

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



Second Sunday of the Season of Creation, Storm Sunday  
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9:30am



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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.



**RECONCILING IN CHRIST**

## Second Sunday of the Season of Creation, Storm Sunday

*We continue in the Season of Creation—a time when the global church unites to intentionally reflect on God's presence in creation and our calling to care for it. We give thanks, we pray, we lament, we hope, and we recommit ourselves to healing our relationship with our sacred home. This Sunday is Storm Sunday! We sing with the winds, the clouds, and the thunder. We experience the stillness before the storm, the fury of the winds, and the destructive aftermath of the tornado. We experience God's presence in the storm and with us in all storms of life.*

### **Gathering**

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

#### **Prelude and Welcome**

#### **† Call to Worship**

In the name of God,  
Whose voice is in the thunder of the storm.

In the name of Christ,  
Whose peace is in the stillness after the storm.

In the name of the Spirit,  
Whose essence is in the winds of the storm. **Amen.**

On this second Sunday in the Season of Creation, we invite the elements of the storm to worship with us:

**Wild winds and dark clouds, lightning flashes and thunder rolls.**

We invite the hurricane to join us in wonder:

**Fierce gales and blinding rains, crashing waves and swaying trees.**

Where is God in the tornado?

**As crucified Christ—in solidarity with victims. As risen Christ—bringing life out of death.**

Where is God in the hurricane?

**As crucified Christ—suffering with those who suffer. As risen Christ—offering new life amidst loss.**

Where is God in the tsunami?

**As crucified Christ—identifying with the grieving. As risen Christ—providing comfort and hope.**

Where is God in the storm? **God is with us and working for good.**

*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.*

## † Confession and Forgiveness

Remembering times when we have been awed or frightened by storms, we confess our doubts:

In the wake of the storms of life,  
**we have doubted God's presence.**

In the wake of human suffering,  
**we have doubted God's goodness.**

In the wake of the destruction of nature,  
**we have doubted God's love.**

We bring these doubts and uncertainties before you, O God, trusting that faith and doubt are not opposites, and that you are with us in our questions and wonderings.

*Silence for reflection.*

Christ hears our confession, receives our doubts, and assures us of God's presence. Even in the fiercest storm, Christ comforts us and offers new life.

God is not far off in heaven playing games with nature. God's presence is with us, deep within each storm. The Crucified God suffers with all who suffer and works to bring new beginnings from endings. Our God is the God of resurrection and new life. **Amen.**

## † Gathering Hymn: Morning has Broken (ELW 556)

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

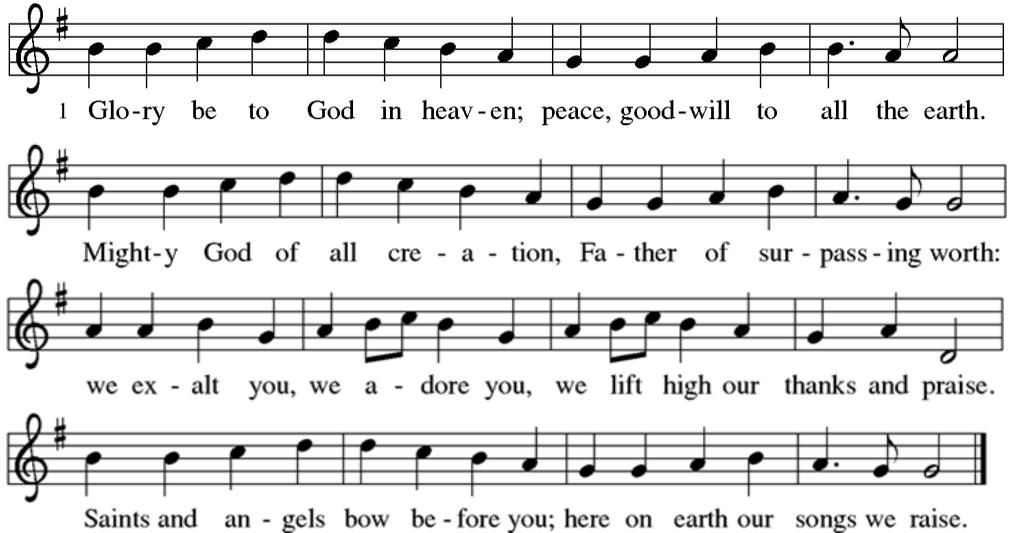
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*The assembly and presiding minister greet each other (scripture ref. 2 Corinthians).*

