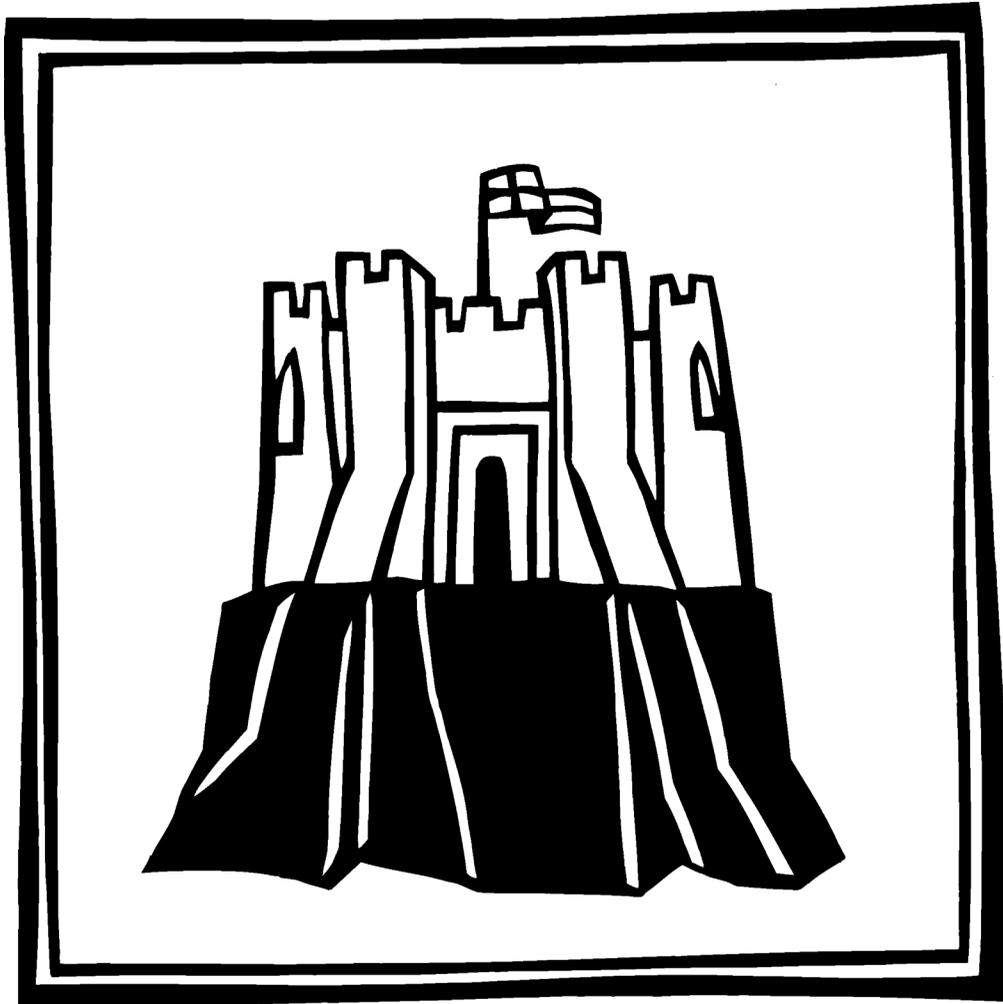


Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



**Reformation Sunday and Affirmation of Baptism for
Amelia Forshey, Isaac Krankowski, and Sean Lanter
October 5th, 2025
9:30 am**



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Welcome

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

For Parents with Children

Good Soil loves kids and the "holy noise" they bring! Your children are warmly welcome in worship. Sing, pray, and respond; your children will learn by 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

Reformation Sunday and Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship, mission, and faith.

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.**

This hymn, written by Martin Luther, was inspired by his love of Psalm 46, especially in hard times.

† Gathering Hymn: A Mighty Fortress is our God (ELW 504) v. 1, 2, 4

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might

he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

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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

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Word

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

New Testament Reading: Romans 3:21-24, 26b-28

To put this reading into context:

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

Hear now the reading.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁶[for God] is righteous and God justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

	<p>Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God.</p>
<p><i>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.</i></p>	<p>† Gospel Acclamation: Great Is Thy Faithfulness, v. 1 and refrain</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Refrain:</i> 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!</p> <p><small>Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960 Text © 1923, ren. 1951 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.</small></p>
<p><i>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.</i></p>	<p>† Gospel Reading: John 8:31-36</p> <p>To put this reading into context:</p> <p><i>Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.</i></p> <p>The holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.</p> <p>³¹ Jesus said to the Jewish people who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”</p> <p>³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”</p> <p>The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.</p>
	<p>Children’s Sermon</p> <p><i>Children grade 4 and younger are invited to step out with our Sunday School teachers for a “Learn and Grow in Faith” class during the sermon. They will return during the Passing of the Peace.</i></p>

Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison

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

*What is faith to you? How does faith make a difference in your life?
How does being a part of a faith community make a difference in your
life? How does the church (visible expression of faith) make a difference
in the world?*

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

*Today's Hymn
of the Day was
selected by
Confirmand
Amelia Forshey.*

† Hymn of the Day: How Great Thou Art (ELW 856) v. 1, 2, 4

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

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**Affirmation of Baptism (Rite of Confirmation) for
Amelia Forshey, Isaac Krankowski, and Sean Lanter**

Presentation

*Parent(s) or Baptismal Sponsor(s) of Amelia: I/We present Amelia,
who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.*

*Parent(s) or Baptismal Sponsor(s) of Isaac: I/We present Isaac, who
desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.*

Parent(s) or Baptismal Sponsor(s) of Sean: I/We present Sean, who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in Christ, Amelia, Isaac, and Sean, whom you have made your own by water and Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

† Profession of Faith

Confirmands and Families, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce evil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands and Family: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands and Family: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands and Family: I renounce them.

People of God, do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**In the Apostle's Creed, the lowercase "c" refers to the universal church*

† Rite of Confirmation

You each have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- † to live among God's faithful people,
- † to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- † to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- † to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- † and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each
Confirmand
claims these
Baptismal
promises for
their own faith
journey.*

If so, answer "I do, and I ask God to help me."

Amelia: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Isaac: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Sean: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to continue supporting Amelia, Isaac, and Sean, and praying for them in their life in Christ? If so, answer "We do, and we ask God to help us."

We do, and we ask God to help us.

Those making affirmation may kneel.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in Amelia the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and love of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Stir up in Isaac the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and love of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Stir up in Sean the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and love of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

	<p style="text-align: center;">† Welcome</p> <p><i>Those making affirmation stand and face the assembly.</i></p> <p>Let us rejoice with our Siblings in Christ! We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to the world.</p> <p><i>The assembly applauds.</i></p>
<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, we share in Christ's peace & recognize it in each other.</i></p>	<p>† Passing of the Peace</p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.</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>As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our participation.</i></p> <p><i>Each petition addresses a different topic, often in the same pattern:</i></p> <p><i>+ The Church + Creation + Nations and leaders + Those in need + This faith community + The great cloud of</i></p>	<p>† Prayers of the Church</p> <p>Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.</p> <p>Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the transforming power of the gospel. God of grace, receive our prayer.</p> <p>Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world. God of grace, receive our prayer.</p> <p>Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose. God of grace, receive our prayer.</p> <p>Heal all who suffer, O God, & bring them peace. Be our stronghold at all times. We especially pray 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 &</p>

*witnesses/those
resting with God*

Verna, Sara, Donna, Mary Lou & Glenn, Toni, Kate, Stan & Ann, Charley & Cindy, Bill, Susan, Sally, Thomas, Ruth, the Sburlea Family, Andrew, Diane, Jeanette, Khams & his community in Manipur, ...& those we name aloud or in our hearts. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community. On this Reformation Sunday, we especially pray for our Confirmands Amelia, Isaac, and Sean, and this milestone in their faith journey today. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints. Give us hope in your son's victory through the cross. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*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: Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

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.
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!

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† Offering Prayer

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. **Amen.**

† Great Thanksgiving

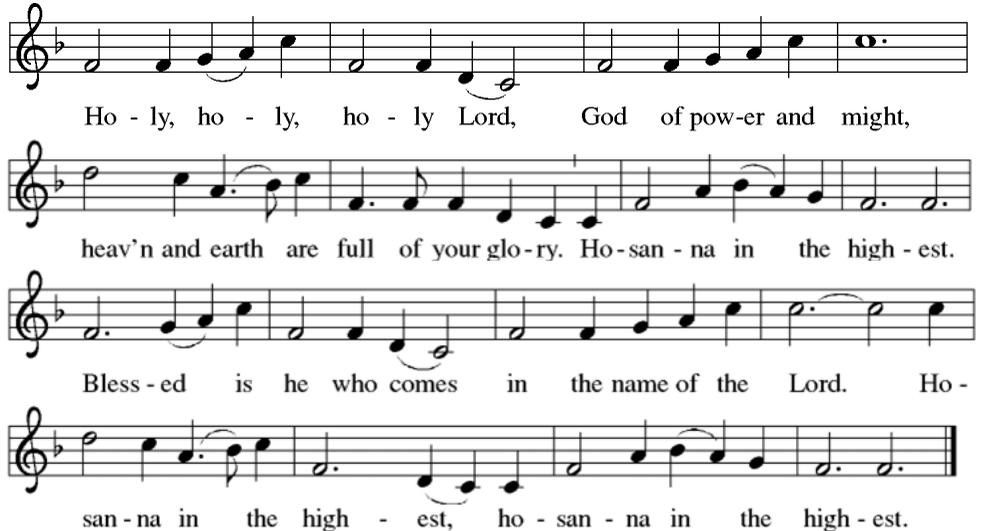
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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>† Words of Institution</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>† Lord's Prayer</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>† Invitation to the Table</p> <p>Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.</p>
	<p>Communion</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 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.</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><i>The first Communion Hymn today was selected by Confirmand Isaac Krankowski.</i></p>	<p>Communion Hymn: God of the Sparrow (ELW 740)</p> <p>1 God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say Praise</p> <p>2 God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast How does the creature say Woe How does the creature say Save</p>

