

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



**Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
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**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 worshipping 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 worshipping 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 after Pentecost

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

### Gathering

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

#### Prelude and Welcome

*In the Confession and Forgiveness, we are drawn by God's mercy to prepare to assemble around the Word and Sacrament. It may be seen as a return to the gift of Baptism through repentance.*

*This Confession and Forgiveness is adapted from ELCA resources for End Racism Sunday, Juneteenth Observance, and Commemoration of the Emanuel Nine.*

#### † Confession and Forgiveness: Commemorating Juneteenth and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Emanuel Nine

*The ELCA has designated June 17 as a day of repentance and commemoration for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, murdered by a self-proclaimed white supremacist while gathered for bible study and prayer at their church on June 17, 2015. ELCA congregations are encouraged to utilize worship materials to commemorate this occasion as well as formally recognize June 19 as Juneteenth, the day that marked the effective end of slavery in the United States.*

*In observance of these commemorations, we reflect intentionally on our commitment to end racism as a church and repent from the sin of racism as people of faith:*

Gracious God, we come before you to think deeply, confess candidly, and commit again to see all people as our siblings, made in your image.

*A brief silence is kept.*

We thank you for making one human family of all the peoples of the earth and for creating the wonderful diversity of cultures. Enrich our lives with ever-widening circles of fellowship and show us your presence in those who differ most from us.

Lord set us free: **Lord, have mercy.**

From the bondage of racism that denies the humanity of every human being and the prejudices within us that deny the dignity of those who are oppressed, Lord set us free: **Lord, have mercy.**

From bondage of racism that blinds oppressors to the destruction caused by the practice of racial injustice,

Lord set us free: **Lord, have mercy.**

From the bondage of racism that will not recognize the work of your Spirit in other cultures, Lord set us free: **Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive those of us who have been silent and apathetic in the face of racial intolerance and bigotry, both overt and subtle, public and private, Lord set us free: **Lord, have mercy.**

Take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts and break down the walls that separate us. Help us to find unity in you and become your beloved community. Lord set us free: **Lord, have mercy.**

Empower us to speak boldly for justice and truth and help us to deal with one another without bitterness, working together with mutual respect to accomplish your purposes. Lord set us free: **Lord, have mercy.**

Let us pray,

God of mercy, ten years have passed, but the wounds still cry out. We remember the slain of Mother Emanuel—Clementa, Daniel, Cynthia, Sharonda, Myra, Tywanza, Susie, DePayne, and Ethel—as well as those who survived. We grieve the hatred that desecrated their sanctuary at the hands of a self-proclaimed white supremacist who was raised, baptized, and confirmed in an ELCA congregation.

We confess the racism that endures in our nation and in your church. Turn our sorrow into repentance and our repentance into action. In our grief, show us the cross of Jesus Christ, your beloved, who dismantled death in his dying. Though he still bears the wounds of our violence, he wears the crown of glory with all your martyrs, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

† **Gathering Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (ELW 611)**

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,

so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.

- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till trav'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

*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  
the Day  
highlights  
themes in the  
scripture we  
will hear.*

### † Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### The Word

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

**New Testament Reading: Galatians 3:23-29**

To put this reading into context:

*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.*

Hear now the reading.

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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**

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*Before and after the reading of the Gospel, we give thanks and praise to Jesus Christ, who is*

† **Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39**

To put this reading into context:

*Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.*

*revealed to us  
through the  
Gospel reading.*

The holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," <sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon

*Sunday School is on summer break! Young children are welcome to remain in the sanctuary during the sermon or go to the "learn & grow in faith" area (nursery room at the end of the hall on the east side of the building). Children must be supervised by an adult.*

## Sermon: Deaconess Anne C. Paine

*Silence for Reflection.*

*Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You're invited to reflect on the following question:*

*Do you know anyone suffering with "demons?" What can you do to support them? What "demons" do you see in society? How can you help fight them?*

*The Hymn of the Day is the assembly's response to the sermon—making the sermon event a mutual faith conversation.*

## † Hymn of the Day: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (ELW 843)

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light; praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word; praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand; from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place; Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory;  
praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

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*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

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and Christians in our community. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence. When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. We pray for war-torn areas across the world, especially in Ukraine, Russia, the Middle East, and places in Africa. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick. Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. 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,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

*A practice of the ancient church, we share in Christ's peace & recognize it in each other.*

### † Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*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.*

*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)

- 1 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.

