

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



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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**

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In baptism, God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world. One of the ways we witness to God's love is through baptism. This lent we are exploring a sermon series on why we do what we do in worship. Today's focus is baptism.

### 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,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt  
and blots out all offenses. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you.  
For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word.  
For failing to recognize your coming reign,  
and for hindering the work of the Spirit:  
Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,  
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers.  
For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:  
Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:  
Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.  
Through faith—the free gift of God—  
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

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

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you,  
pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

† **Gathering 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.

*The assembly and  
presiding minister  
greet each other  
(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.**

*Kyrie Eleison  
means "Lord have  
mercy."*

† **Kyrie**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



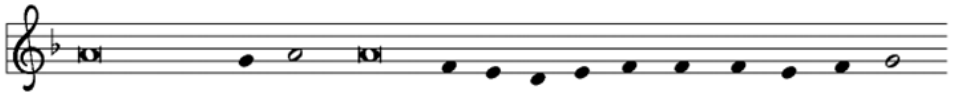
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

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

## † Prayer of the Day

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that, remembering our baptism, we may follow after your Son, 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.*

### First Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

To put this reading into context:

*Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.*

Hear now the reading.

<sup>1</sup>I, therefore, a prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: <sup>4</sup>there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 51:1-2, 6-12



<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

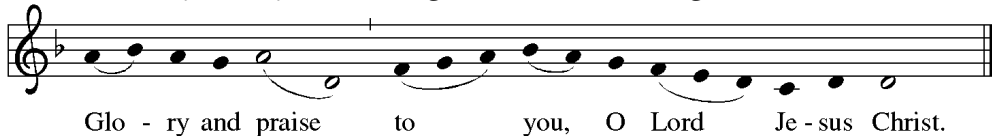
<sup>6</sup>Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.

- 7 Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.
- 8 Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.
- 10 Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.
- 11 Cast me not away | from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.

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

### † Gospel Acclamation

*Listen to the piano play through the 1<sup>st</sup> time. Sing the 2<sup>nd</sup> time.*



*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: Matthew 28:16-20

To put this reading into context:

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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

## Children's Sermon

*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 after the sermon.*

## Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison

*Silence for Reflection. Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. Review the baptismal images handout and choose an image that resonates with you. Then, find the corresponding reflection question for that image on the other side of the handout.*

*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: In Christ Called to Baptize (ELW 575) v. 1-3

- 1 In Christ called to baptize,  
we witness to grace  
and gather a people  
from each land and race.  
In deep, flowing waters,  
we share in Christ's death,  
then, rising to new life,  
give thanks with each breath.
- 2 In Christ called to banquet,  
one table we share,  
a haven of welcome,  
a circle of care.  
Although we are many,  
we share in one bread.  
One cup of thanksgiving  
proclaims Christ, our head.
- 3 In Christ called to witness,  
by grace we will preach  
the life-giving gospel;  
God's love we will teach.  
By grace may our living  
give proof to our praise  
in costly compassion  
reflecting Christ's ways.

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*As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our participation. Each petition addresses a different topic, 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

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Grant life and peace to all who gather in your name, that we may share your message of forgiveness, hope, and love. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Renew landscapes, rebuild homes and habitats after natural disasters, and sustain places where biodiversity thrives. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**


We pray for the nations. Unbind leaders trapped by fear to act boldly for justice, free all who live in places of war and violence, and guide refugees and asylum seekers to safety. Bring an end to humanitarian crises everywhere, including in Ukraine, Gaza, Iran, Israel and surrounding countries in the Middle East. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all people in need. Take away the stone of poverty that weighs down so many. Console any who weep and heal all who are sick. We pray especially for Dale, family & friends of Skip, especially Janelle, Diane, Mike, Steve, Joe B, the Busby family, Joe C, Elizabeth, Jon, Audrey, Frank, Kay, Brendan, Kay, Sarah, Donna, Chris, Toni, Kate, Charley & Cindy, Bill, Joyce, Susan, Sally, Ruth, Kristina, Jeanette, ...and those we name aloud or in our hearts. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

