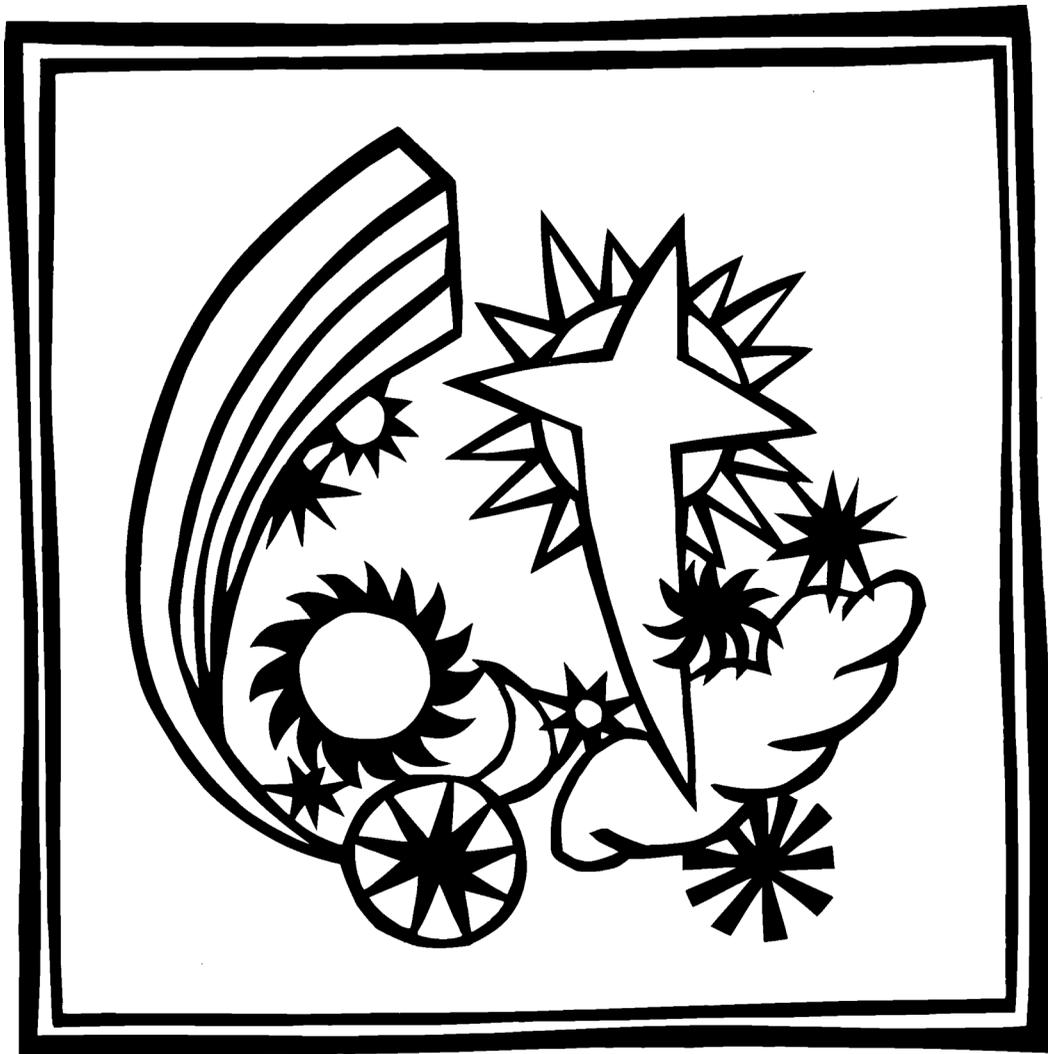


Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Baptism of Miles Robert McDermott
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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

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

The tone of today's texts is ominous. However, the baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

Gathering

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

Prelude and Welcome

Sing a New Song

Pr. Jim Kulma, Guitar

Beau Reddington & Kaitlyn Regan, Vocals

*Based on Psalm
98*

† Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

Let the rivers clap their hands;
Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord

For the Lord is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

† Gathering Hymn: Borning Cry (ELW 732)

1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

3 "In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."

4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

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Baptism of Miles Robert McDermott

Presentation

God, who is rich in mercy and love . . . Alicia and Matthew, who do
you present for baptism today?

Sponsors respond: We present Miles for baptism.

Erin and Patrick, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love
of God, do you desire to have your child, Miles, baptized into Christ?

Parents respond: We do.

As you bring Miles to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted
with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the 10 commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and
nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the
world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Erin and Patrick, do you promise to help Miles grow in the Christian
faith and life?

Parents respond: We do.

Alicia and Matthew, do you promise to nurture Miles in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors respond: We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Miles and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

Assembly responds: We do.

† Profession of Faith

Parents and sponsors, 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?

Parents and sponsors respond: I renounce them.

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

Parents and sponsors respond: I renounce them.

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

Parents and sponsors respond: 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.

† Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning . . . To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Baptism

Miles, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God . . . the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Miles, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized!

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: giving thanks and praise to God and sharing God's creative and redeeming Word.

The assembly applauds.

Welcome of New Members

McDermott family, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place? If so, answer, "I do and I ask God to help and guide me."

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

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for this family in their life in Christ? If so, answer, "We do and we ask God to help and guide us."

Congregation: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

<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>The assembly and presiding minister greet each other (scripture ref. 2 Corinthians)</i></p>	<p>† Greeting</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><i>The Prayer of the Day highlights themes in today's scripture.</i></p>	<p>† Prayer of the Day</p> <p>O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Word</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.</i></p> <p>New Testament Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13</p> <p>To put this reading into context:</p> <p><i>Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.</i></p> <p>Hear now the reading.</p> <p>⁶Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear</p>

that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

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

† **Gospel Acclamation: 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 through the Gospel reading.