## † 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



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

*The Prayer of the Day highlights themes in today's scripture.*

## † Prayer of the Day

God, our Creator, as we face the storms of this world, we celebrate the wonders of the wind and the weather. Help us to see your presence in the forces of nature, your presence with those who suffer from natural disasters, and your presence among those who come to their aid. Teach us to recognize your Wisdom embedded in nature, a Wisdom that suffers, guides, and heals. In the name of Christ, who is the Wisdom of God renewing all things in creation. **Amen.**

## The Word

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

### First Reading: Job 28:20-27

To put this reading into context:

*Where is wisdom found? According to the poet in Job, God discovers wisdom embedded in nature, even in elements of the weather, when God was creating the cosmos. Wisdom is hidden from us, but to God, all is known.*

Hear now the reading.

- <sup>20</sup> “Where then does wisdom come from?  
And where is the place of understanding?  
<sup>21</sup> It is hidden from the eyes of all living  
and concealed from the birds of the air.  
<sup>22</sup> Destruction and Death say,  
‘We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.’  
<sup>23</sup> “God understands the way to it,  
and God knows its place.  
<sup>24</sup> For God looks to the ends of the earth  
and sees everything under the heavens.  
<sup>25</sup> When the Lord gave to the wind its weight  
and apportioned out the waters by measure,  
<sup>26</sup> when the Lord made a decree for the rain,  
and a way for the thunderbolt,  
<sup>27</sup> then God saw it and declared it;  
The Lord established it and searched it out.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 29**

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;  
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders over the mighty waters.  
<sup>4</sup> **The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.  
<sup>6</sup> **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf  
and Mount Herman like a young wild ox.**
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.  
<sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl  
and strips the forest bare,  
and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

<sup>11</sup>May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

*We welcome  
the gospel by  
singing the  
Gospel  
Acclamation.  
We rise, if able,  
to anticipate  
Christ being  
revealed to us  
in the Gospel's  
Living Word.*

**† Gospel Acclamation: Heleluyan (ELW 171)\***

*\*This gospel acclamation tunes comes from our Muscogee (Creek) native siblings and may be sung in a round.*



*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: Luke 8:22-25**

To put this reading into context:

*The stilling of the storm not only demonstrates Jesus' capacity to perform miracles; it also demonstrates that he is in tune with nature and knows 'the way' of the storm. In the midst of tempestuous waves and powerful winds, Jesus is the one who calms the storm.*

The holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>One day [Jesus] got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, <sup>23</sup>and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. <sup>24</sup>They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And waking up, he rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. <sup>25</sup>He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were afraid and amazed and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water and they obey him?"

	<p>The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.</p>
	<p><b>Children’s Sermon</b> <i>Sunday School is on break until 10/5! Young children are welcome to remain in the sanctuary during the sermon or go to the “learn &amp; grow in faith” area (nursery room at the end of the hall, east side of the building). Children must be supervised by an adult. On select Sundays there may be a craft activity with a Sunday School teacher in the lounge.</i></p>
	<p><b>Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison</b> <i>Silence for Reflection. Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You’re invited to reflect on the following question: How do you hear Jesus’ voice in the midst of life’s storms? What helps to ground you and give you peace during uncertain times?</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><b>† Hymn of the Day: Here I Am, Lord (ELW 574)</b></p> <p>1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"</p> <p><i>Refrain:</i> Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.</p> <p>2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" <i>Refrain</i></p>

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
 I will tend the poor and lame.  
 I will set a feast for them.  
 My hand will save.  
 Finest bread I will provide  
 till their hearts be satisfied.  
 I will give my life to them.  
 Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

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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  
 participation.*