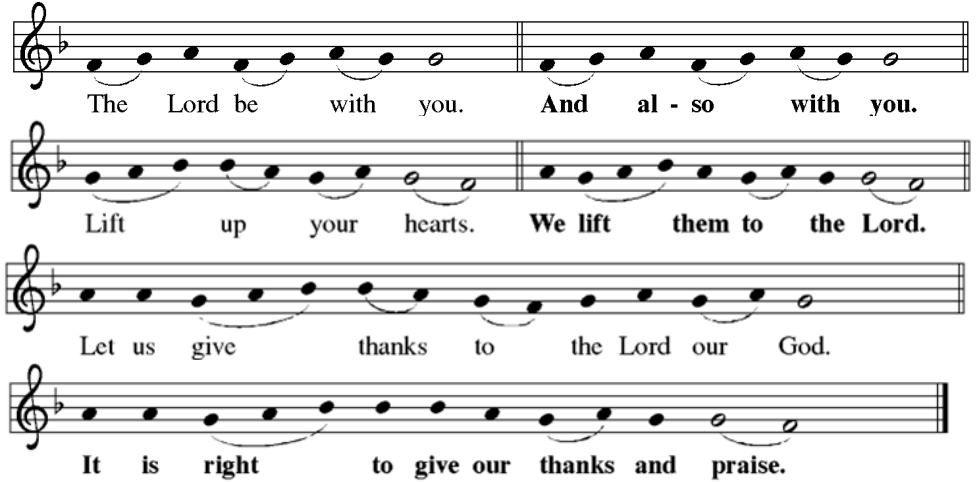
We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Give us faith to trust in your power to redeem and save, and bring us up from our graves to life in you. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**Amen.**

<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." This greeting can take the form of shaking hands, waving, or making the peace sign with one another.</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 to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.</i></p>	<p><b>† Offering Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (ELW 803) v. 4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Were the whole realm of nature mine,  that were a present far too small;  love so amazing, so divine,  demands my soul, my life, my all.</p> <p><small>Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748</small></p>
	<p><b>† Offering Prayer</b></p> <p>O God, maker of heaven and earth,  your steadfast love embraces all creation.  You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth  and bring forth its bounty.  Through these gifts of bread and wine,  draw us into the death and life of your Son,  who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.  We ask this in Jesus' name.  <b>Amen.</b></p>

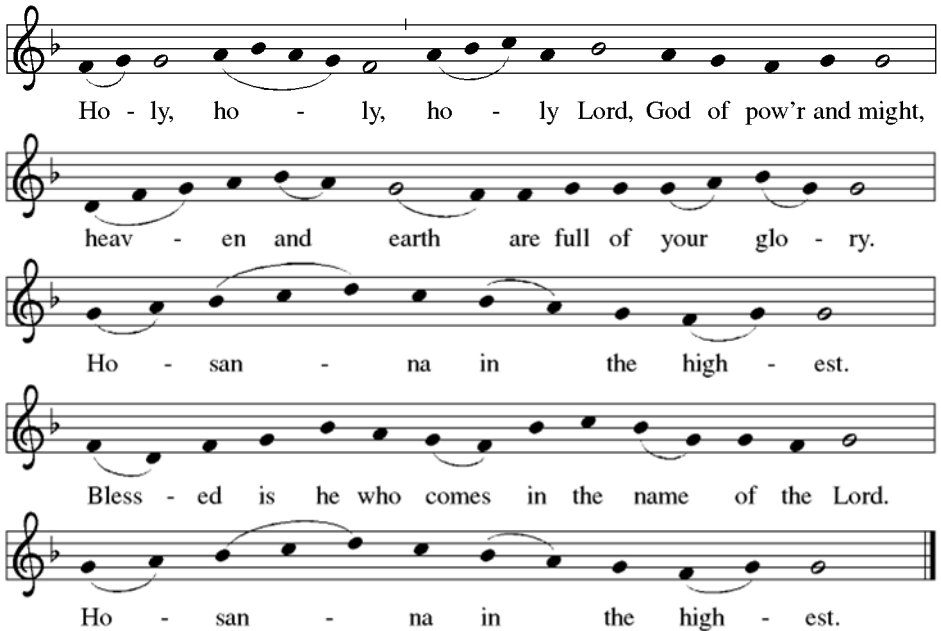
## † Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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'r and might,  
heav - en 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.

## † Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

We praise you, all-holy God...and we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

<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><b>† Lord's Prayer</b></p> <p>Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus first taught us: <b>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.</b></p>
	<p><b>† Invitation to the Table</b></p> <p>Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy. <b>Amen.</b></p>
	<p><b>Communion</b></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 up front. You are invited to stand or kneel at the altar 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><b>Communion Hymn: Christ When for Us You Were Baptized (ELW 304)</b></p> <p>1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,  God's Spirit on you came,  as peaceful as a dove, and yet  as urgent as a flame,  as urgent as a flame.</p> <p>2 God called you, "My beloved Son";  you are God's servant true,  sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n,  God's holy will to do,  God's holy will to do.</p>

3 Straightway and steadfast until death  
you then obeyed the call  
to serve with free and willing heart,  
to give your life for all,  
to give your life for all.