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† Offering Prayer

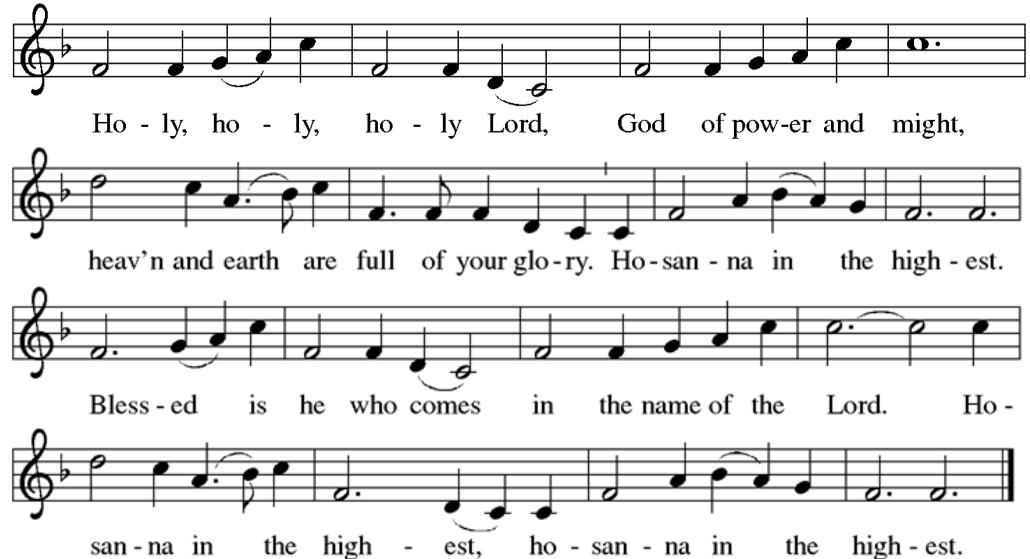
Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

† 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.**

† Preface

† Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

	<p><b>† Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution</b></p> <p><i>For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.</i></p> <p><b>Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.</b></p>
<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><b>† Lord's Prayer</b></p> <p>Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus first taught us: <b>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.</b></p>
	<p><b>† Invitation to the Table</b></p> <p>The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.</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. You are invited to stand or kneel at the altar 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: Let Us Go Now to the Banquet (ELW 523)</b></p> <p><i>Refrain:</i> Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe. The table's set and a place is waiting; come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.</p> <p><b>1 I will rise in the early morning;</b></p>

the community's waiting for me.  
With a spring in my step I'm walking  
with my friends and my family. *Refrain*

- 2 God invites all the poor and hungry  
to the banquet of justice and good  
where the harvest will not be hoarded  
so that no one will lack for food. *Refrain*
- 3 May we build such a place among us  
where all people are equal in love.  
God has called us to work together  
and to share ev'rything we have. *Refrain*

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### **Communion Hymn: Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters (ELW 445)**

- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,  
where your cleansing waters flow.  
Number them among your people;  
bless as Christ blessed long ago.  
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;  
compass them with love and light.  
Fill, anoint them; send your spirit,  
holy dove and heart's delight.
- 2 We who bring them long for nurture;  
by your milk may we be fed.  
Let us join your feast,  
partaking cup of blessing, living bread.  
God, renew us, guide our footsteps;  
free from sin and all its snares,  
one with Christ in living, dying,  
by your Spirit, children, heirs.
- 3 Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!  
Unimagined, all your ways!  
To your name be glory, honor!  
With our lives we worship, praise!  
We your people stand before you,

Water-washed and Spirit-born.  
By your grace, our lives we offer.  
Recreate us; God, transform!