**† Prayers of the Church**

We thank you, O God, for our wondrous planet home and all the forces of nature. Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all those who have suffered from extreme storms and weather events. Help us to be agents of help and healing in your name. Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for leaders in our nation and in nations around the world, that they work for justice and peace and bring an end to oppression, war, and violence. Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer or are in any need. Today we especially pray for Dale, Dave, Helen, Mike, Gail, Mary Lou, the Busby family, Joe, Jon D, Frank, Matthew, Brendan, Ed & Verna, Sara, Donna, Mary Lou & Glenn, Toni, Kate, Stan & Ann, Charley & Cindy, Bill, Susan, Sally, Thomas, Ruth, Kenya, Diane, Jeanette, Khams & his community in Manipur, ...and those we name aloud or in our hearts. Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for all your saints, all those who are now at rest in you. Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Gathered together with all of creation in the communion of the Holy Spirit, we offer these and all our prayers to you. **Amen.**

*Each petition  
 addresses a  
 different topic.*

*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



**Offering**      *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, and your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil keep making an impact by giving today using the QR code or at [pushpay.com/g/goodsoillutheran](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: For the Fruit of All Creation, (ELW 679) v. 1, 3**

- 1 For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.  
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.
  
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

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### † **Offering Prayer**

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and our concern for all in need, including our fellow creatures on Earth. **Amen.**

### † **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

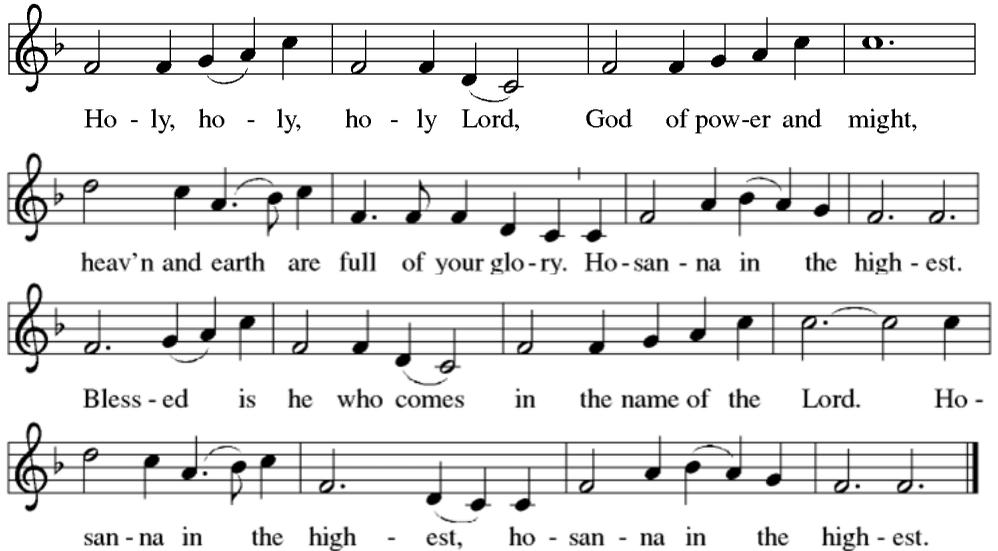
Lift up your hearts.

**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.

### † Words of Institution

### † Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus first taught us:  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### † Invitation to the Table

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice. Amen.

### Communion

*Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil.*

*Children are welcome to come to the Lord's table for communion or for a blessing, depending on parent/guardian's preference.*

*The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.*

*When you receive the elements, you are invited to respond with “Amen” or “Thanks be to God.”*

*Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding down the center aisle to the front in a single-file line. We will be observing standing processional communion, rather than kneeling at the rail.*

*Gluten-free bread is available on request. The wine (red) is in the outer rings of the tray, the grape juice (white) is in the center. Communion cups can be returned at the end tables on your way back to your seat.*

### **Communion Hymn: Precious Lord, Take my Hand (ELW 773)**

1 Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light:

*Refrain:* Take my hand, precious Lord,  
lead me home.

2 When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call,  
Hold my hand lest I fall: *Refrain*

3 When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand,  
Guide my feet, hold my hand: *Refrain*

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### **Communion Hymn: My Life Flows on in Endless Song (ELW 763)**

1 My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

*Refrain:* No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

- 2 Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*
- 3 What though my joys and comforts die?  
The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

### † 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: God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind (ELW 400) v. 1, 3, 4

- 1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind,  
as on Pentecost descend!  
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;  
past these walls your people send!  
Sweep us into costly service,  
there with Christ to bear the cross,  
there with Christ to bear the cross!

