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. Glutenfree 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.

Holy Trinity Sunday

Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water & word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

Gathering The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. Prelude and Welcome † Father's Day Litany For fathers everywhere, who have given us life and love, that we may show them respect and love. Holy God, Receive this prayer for our fathers. For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them. Holy God, Hear this prayer for our fathers that mourn.

For men who may or may not have children of their own, but act like a father to someone in need of advice, support, nurturing, and love. Holy God, Hear this prayer for our father figures.

For step-fathers who have assumed that role with love and joy, who have loved the children of another as their own and created a new family. Holy God, Hear this prayer for step-fathers.

For adoptive fathers, who have heard the call of God to lovingly step forward for those that need their care.

Holy God, Hear this prayer for adoptive fathers.

For fathers who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to the needs of their children and have not sustained their families. Holy God, Have mercy on absentee fathers.

For fathers who struggle with temptation, violence, or addiction. For those who do harm, and for those whom they have harmed.

Holy God, Have mercy on fathers that struggle.

For new fathers, full of hope. For long-time fathers, full of wisdom. For the fathers yet to be, and fathers soon to be. Holy God,

	Hear our prayer for the fathers of your Church.
	For those that have shaped our lives without claim of family or kinship. For those who have taught us, guided us, shaped us and molded us into servants of Christ our Lord. Holy God, Hear our prayer for the fathers of our faith.
	God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
	† Gathering Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty (ELW 413) v. 1, 2, 4
	Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
	2 Holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
	4 Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
71	Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, 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.
The Prayer of	† Prayer of the Day
the Day highlights themes in the	Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us

scripture we will hear.

at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Word

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

New Testament Reading: Romans 5:1-5

To put this reading into context:

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

Hear now the reading.

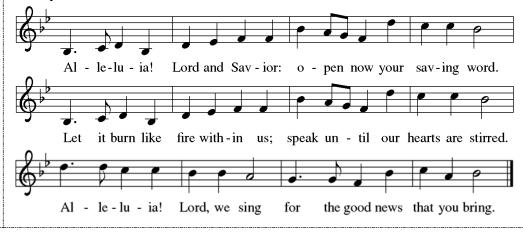
¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

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



Before and	± Cornel Booding. John 16:12-15
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 16:12-15
	To put this reading into context:
	Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.
	The holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.
	[Jesus said,] ¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."
	The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.
	Children's Sermon
	Children grade 4 and younger are invited to step out with our Sunday School teachers for a "Learn and Grow in Faith" class during the sermon. They will return during the Passing of the Peace.
	Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison
	Silence for Reflection.
	Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You're invited to reflect on the following question:
	When has God guided you through a tough time? What did hope look like? Who was there to support you along the way? What relationships in your life most clearly help you to experience the love of our Triune God?
The Hymn of the Day is the assembly's response to the	† Hymn of the Day: Come Thou Almighty King (ELW 408) 1 Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;

response to the sermon—

				
making the	help us to praise;			
sermon event a mutual faith	Father all-glorious,			
conversation.	o'er all victorious,			
	come and reign over us,			
	Ancient of Days.			
	2 Come, thou incarnate Word,			
	merciful, mighty Lord;			
	our prayer attend.			
	Come and thy people bless,			
	and give thy word success,			
	and let thy righteousness on us descend.			
	on as descena.			
	3 Come, holy Comforter,			
	thy sacred witness bear			
	in this glad hour!			
	Thou who almighty art, rule now in ev'ry heart,			
	never from us depart,			
	Spirit of pow'r.			
	4 To thee, great One in Three,			
	eternal praises be hence evermore!			
	Thy sov'reign majesty			
	may we in glory see,			
	and to eternity			
	love and adore.			
	Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.			
	Installation of Council			
As the church,	† Prayers of the Church			
we pray for	·			
those in our	Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.			
community and around the	wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.			
world. The	A brief silence.			
prayers are also	Abiding God, your love pours into your whole church, creating faith			
responsive,	and bestowing hope. Fill all the baptized with these good gifts in our			

emphasizing
our own
participation.
Each petition
addresses a
different topic
often in the
same pattern:
+ The Church
+ Creation
+ Nations and
leaders
+Those in nee
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n need ith community + The great cloud of

witnesses/those now resting with God

A practice of the ancient church.

we share in Christ's peace & various callings. Gather your church in every place and expression into the unity of your Spirit. God of grace, receive our prayer.

Creating God, we are filled with awe at your creation. Renew this planet and all its wonders and creatures. God of grace, receive our prayer.

Sovereign God, you delight in the whole human race. On this week of Juneteenth, bring an end to racial oppression and heal the wounds of racial trauma. Grant us your wisdom, so that all people, especially those in authority, work for the life and freedom of others. We pray for war-torn areas and humanitarian crises, especially in Ukraine,

Compassionate God, your mindful care for us is everlasting. Give peace to all who are troubled, endurance to all who suffer, deliverance to all who are afflicted, and healing to all who are sick. We pray for Helen, Gail, Mary Lou, The Busby Family, Frank, Sara, Toni, Kate, Stan & Ann,

Charley & Cindy, Bill, Susan, Sally, Thomas, Ruth, Kenya, 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. God of grace,

Russia, Israel, Gaza, and Sudan. God of grace, receive our prayer.

receive our prayer. Living God, your glory appears in our shared life. On this Father's Day, give to all fathers and father figures gentle hearts and strong spirits, heal the wounds in our families, and comfort those for whom this day brings pain. God of grace, receive our prayer.

