

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



Nineteenth 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.



**RECONCILING IN CHRIST**

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Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

### 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.*

#### † Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful and loving God,

**We trample on the needy.**

**We grumble about your grace given to others.**

**We turn away from the poor.**

**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

#### † Gathering Hymn: Day by Day (ELW 790)

1 Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
where at last I'll find eternal rest.

- 2 Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey; I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day. I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace. Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.
- 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand. Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936-2005 Text © 1992 Augsburg Fortress.

*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

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### The Word

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

#### **First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31**

To put this reading into context:

*Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."*

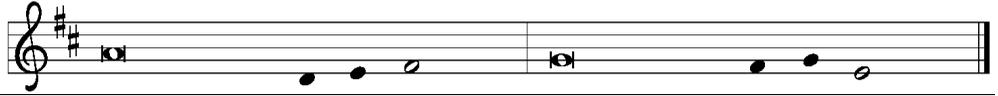
Hear now the reading.

<sup>22</sup>The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 121



- <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
from where is my | help to come?
- <sup>2</sup> **My help comes | from the LORD,  
the maker of heav- | en and earth.**
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your | foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keep- | er of Israel  
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;**
- <sup>5</sup> the LORD watches | over you;  
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;
- <sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike | you by day,  
nor the | moon by night.**
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD will preserve you | from all evil  
and will | keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup> **The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,  
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

*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: Great Is Thy Faithfulness, v. 1 and refrain

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

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

### † Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

To put this reading into context:

*Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice & deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.*

<p><i>through the Gospel reading.</i></p>	<p>The holy Gospel according to Luke.  <b>Glory to you, O Lord.</b></p> <p><sup>1</sup>Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”</p> <p>The gospel of the Lord.  <b>Praise to you, O Christ.</b></p>
	<p><b>Children’s Sermon</b></p> <p><i>After the children’s sermon, children grade 4 and younger are invited to step out with our Sunday School teachers for “Learn and Grow in Faith” class during the sermon. They’ll return during the Passing of the Peace.</i></p>
	<p><b>Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison</b></p> <p><i>Silence for Reflection. Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You’re invited to reflect on the following question:</i></p> <p><i>When have you prayed for something and didn’t receive the “answer” you were hoping for? Or that “answer” came in a different way or at a different time? How was God still present?</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: Be Thou My Vision (ELW 793) v. 1, 3, 4</b></p> <p>1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  thou my best thought both by day and by night,  waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.</p> <p>3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  thou mine inheritance, now and always:  thou and thou only, the first in my heart,</p>

great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 Light of my soul, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

*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,  
often in the same  
pattern:*

*+ The Church  
+ Creation  
+ Nations and  
leaders  
+ Those in need  
+ This faith  
community  
+ The great  
cloud of  
witnesses/those  
resting with God*

## † Prayers of the Church

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation. *A brief silence.*

We pray for the church universal. Bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation. Draw us to the beauty of all you have made. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. Grant leaders humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. Bring an end to war, violence, and oppression. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Send comfort & healing, especially for Dale, Dave, friends & family of Helen especially George, Tom, Mike, Gail, Mary Lou, the Busby family, Joe, friends & family of Paula, Jon D, Frank, Matthew, Brendan, Ed & Verna, Sara, Donna, Herb, Mary Lou & Glenn, Toni, Kate, Charley & Cindy, Bill, Susan, Sally, Thomas, Ruth, Katie, the Sburlea Family, Andrew, Diane, Jeanette, Stormy, Khams & his community in Manipur, ...and those we name aloud or in our hearts. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this faith community of Good Soil. Encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Bless Pastor Marissa, Trey, and Baby Harrison while they are on leave. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. We thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

	<p>We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b></p>
<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, we share in Christ's peace &amp; recognize it in each other.</i></p>	<p><b>† Passing of the Peace</b></p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always.  <b>And also with you.</b></p> <p><i>The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you" sharing the peace of Christ with one another in a no-touch or low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.</i></p>
<p><i>God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>The Meal</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p><b>Offering</b></p> <p>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 <a href="https://pushpay.com/g/goodsoillutheran">pushpay.com/g/goodsoillutheran</a></p>  <p><i>Aim your phone camera at the QR code, but don't take a picture. A link will appear to click on that will take you to Good Soil's support page.</i></p>
<p><i>The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.</i></p>	<p><b>† Offering Hymn: Give Thanks</b></p> <p>Give thanks with a grateful heart,  give thanks to the Holy One,  give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.</p> <p>And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  let the poor say, "I am rich,"  because of what the Lord has done for us.  Give thanks!</p> <p><small>Text: Henry Smith © 1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (ASCAP). All rights reserved. International © secured.</small></p>
	<p><b>† Offering Prayer</b></p> <p>Lord of the harvest,  we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.  Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,  but on you, who richly provides for us.  Multiply what we have gathered  to bless all who are suffering and in need,  through Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b></p>