3 God of earthquake, God of thunder,  
shake us loose from lethargy!  
Break the chains of sin asunder,  
for earth's healing set us free!  
Crumble walls that still divide us;  
make us one in Christ our Lord,  
make us one in Christ our Lord!

4 God of passion, God unsleeping,  
stir in us love's restlessness!  
Where the people cry in anguish,  
may we share your heart's distress.  
Rouse us from content with evil;  
claim us for your kingdom's work,  
claim us for your kingdom's work!

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

**† Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

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**Today's Worship Servants:**

Ushers: Larry & Chris Jacobson	Livestream: Sean Lanter
Reader: Sharon Bechtel	Acolyte: TJ Lanter
Counters: Joe Lanter & Barbara Munch	Cantor: Brenna Connor
Online Usher: Pam Lanter	Altar Care: Evan Paine
Communion Bread: Michael Mitterholzer	



## Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, September 14, 2025

**Especially in our prayers:** Dale Alexander, Dave, Helen Andrews, Mike Bishop, Gail Boggs, family & friends of Dakota Brooks, Mary Lou Busby, the Busby family, Joe Cassatta, Jon Deye, Frank Dunaway, Matthew Eaton, Brendan Erchul, Ed & Verna Fink, Sara Gresh, Donna Handy, Mary Lou & Glenn Kolke, Toni Kulma, Kate Labuda, Stan & Ann Layman, Charley & Cindy McCabe, Bill Meyer, Susan Omerod, Sally Pate, Thomas Pate, Ruth Patrick, Kenya Russell, Diane Traxler, Jeannette Weidlich, Cole Younger & family, Khams Zotal & his people in Manipur, the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, and Gaza.

**For those celebrating birthdays this week:** Kathy Aloï (9/16).

**For those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week:** Evan Paine & Natalie Tasseff (9/17).

**Knitting Lessons-** As part of our congregational renewal activities, Anne Paine has offered to teach knitting lessons. If you'd like to learn, let Anne know at [anne.c.paine@gmail.com](mailto:anne.c.paine@gmail.com). She hopes to offer a class on Thursday evenings in the fall.

**Joint Outdoor Worship and Ice Cream on 9/21!** On 9/21 (Universe Sunday), we will worship outdoors (in-person only) here at Good Soil, with Bethesda on the Bay. After worship, we will be hosting the Polar X-Press Ice Cream Truck. Everyone who attends worship will be treated to an ice cream treat of their choice! **Please bring a lawn chair.** Hope to see you there!

**9/21: Holy Land Christians will be our guests. Hear their story, see their beautiful olivewood carvings.** On 9/21, during outdoor worship with Bethesda, we will have special guests to share about Christians of the Holy Land. Afterwards, they will show handmade olivewood carvings from Bethlehem available for purchase. These carvings include Nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels, and more. All proceeds go toward supporting Christian families from Bethlehem.

**Save the Date: Sun 9/28** Please join us on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> for a Woodland Themed Baby Shower honoring Pastor Marissa and Trey in Fellowship Hall after worship. Festivities include a light lunch with additional activities, such as guessing games (with prizes!), craft activities for the kids and a few surprises kicking off at 11:00. Your presence, fellowship and good wishes are your gift to Pastor Marissa and Trey. If you'd like to give an additional gift to celebrate the coming arrival of Baby Harrison, you can:

- Bring a gift of your choosing, or making, to the shower. Please refer to the registry at [babylist.com](http://babylist.com) (search for Marissa Harrison).

- Bring a book to add to the Harrison Family Library.
- Contribute to a consolidated gift from Good Soil members consisting of cash or a gift card. Please contact Jennifer Krankowski ([hansonjenm@yahoo.com](mailto:hansonjenm@yahoo.com)) or Sharon Hollowell ([hollowells99@gmail.com](mailto:hollowells99@gmail.com)) on how to make your contribution.

Please do not wrap your individual gift or book but, be sure to add attach a gift tag with your name or the name of your family. Individual gifts and books will be displayed on a table for Pastor Marissa and Trey -- freeing up time otherwise spent on the "unwrapping gift ritual" to instead mingle, receive good wishes from the church family and participate in the festivities.

