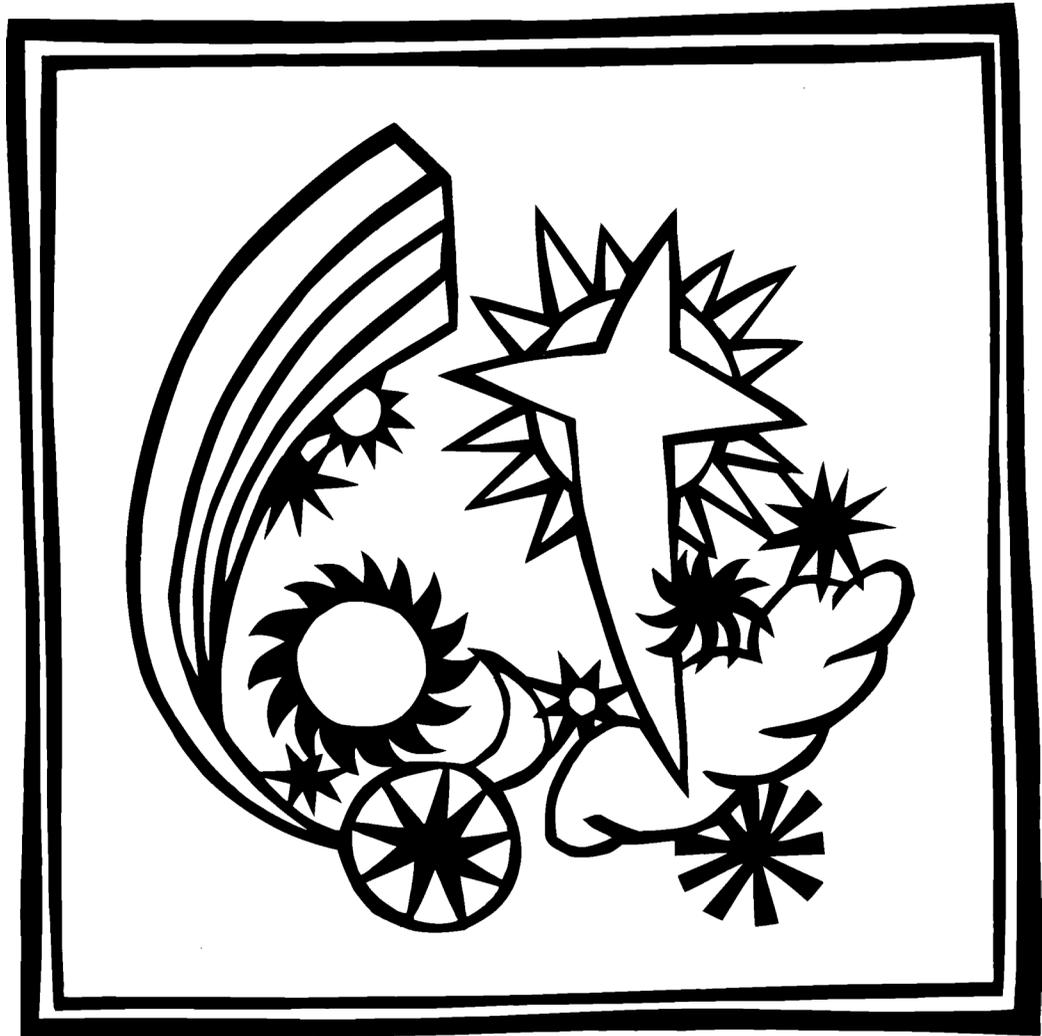


Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



Third Sunday of the Season of Creation, Universe Sunday
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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. 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 the Season of Creation, Universe Sunday

Today is the third Sunday 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, pray, lament, hope, and recommit ourselves to healing our relationship with our sacred home. We worship today with the entire universe, conscious that the universe is a vast sacred space of which we humans on Earth are such a small but privileged part. We join the Psalmists and call on the sky above and the deep below to shout songs of praise. We celebrate the wondrous interconnectedness that permeates, activates, and unifies the web of worlds that is our universe.

Gathering

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

Prelude and Welcome

Opening Reflection Question

Find someone you don't know or don't know well. Introduce yourself with your name and which faith community you are from. Then, share your reflections on the following question:

“What is something that creates awe for you in God's creation?”

† Call to Worship

In the name of the Risen Christ whose presence fills the universe,
In the name of the Cosmic Christ whose presence pulses through all galactic space,
In the name of the Living Christ who is ever-present across light years of time, including this very moment. **Amen.**

On this Universe Sunday, we invite all of creation to worship with us:
Glittering galaxies high above, radiating the splendor of God's presence.

We call distant domains of space to celebrate with us:
The nebula, nova, and red giant stars, thanking God for their formation in the universe.

We summon the domain of stardust called Earth:
Pulsing with the rhythm of God's presence and celebrating God's glory in this planet garden.