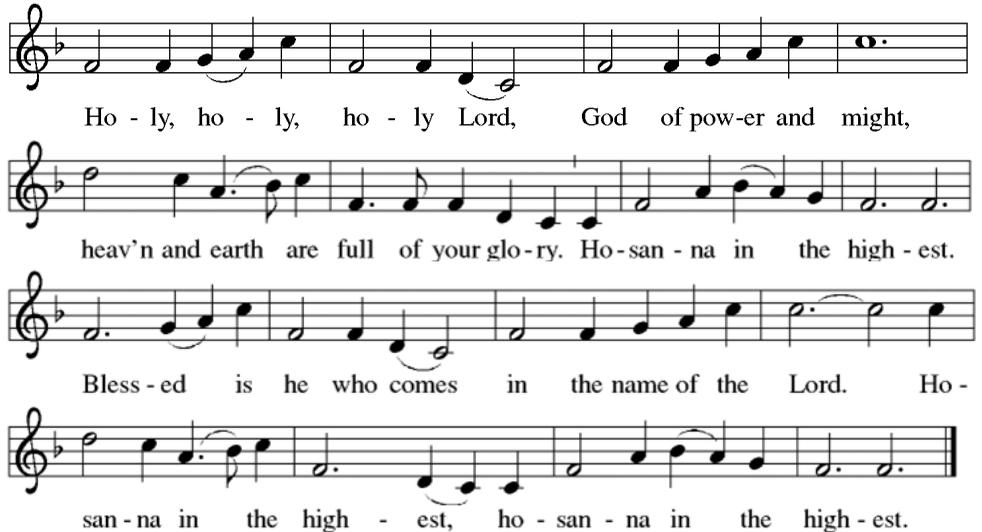
## † Great Thanksgiving

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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

## 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."*

*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: Rise Up, Oh Saints of God (ELW 669)

- 1 Rise up, O saints of God!  
From vain ambitions turn;  
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts  
with nobler zeal might burn.
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God!  
Despair engulfs earth's frame;  
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,  
the word of hope proclaim.
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God!  
The kingdom's task embrace;  
redress sin's cruel consequence;  
give justice larger place.
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God!  
Creation cries in pain;  
stretch forth your hand of healing now,  
with love the weak sustain.
- 5 Commit your hearts to seek  
the paths which Christ has trod;  
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,  
rise up, O saints of God!

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## Communion Hymn: Jesus, Still Lead On (ELW 624)

- 1 Jesus, still lead on,  
till our rest be won;  
and, although the way be cheerless,  
we will follow, calm and fearless;  
guide us by your hand  
to the promised land.
- 2 If the way be drear,  
if the foe be near,  
let no faithless fears o'ertake us,  
let not faith and hope forsake us;  
safely past the foe  
to our home we go.
- 3 When we seek relief  
from a long-felt grief,  
when temptations come alluring  
make us patient and enduring;  
show us that bright shore  
where we weep no more.
- 4 Jesus, still lead on,  
till our rest be won;  
heav'nly leader, still direct us,  
still support, console, protect us,  
till we safely stand  
in the promised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.

### † 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 God of righteousness,  
who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry,  
who sets the prisoners free,  
‡ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Through the sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.*

† **Sending Hymn: I Want to Walk as Child of the Light (ELW 815)**

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

*Refrain:* In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 Text © 1970, 1975 Celebration.

*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. Do not lose heart.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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*All are warmly welcomed after worship to join for coffee fellowship!*

**Today's Worship Servants:**

Ushers: Darlene Wahl & Sharon Hollowell	Livestream: Isaac Krankowski
Reader: Jennifer Krankowski	Acolyte: Ryan Williamson
Counters: David Paine & Becky Williamson	Cantor: David Paine
Online Usher: Stormy Younger	Altar Care: Evan Paine
Communion Bread: Chris Jacobson	



## Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, October 19, 2025

**Especially in our prayers:** Dale Alexander, Dave, friends and family of Helen Andrews, especially George, Tom Beck, Mike Bishop, Gail Boggs, Mary Lou Busby, the Busby family, Joe Cassatta, friends and family of Paula Cooper, Jon Deye, Frank Dunaway, Matthew Eaton, Brendan Erchul, Ed & Verna Fink, Sara Gresh, Donna Handy, Herb Harrison, Mary Lou & Glenn Kolke, Toni Kulma, Kate Labuda, Charley & Cindy McCabe, Bill Meyer, Susan Omerod, Sally Pate, Thomas Pate, Ruth Patrick, Katie Rininger, The Sburlea Family, Andrew Sykaluk, Diane Traxler, Jeannette Weidlich, Stormy Younger, Khams Zotal & his people in Manipur, the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, and Gaza.

**For those celebrating birthdays this week:** Edith Young (10/22) & Gloria Weidlich (10/24).

**For those celebrating baptism anniversaries this week:** Linda Beebe (10/20), Janet Whiley (10/22), and Evan Lanter (10/23).