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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 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: Will You Come and Follow Me (ELW 798)v 1, 2, 4, 5

1 "Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

2 "Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r  
in you and you in me?

4 "Will you love the you you hide  
if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?"

- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

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*The dismissal  
sends us out as  
Christ's Body:  
nourished, fed, &  
ready to serve.  
Worship has  
ended, & our  
service begins!*

## † Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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Additional action steps and ideas to continue our journey together of being an anti-racist church:



- Explore racial justice resources and materials at <https://www.elca.org/our-work/publicly-engaged-church/racial-justice-ministries> or using the QR code to the left.

- Offer prayer and financial support toward the Mother Emanuel memorial project, here: [www.emanuelnine.org](http://www.emanuelnine.org)

- Watch the film “13<sup>th</sup>” on Netflix or YouTube. “Just Mercy” and “Marshall” are also recommended films.
- Review anti-racism materials/resources doc on Good Soil’s website, posted with today’s bulletin, or using the QR code to the right.



## Today's Worship Servants:

Ushers: Bill & Darlene Wahl	Livestream: Isaac Krankowski
Reader: Taylor Nichols	Acolyte:
Counters: David Paine	Cantor: Beau Reddington
Online Usher: Pam Lanter	Altar Care: Darlene Wahl
Communion Bread: Darlene Wahl	



## Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Jun 22, 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 baptism anniversaries this week:** Trey Harrison (6/23).

**For those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week:** Mark & Mary Kay Liston (6/23) and Sharon & Steve Regan (6/24).

**The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Mildred Mahnke (JoAnne Wancata's mother) for her birthday.**

**Holy Hikes meeting on 6/28-** Holy Hikes is a worship-while-you-hike spiritual experience, led by former Good Soil member (and now pastor) The Rev. Marilyn Matevia. It's wonderful way to praise God and grow in faith in God's outdoor sanctuary. The next Holy Hikes meeting will be on 6/28 at 10 am, in Chapin Forest, 10381 Hobart Rd, Kirtland. Dogs on leashes are allowed, and updates in case of bad weather can be found on the Holy Hikes Facebook page.

**CELEBRATE RECONCILING IN CHRIST!** An overwhelming majority of Good Soil members voted to become an officially recognized Reconciling In Christ (RIC) church. We will use this designation to let those who feel marginalized or unwelcomed at other churches know that our doors and hearts truly welcome their joining us, learning to love everyone, as just as God loves us. That's what Christians do. Please come celebrate with refreshments and a special RIC cake after worship on June 29 in the fellowship area!

**LOOKING TO PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION?** Hunger continues growing in our community affecting people of all ages and backgrounds. You can be part of the solution by volunteering at the monthly Lakewood Fresh Produce Distribution. Circle your calendar for the third Saturday of each month, now through November 15, from 9:00 am to 12 noon. No beforehand sign-up is necessary, Just meet at the Lakewood Congregational Church parking lot located on the corner of 1375 W. Clifton Blvd at Detroit Ave. Takes place rain or shine. You'll help fill sacks with a variety of fresh, nourishing produce and then distribute them to waiting pre-qualified recipients cafeteria style. The rewarding part is getting to put your faith into action and share God's love with others. We'll see you there!



**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](mailto:rrlwcoordinator@westshoremow.org) for further info.

**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 22	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship</b>	9:30 am
Sat, Jun 28	Holy Hikes Meeting, Chapin Forest, 10381 Hobart Rd, Kirtland	10:00 am
Sun, Jun 29	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship- <i>Made in the Image of God Sunday</i></b>	9:30 am
Sun, Jun 29	RIC Celebration Fellowship after worship	10:30 am
Fri, Jul 4	<i>Independence Day, Church Office Closed</i>	
Sat, Jul 5	Ladies' Breakfast @ Gene's Place to Dine	9:00 am
Sun, Jul 6	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship</b>	9:30 am