We invite millions of living species to join in praise:
The turtle, the toad, the elephant, the earthworm, the ant, the dragonfly.

We invite every creature in the web of creation:
All connected in this cosmic community called the universe, dancing with life and cosmic energy!

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

We are conscious of our place in the universe, remembering moments of wonder, sensing the infinite world of space, connecting with endless networks of time, feeling the mystery of the moment.

And even as we remember, we confess that we have often been selfish, polluting our atmosphere and ignoring the needs of others, human and non-human alike, with whom we are closely connected in this part of the web of creation called planet Earth.

We have polluted Earth's atmosphere

We have created a hole in the ozone layer.

We have turned our greed into global warming.

We have exploited the poor and the vulnerable.

We have ignored our connection with creation where we live.

We have loved progress more than the planet.

We are sorry.

Silence for reflection.

Christ hears our confession and forgives our sins against creation, inviting us to celebrate Earth as our home, a precious part in the universe's web of creation. **Amen.**

† Gathering Hymn: Earth and All Stars (ELW 731) v. 1, 2, & 5

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

Refrain: God has done marvelous things.

I too sing praises with a new song!

- 2 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*
- 5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

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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 reflect on the mysteries of the universe, we celebrate the wondrous design of creation and the Wisdom that guides its course. Help us to discern how we are connected with living members of the cosmic community. Teach us to sense the presence of the cosmic Christ, whose presence fills and reconciles all forces in creation. **Amen.**

The Word

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

First Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

To put this reading into context:

The letter to the Colossians tells us that all Creation is held together in Jesus Christ through whom all things were created.

Hear now the reading.

¹⁵Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to Godself all things, whether on Earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148: 1-6, 13, 14

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

² **Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!**

³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ **Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.

⁶ **He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for his name alone is exalted;
 his glory is above earth and heaven.
 14 He has raised up a horn for his people,
 praise for all his faithful,
 for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the LORD!

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.*

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

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 24:44-53

To put this reading into context:

At the conclusion of Luke's Gospel, Jesus ascends into the Cosmos. As he leaves his disciples, he opens their minds to understand his mission and theirs.

The holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

44Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." 45Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things. 49And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

50Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. 51While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them

and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

Children's Sermon

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 & 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.

Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison

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

What experiences have you had that've helped you feel the vastness of the universe and/or your connection to the wider universe? How does this inform your relationship with your fellow human-neighbors and creature-neighbors? What can you do to foster or strengthen those connections?

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: O God Beyond All Praising (ELW 880)

- 1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
- 2 The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.
- 3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;

and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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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.*

*Each petition
addresses a
different topic.*

† Prayers of the Church

We thank you, O God, for our wondrous planet home, connected with a web of worlds we call the universe. Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Remind us of your imminent and transcendent presence with us: vast as the universe, yet intimately caring about every living thing. 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 all those we name aloud or in our hearts at this time (*a brief silence*). Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the congregations of Bethesda on the Bay and Good Soil Lutheran. Bless our growing partnership and relationships. Guide the efforts of our joint call committee as we seek to discern who you are calling to be our shared Minister of Christian Formation. 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.**

*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, 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



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.

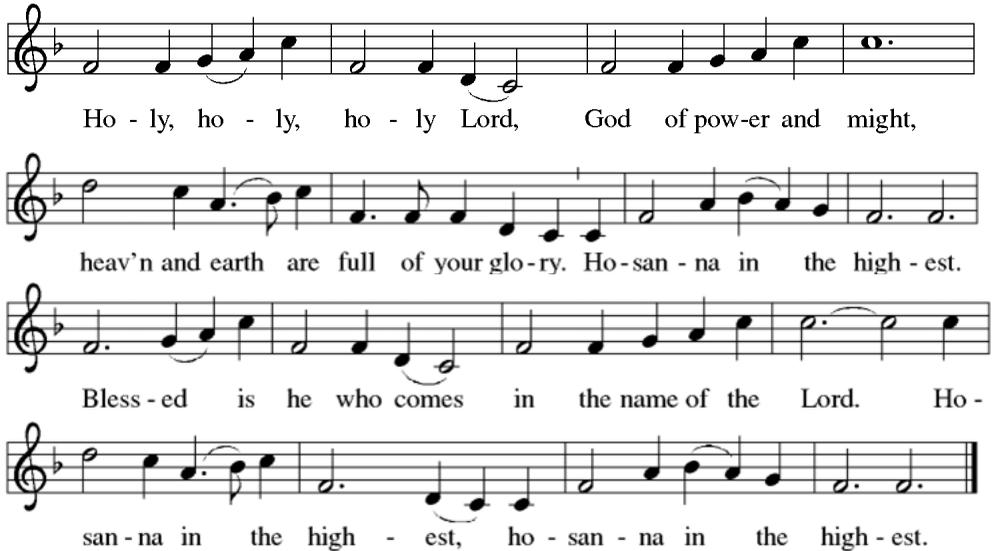
Lift up your hearts.