Eternal God, your hope does not disappoint. We give you thanks for

all who have died in the hope of the resurrection. Hold us in our grief, and bring us at last to fullness of life in you. God of grace, receive our Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

† Passing of the Peace

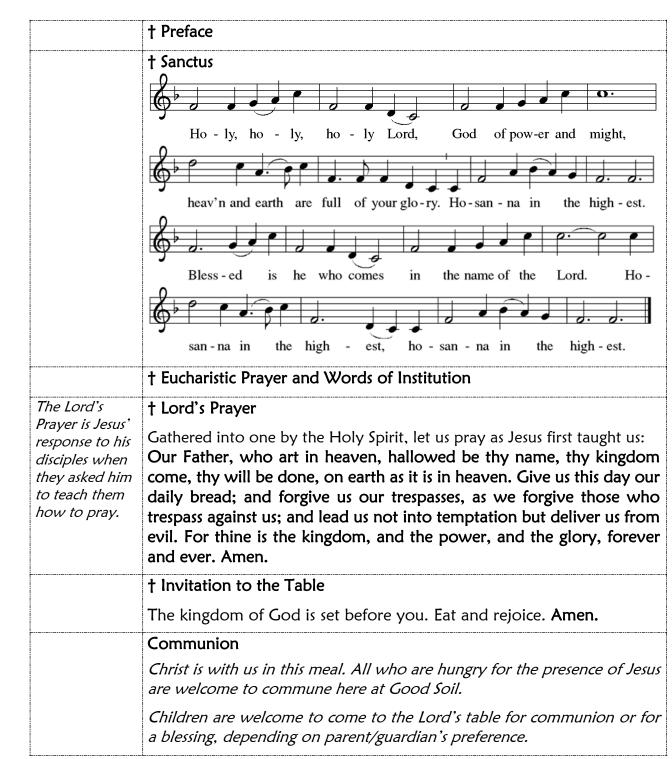
The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

prayer.

The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with

recognize it in	you" sharing the peace of Christ with one another in a no-touch or		
each other.	low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.		
God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.	The Meal God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ. Offering 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 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.		
The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.	† Offering Hymn: The Trumpets Sound the Angels Sing, v 1 (ELW 531)		
	The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin. the gates of heav'n are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside. Text © 1989 Make Way Music, admin. by Music Services in the Western Hemisphere. All rights reserved. ASCAP		
	† Offering Prayer		
	Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.		
	† Great Thanksgiving		
	The Lord be with you. And also 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.		



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 up front. You are invited to stand or kneel at the altar 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: Now We Join in Celebration (ELW 462)

- 1 Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation, dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder; for the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence, stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture! For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing of your loving deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry, pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.
- 3 Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's children, reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father.

 Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers, seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.

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Communion Hymn: O Blessed Spring (ELW 447)

- O blessed spring, where word and sign embrace us into Christ the Vine: here Christ enjoins each one to be a branch of this life-giving Tree.
- 2 Through summer heat of youthful years, uncertain faith, rebellious tears, sustained by Christ's infusing rain, the boughs will shout for joy again.
- When autumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their heavy harvest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will move with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.
- 4 As winter comes, as winters must, we breathe our last, return to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take wing and trust the promise of the spring.
 - 5 Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, be praised for this blest mystery: that word and water thus revive and join us to your Tree of Life.

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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.**

Blessing of Graduate, Jacob Wylie

The Sending

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

† Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit

→ bless you and give you peace. Amen.

Through the sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.	† Sending Hymn: Holy God, We Praise Your Name (ELW 414) v 1, 2, 4 1 Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you. All on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you. Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.
	2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"
	4 Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you, though in essence only one; undivided God we claim you and, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery. Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900
The dismissal	† Dismissal
sends us out as Christ's Body:	Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
nourished, fed, & ready to serve.	Thanks be to God.
Worship has	
ended, & our service begins!	
	Postlude

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Everyone is invited to enjoy Father's Day fellowship after worship. The Bible Study's session on Government and Civic Engagement will take place in the lounge following fellowship time. God bless you!

Today's Worship Servants:

Ushers: Larry & Chris Jacobson	Livestream: Trey Harrison		
Reader: Dave Sierk	Acolyte: Edith Young		
Counters: Stan Zeager & Barbara Munch	Cantor: Erik Bogen		
Online Usher: Kathy Berkshire	Altar Care: Anne Paine		
Communion Bread: Darlene Wahl			



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Jun 15, 2025

Especially in our prayers: Presiding Bp. Elizabeth Eaton, Bp. Barbins of the NEO Synod, Helen Andrews, Gail Boggs, Mary Lou Busby, The Busby Family, Frank Dunaway, Sara Gresh, Toni Kulma, Kate Labuda, Stan & Ann Layman, Charley & Cindy McCabe, Bill Meyer, Susan Omerod, Sally Pate, Thomas Pate, Ruth Patrick, Kenya Russell, 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: Jennifer Krankowski (6/16), Cindy Beavin (6/18), & Evan Lanter (6/19).

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the Glory of God by the Lanter family.

TODAY! Bible Study: Government & Civic Engagement: Discipleship and **Democracy (session 4)-** After worship in the lounge today, 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.





New Member Welcome Booklet- During worship on 6/1, Good Soil welcomed several new members! Scan the QR code to the left to learn more about them!



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 was installed during worship last week.



2027 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 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.

<u>Learn & Grow time during the worship service:</u> 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.

<u>Experience & Grow time participating in the worship service:</u> 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.

The last day of Sunday School before summer break is TODAY.

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, Jun 15	In-Person & Livestream Worship: Father's Day	9:30 am	
Sun, Jun 15	Government and Civic Engagement Bible Study Session #4 of 4	10:30 am	
Thurs, Jun 19	Juneteenth, Church Office Closed		
Sun, Jun 22	In-Person & Livestream Worship	9:30 am	
Sun, Jun 29	In-Person & Livestream Worship: Imago Dei/Pride Sunday	9:30 am	

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