- 3 God of the rainbow God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks
- 4 God of the hungry God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life
- 5 God of the neighbor God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace
- 6 God of the ages God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

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Communion Hymn: The Church of Christ in Every Age (ELW 729)

- 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.
- 2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.
- 3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.
- 4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

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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.**

Prayer for Home Communion Ministry

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As
you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those
who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are
homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those
who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your
abiding presence through the body and blood of your son, Jesus
Christ, our Lord. **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.*

*Today's Sending
Hymn was
selected by
Confirmand
Sean Lanter.*

† Sending Hymn: Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil (ELW 512)

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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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. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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All are warmly welcomed after worship to join for confirmation fellowship!

Today's Worship Servants:

Ushers: Stan Zeager & Kim Wylie	Livestream: Trey Harrison
Reader: William Eversole	Acolyte:
Counters: Stan Zeager & Kim Wylie	Cantor: Paula Maeder Connor
Online Usher: Karen Sperli	Altar Care: Paula Maeder Connor
Communion Bread: Chris Jacobson	



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, October 5, 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, 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: Bill Fink (10/5) & Scott Krankowski (10/10).

For those celebrating baptism anniversaries this week: Donna Michalski (10/10).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Bill & Darlene Wahl (10/6) and William & Charlotte Meyer (10/7).

The flowers adorning the altar today are given in the Glory of God in honor of Bill and Darlene Wahl's 35th wedding anniversary.

Communion instruction class for littles TODAY after church. Why do we take communion? How do we experience God's love? What's the difference between a blessing and receiving the elements? We learn about the meaning of communion throughout our whole lives. This communion class is for 3-6 years olds (and others who'd like to join!) about the basics of communion for their age level. Participants receive a fun workbook too!

Community Pet Blessing TODAY Sunday, October 5 - 2 pm At St. Barnabas Episcopal, 468 Bradley Rd., Bay Village All are invited to donate pet food to the food pantry at St. Barnabas.

All Saints Names- You're invited to submit the names of loved ones who have died since All Saints Sunday 2024 (11/3/24) for our Candle lighting rite on All Saints Sunday, 11/2/25 to cclc@goodsoillutheran.org.

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. They will be living with her in the meantime:

Sburlea Family
c/o Nancie Smith
30009 Shadow Creek Dr.
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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, or text her at 440-670-4917.

Coffee & Conversation Returns Next Sunday! Coffee and catching-up with your Good Soil family following worship return on October 12th after the annual summer break.

"Second Sunday Coffee Fellowship" will continue throughout 2025 and into 2026 on the second Sunday of each month. This monthly opportunity for casual conversation and refreshments, for as long or as short of a time that fits your day, complements Good Soil's ongoing opportunities to gather together after worship. For example, we also interact on Sundays during meetings with guest speakers, service opportunities, bible study groups and celebrations for baptisms, confirmations, graduations, welcoming new members and outdoor worship. We have a lot going on -- and that's a GOOD THING! Join In!

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:

- **Lakewood Fresh Produce Distribution:** 3rd Saturday of each month, 9am-12pm, through 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, 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 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 holding informative and participative meetings with the congregations, during or after service, throughout the search. Please consider answering the reflection questions (using the above QR code or handouts on the welcome table) and submitting those responses to JoAnne Wancata jwancata@sbcglobal.net if you haven't already.

MOW looking for Drivers- West Shore Rocky River-Lakewood Meals on Wheels operates out of Good Soil's kitchen 5 days a week! They're in search of drivers to deliver meals to 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. Questions about flowers? Contact Cara Rovella at 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.

Calendar of Events		
Date	Event	Time
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	Communion Class for "Littles" (age 3yrs-6yrs)	11:15 am
Sun, Oct 5	Community Pet Blessing at St. Barnabas Episcopal, 468 Bradley Rd., Bay Village	2:00 pm
Sun, Oct 12	In-Person & Livestream Worship: Generosity Emphasis kicks off	9:30 am
Sun, Oct 12	Regular Coffee Fellowship resumes	10:30 am
Sun, Oct 19	In-Person & Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Sun, Oct 19	Acolyte Training (2 nd grade and up)	10:30 am