**For those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week:** Scott & Jennifer Krankowski (10/21).

**All Saints Names-** You're invited to submit the names of loved ones who have died since All Saints Sunday 2024 (11/3/24) to remember during our Candle lighting rite on All Saints Sunday, 11/2/25. Please send names to Cara at [cclc@goodsoillutheran.org](mailto:cclc@goodsoillutheran.org).



**Maternity Leave FAQ-** Today (10/19) is Pr. M's last Sunday before maternity leave. Scan the QR code to the left to see the answers to some frequently asked questions. Pr. Jim Kulma will be the Pastor of Presence while she's gone. His email is [jkulma@cox.net](mailto:jkulma@cox.net) and his cell phone number is 216-221-7333.

**Good Soil Book Club-** We are holding a book club this fall as a pilot project. This chance for us to gather, share, & grow in our life together arose from the Congregation Renewal Team. We will meet on 11/6 & 11/20 at 6:30 pm in the lounge. Our first book is *Listening for God, Vol. 1*, containing writings by authors such as Flannery O'Connor, Alice Walker, & Garrison Keillor. Interested? Contact the church office at [admin@goodsoillutheran.org](mailto:admin@goodsoillutheran.org) or 440-331-1773. Books will be provided. Check the E-news & bulletin to see when they are available.

**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 their property and all of their belongings is severe. Please surround them with your prayers and love as their church family. If you'd like to do something in addition to prayers, consider mailing greeting cards and/or grocery cards to Nancie Smith, Sarah's mom: Sburlea Family c/o Nancie Smith, 30009 Shadow Creek Dr. Westlake, OH 44145.

**Additional Home Communion Ministry Training, 11/9:** Chaplain Linda Weidenbach will conduct a follow-up session and training for Good Soil's home communion ministry after service Nov 9. If you're already involved in this ministry, bring your questions. If you're interested in learning more or becoming part of it, you're also welcome! Questions? Contact Deaconess Anne Paine at [anne.c.paine@gmail.com](mailto:anne.c.paine@gmail.com) or 440-670-4917.

**Looking to put your faith into action?** Hunger grows in our community affecting people of all ages & backgrounds. You can be part of the solution by volunteering with Lakewood Fresh Produce Distribution 9am-12pm on 11/15/25 at the Lakewood Congregational Church parking lot, 1375 W. Clifton Blvd at Detroit Ave, Lakewood. This opportunity takes place rain or shine. No sign-up needed. You'll help fill bags with fresh produce & distribute them to pre-qualified recipients cafeteria style. Put your faith into action & share God's love with others! Good Soil is also collecting plastic grocery bags for this ministry in the black canister in the hallway.

**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: Hands-on *crafting* activities to inspire joy and creativity (i.e. knitting)
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).

**Knitting Lessons-** As part of our congregational renewal activities, Anne Paine is offering knitting lessons. The group meets on Thursdays at 7 pm. If you'd like to learn or have questions, contact Anne at [anne.c.paine@gmail.com](mailto:anne.c.paine@gmail.com), or text her at 440-670-4917.

**MOW looking for Drivers-** West Shore Rocky River-Lakewood Meals on Wheels works in Good Soil's kitchen M-F! They need more drivers to bring meals to recipients, especially Mon, Wed, & Fri. Contact 440-333-6298 or [rrlwcoordinator@westshoremow.org](mailto:rrlwcoordinator@westshoremow.org) for more info.



**Bethesda Staff Partnership-** Scan the QR code to read an update from Good Soil and Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran's call committee as they engage the call process seeking a shared Minister for Christian Formation. Please pray for our joint call committee as they journey together. Read additional info below:

**Call Committee Work-** The joint call 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 offering updates throughout the search. Please answer the reflection questions (using the above QR code or handouts on the welcome table) and submit those responses to JoAnne Wancata [jwancata@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jwancata@sbcglobal.net), if you haven’t already.

**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. Questions about flowers? Contact Cara Rovella at [cclc@goodsoillutheran.org](mailto:cclc@goodsoillutheran.org).



**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> Questions about the E-news? Contact Cara Rovella at [cclc@goodsoillutheran.org](mailto:cclc@goodsoillutheran.org).

**Calendar of Events**

Date	Event	Time
Sun, Oct 19	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship</b> <i>Pastor Marissa’s final Sunday before maternity leave</i>	9:30 am
Sun, Oct 19	Acolyte Training (2 <sup>nd</sup> grade and up)	10:30 am
Sun, Oct 19	Secret Sister Tea in the lounge	3:00 pm
Sun, Oct 26	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship</b>	9:30 am
Sat, Nov 1	Ladies’ Breakfast @ Gene’s Place to Dine	9:00 am
Sun, Nov 2	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship- All Saints Sunday</b>	9:30 am
Sun, Nov 2	Planned Giving Workshop	10:30 am
Sun, Nov 9	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship- Intent Sunday</b>	9:30 am
Sun, Nov 9	Additional Home Communion Ministry Training	10:30 am