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

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

† 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.

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

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: Creating God, Your Fingers Trace (ELW 684)

- 1 Creating God, your fingers trace
the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light
and what lies hidden praise your might.
- 2 Sustaining God, your hands uphold
earth's myst'ries known or yet untold;
let water's fragile blend with air,
enabling life, proclaim your care.
- 3 Redeeming God, your arms embrace
all now despised for creed or race;
let peace, descending like a dove,
make known on earth your healing love.
- 4 Indwelling God, your gospel claims
one fam'ly with a billion names;
let ev'ry life be touched by grace
until we praise you face to face.

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Communion Hymn: God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens (ELW 771)

- 1 God, who stretched the spangled heavens
infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space:

we, your children in your likeness,
share inventive pow'rs with you;
great Creator, still creating,
show us what we yet may do.

2 We have ventured worlds undreamed of
since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging
through untraveled realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom,
yielding unimagined pow'r,
facing us with life's destruction
or our most triumphant hour.

3 As each far horizon beckons,
may it challenge us anew:
children of creative purpose,
serving others, hon'ring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise;
each endeavor well begun;
great Creator, give us guidance
till our goals and yours are one.

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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.

<p><i>Through the sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.</i></p>	<p>† Sending Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth (ELW 879) v. 1, 3, 4</p> <p>1 For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:</p> <p><i>Refrain:</i> Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.</p> <p>3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.</p>
<p><i>The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body: nourished, fed, & ready to serve. Worship has ended, and our service begins!</i></p>	<p>† Dismissal</p> <p>Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. Thanks be to God.</p>
	<p>Postlude</p>

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Today's Worship Servants:

Ushers: Kim Wylie & Bill Fink	Acolyte: George Young
Reader: David Dick	Cantor: Beau Reddington
Counters: Kirsten Reading & Ellen Young	Altar Care: Darlene Wahl
Communion Bread: Michael Mitterholzer	
Musicians: Dave Paine, William Eversole, Erik Bogen, Deb Yandala, and Matt Bishop. Joint choir from Good Soil and Bethesda under the direction of Eric Richardson.	



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, September 21, 2025

Especially in our prayers: Dale Alexander, Dave, Helen Andrews, Mike Bishop, Gail Boggs, 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, The Sburlea Family, Andrew Sykaluk, Diane Traxler, Jeannette Weidlich, Khams Zotal & his people in Manipur, the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, and Gaza.

For those celebrating birthdays this week: JoAnne Wancata (9/26).

For those celebrating baptism anniversaries this week: Amelia Forshey (9/26).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Andrea & Tom Molnar (9/23).

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the Glory of God in honor of Miranda and William Stearns birthday and the wedding anniversary of Tanya and Stuart Calcote.

Please hold the Sburlea family in your prayers: Council President Sarah Sburlea and her family—Husband Alin, Son Luca and Daughter Maddie—suffered a destructive house fire (electrical), and they are no longer able to live at their home in Westlake. No one was hurt, but the damage to the property is severe. Please surround them with your prayers and love as their church family. Greeting cards and grocery cards can be mailed to Nancie Smith, Sarah’s mom, where they will be living in the meantime:

Sburlea Family
c/o Nancie Smith
30009 Shadow Creek Dr.
Westlake, OH 44145

TODAY: Holy Land Christian Solidarity Cooperative will be our guests. Hear their story, see their beautiful olivewood carvings. During worship, special guests Mike and Niveen will share about Christians of the Holy Land. Afterwards, they will show handmade olivewood carvings from Bethlehem available for purchase. More than 70% of the Christian Community in the Holy Land depend upon tourism as their only source of income. The Christian population of the Holy Land was 30% in the last century, today it is less than 1%. Tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to the ongoing conflicts, the 12yd wall built around Bethlehem, the pandemic, and the

catastrophic war for the past 23 months. All proceeds go toward supporting Christian families from Bethlehem as a part of HLCSC's ministry. More info can be found at holylanlandcsc.com.

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. She hopes to offer a class on Thursday evenings in the fall.

Save the Date: Sun 9/28 Please join us on Sunday, September 28th 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 (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) or Sharon Hollowell (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:** 3rd 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:** THIS SATURDAY 4th 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 cannister 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 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 (4th 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.

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 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 21	Outdoor Worship (In-Person Only): Universe Sunday	9:30 am
Sat, Sept 27	New Covenant Lutheran's Produce Distribution (LAST ONE), 1424 Hayden Ave, Cleveland	9:00 am
Sat, Sept 27	Holy Hikes Meeting, Location TBD	10:00 am
Sun, Sept 28	In-Person & Livestream Worship: Animal Sunday	9:30 am
Sun, Sept 28	Pastor Marissa and Trey's baby shower in fellowship hall	11:00 am
Sun, Oct 5	In-Person & Livestream Worship: Reformation Sunday with Rite of Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation), Sunday School Returns	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