**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:

1. **Lakewood Fresh Produce Distribution:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, 9am-12pm, through 11/15/25. Meet at the Lakewood Congregational Church parking lot located on the corner of 1375 W. Clifton Blvd at Detroit Ave, Lakewood.

2. **New Covenant Produce for the People:** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, 9am-12pm, through 9/27/25 at New Covenant Lutheran Church, 1424 Hayden Ave, Cleveland.

Both service opportunities take place rain or shine. No sign-up needed. You'll help fill bags with fresh, nourishing produce and distribute them to waiting pre-qualified recipients cafeteria style. Put your faith into action and share God's love with others! Good Soil is also collecting plastic grocery bags for these ministries in the black canister in the hallway.

**Conference-Wide Disaster Relief Trip (11/2/25-11/7/25, Roan Mountain, TN)** -- Consider participating in this "spiritual retreat with nails" and share Christian compassion and love with this TN community as they continue to recover from Hurricane Helene. Participants will leave 11/2 after worship and return on 11/7. Contact Conference Dean Pr. Angela Freeman to learn more or with questions. [pastor.angela@bethesdaonthebay.org](mailto:pastor.angela@bethesdaonthebay.org) or call (440) 871-2276.

**Congregational Renewal Activities-** The Renewal Committee reflected on the congregation's interest in meaningful activities centered on rest based on the sign-up sheets in the hallway. Four areas emerged as priorities for Good Soil at this time:

1. Creative Rest: We'll focus on hands-on *crafting* activities to inspire joy and creativity.
2. Spiritual Rest: A *Book Club* will be held to encourage deep reflection & rich discussion.
3. Physical Rest: *Hikes in Nature* with the Holy Hikes Northeast Ohio planned events (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month, see Holy Hikes-Northeast Ohio Facebook Page for details).
4. Social Rest: There was interest in a *potluck*, but we need someone to plan the event. If you'd like to volunteer to organize a time of relaxation & connection over good food,

music, & conversation in the coming months, contact [admin@goodsoillutheran.org](mailto:admin@goodsoillutheran.org). More details provided as each group meets and makes plans in the coming weeks & months.



**Bethesda Staff Partnership-** Scan the QR code to see an update from Good Soil and Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran's staff partnership to search for a shared Minister for Christian Formation, shared on 8/24! Please pray for our joint call committee as they journey together. Read additional info below:

**Call Committee Work-** Bethesda on the Bay and Good Soil have formed a committee to find & call a shared Minister for Christian Formation, to work on faith formation, spiritual family growth, & more. The committee members are Chris Webner (co-leader), Lynne Zeidler, Scott Pohlkamp, & Lisa Hanson from Bethesda, and JoAnne Wancata (co-leader), Evan Paine, Emma Sleva, & Amelia Forshey from Good Soil. Feel free to reach out to any of them. The committee has begun their work, utilizing an ELCA guide. One of the committee's primary goals is to regularly communicate with and involve congregants throughout the search. The committee will be holding informative & participative meetings with the congregations, during or after service, throughout the search. The committee asks for prayers during this process.

**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.

**Flower Sign-Up-** Interested in adorning Christ's altar with flowers for worship? Sign up on the flower list on the hallway bulletin board or online using this QR code. Please note: The physical bulletin board list has priority. Best efforts are made to ensure the digital calendar matches the physical one. If you sign up online for a date that is taken on the physical list, we will reach out to reschedule. Each vase costs \$20. You may bring your own flowers instead of buying through Good Soil, but please 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, Sept 14	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship: Storm Sunday</b>	9:30 am
Sun, Sept 21	<b>Outdoor Worship (In-Person Only): Universe Sunday</b>	9:30 am
Sat, Sept 27	New Covenant Produce Distribution (LAST ONE)	9:00 am
Sun, Sept 28	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship: Animal Sunday</b>	9:30 am
Sun, Sept 28	Pastor Marissa and Trey's baby shower in fellowship hall	11:00 am
Sun, Oct 5	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship: Reformation Sunday, <i>Sunday School Returns</i></b>	9:30 am
Sun, Oct 5	Confirmation Fellowship after Worship	10:30 am
Sun, Oct 5	Community Pet Blessing at St. Barnabas Episcopal, Bay Village	2:00 pm