† **Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19**

To put this reading into context:

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

The holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow

immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Jim Kulma

During the 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 Hymn of the Day. Silence for Reflection.

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: How Firm a Foundation (ELW 796) v. 1, 3, 4

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."
- 4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

*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

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind. We pray especially for Dale, Dave, Tom, Mike, Gail, Paul, Mary Lou, the Busby family, Joe, 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. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for passionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness. Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; 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.

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

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever. **Amen.**

† Great Thanksgiving

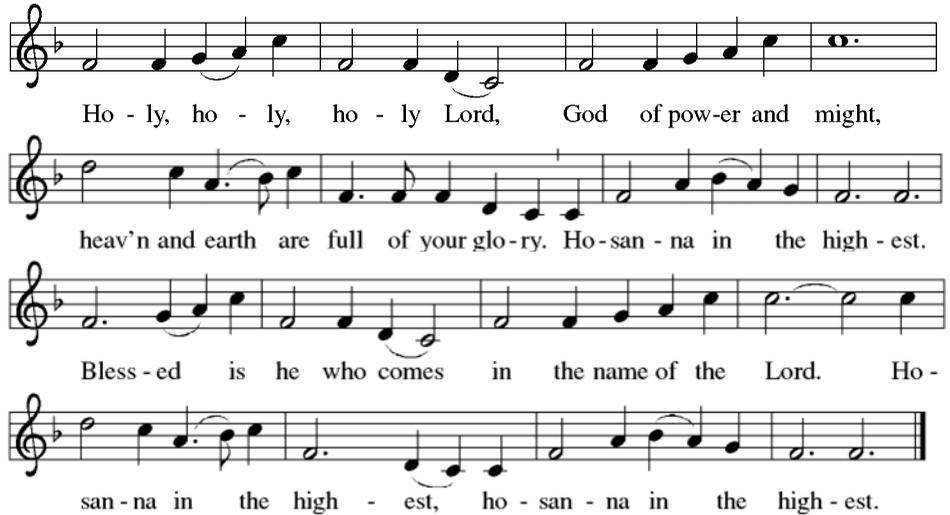
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

† Preface

† Sanctus



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

† Words of Institution

† Lord's Prayer

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

† Invitation to the Table

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

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 down the center aisle to the front in a single-file line. We will be observing standing processional communion, rather than kneeling at the rail.

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

Communion Hymn: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

Communion Hymn: Canticle of Turning (ELW 723)

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,

who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

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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 the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you †
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

Amen.

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

† Sending Hymn: When Peace Like a River (ELW 785) v. 1-3

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

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. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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All are warmly welcomed after worship to join for special baptism fellowship!

Today's Worship Servants:

Ushers: Chris & Larry Jacobson	Livestream: Isaac Krankowski
Reader: William Eversole	Acolyte: Edith Young
Counters: Ellen Young & David Paine	Cantor: Erik Bogen
Online Usher: Karen Sperli	Altar Care: Evan Paine
Communion Bread: Anne Paine	



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, November 16, 2025

Especially in our prayers: Dale Alexander, Dave, Tom Beck, Mike Bishop, Gail Boggs, Paul Brelo, Mary Lou Busby, the Busby family, Joe Cassatta, 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: William Eversole (11/22).

For those celebrating baptism anniversaries this week: Denise Johnson (11/20) and Mark Johnson (11/20).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Ed and Verna Fink (11/18), *married for 75 years!*

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Ed and Verna Fink's 75th wedding anniversary.



Meet the McDermott Family! We're Erin and Pat McDermott, and we've lived in the Cleveland area for the past eight years with our one-year-old son, Miles. Pat grew up outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Erin outside of Chicago, Illinois. We were drawn to Good Soil because of its inclusive values and welcoming community, and we're excited to grow in faith and connection here. As a family, we love traveling, exploring new restaurants, and spending time outdoors together.



Maternity Leave FAQ- 10/19 was 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 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. The book club will meet again on 11/20 at 6:30 pm in the lounge. Please read the selections by Frederick Buechner and Richard Carver by the next meeting.

Donations for Trials for Hope- With SNAP benefits being cut off, Trials for Hope has a special need for food donations. Please place any donations in the Trials for Hope bin in the entranceway. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Food Basket Assembly and Delivery: Share the abundance of God's love with your neighbors this holiday season and volunteer with Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation at their annual Thanksgiving meal drive. Location: Lakewood Masonic Temple 15300 Detroit Ave, Lakewood, 44107. Schedule: Fri, 11/21 10am-3pm: Sort food items; 6pm-8pm: Bag nonperishables; Sat, 11/22 9am-12pm: Bag perishable foods & deliver to community. For more information, visit: <https://lcac.info/lcac-events/>. See you there!

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.

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 (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.

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.

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 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, 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 \$30. 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, Nov 16	In-Person & Livestream Worship- <i>Baptism of Miles McDermott</i>	9:30 am
Sun, Nov 16	Fellowship honoring the Baptism of Miles McDermott	10:30 am
Thurs, Nov 20	Second Book Club Meeting	6:30 pm
Sun, Nov 23	In-Person & Livestream Worship- Christ The King Sunday	9:30 am
Mon, Nov 24	Thanksgiving Community Worship @ Bethesda on the Bay (with pie to follow)	6:30 pm
Sun, Nov 30	In-Person & Livestream Worship- First Sunday of Advent	9:30 am