4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;  
your cross on us be signed,  
that likewise in God's service we  
may perfect freedom find,  
may perfect freedom find.

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### **Communion Hymn: Baptized and Set Free (ELW 453)**

1 We are people created,  
chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently,  
in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more.  
Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing,  
and wholeness and more.

2 We are fed and we're nourished,  
filled and refreshed.  
Then our hunger returns and  
again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need,  
God is greater indeed:  
endless ocean, always deeper  
than all of our need.

3 We are nourished by water,  
all living things,  
and by life that the Spirit  
abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home,  
may your presence be known:  
precious river, ever-flowing.

now carry us home.

- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving,  
we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather  
to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free!  
From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water,  
baptized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956 Text © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

### † 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

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
‡ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

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

### † Sending Hymn: Baptized in Water (ELW 156)

- 1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.
- 2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.
- 3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our king:  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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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. Believe the good news.  
Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

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*You are warmly invited to gather in the upstairs lounge area for coffee fellowship following worship!*

### Today's Worship Servants:

Ushers: Bill & Darlene Wahl	Livestream: Isaac Krankowski
Reader: Bill Fink	Acolyte: George Young
Counters: Ellen Young & David Connor	Cantor: Paula Maeder Connor
Online Usher: Kathy Berkshire	Altar Care: Anne Paine
Communion Bread: Anne Paine	



### Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, March 22, 2026

**Especially in our prayers:** Dale Alexander, family & friends of Skip Barrett, especially Janelle, Diane Bennett, Mike Bishop, Steve Bugosh, Joe Buntyn, the Busby family, Joe Cassatta, Elizabeth Danish, Jon Deye, Audrey Dorin, Frank Dunaway, Kay Eaton (Welsh Home), Kay Eaton (Renaissance Home), Brendan Erchul, Sarah Gresh, Donna Handy, Chris Jacobson, Toni Kulma, Kate Labuda, Charley & Cindy McCabe, Bill Meyer, Joyce Miller, Susan Omerod, Sally Pate, Ruth Patrick, Kristina Seeley, Jeannette Weidlich, and all those suffering because of war, violence and humanitarian crises, including in Ukraine, Gaza, Iran, Israel, & surrounding countries in the Middle East.

**For those celebrating birthdays this week:** Amelia Collins (3/23) & Isaac Krankowski (3/26).

**For those celebrating baptism anniversaries this week:** Sammie Forshey (3/27).

## Welcome to Holy Week 2026

**Holy Week is the center of the church year** where we relive the central story of our Christian faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By participating in the ancient practices and rituals of Holy Week, we are spiritually strengthened and connected to Christians throughout the generations and around the world who are doing the same:

**Palm/Passion Sunday (March 29, 9:30 am at Good Soil)** We remember Jesus' descent into Jerusalem and rejoice with the crowds waving palms and shouting "Hosanna!" Then there is a deliberate shift as we hear the passion narrative—the story of Jesus' crucifixion—from Luke. This pivot is a reminder of how quickly the crowds change from shouting "Hosanna" to shouting "crucify him."

**Maundy Thursday (April 2, 7 pm at Good Soil)** "Maundy" comes from the latin word for commandment as we remember Jesus' command to love one another. This service marks the official end of Lent as we receive forgiveness and remember the institution of the Lord's Supper. A particularly moving part of Maundy Thursday comes when we experience the stripping of the altar and depart in silence. Maundy Thursday is also the beginning of one continuous worship service called the "Triduum" or the great Three Days which spans Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and concludes with Easter.

**Good Friday (April 3, 7 pm at Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran)** Marks the day when Jesus gave his life for the sake of the world. We hear again the story of Jesus' crucifixion and his love poured out for the world. This will be a joint Good Friday service as we worship with our siblings in Christ from Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran.

**Easter Sunday (April 5, 9:30 am at Good Soil)** This is the day of resurrection—a joyous celebration of God's victory over sin and death and the most important festival day in the entire church year. Jesus is alive and we, too, are given new life through him. Get ready to break out the Alleluias and celebrate! An Easter Egg hunt for children will be offered immediately after worship. Invitations are available to hand out to friends/neighbors.

**Sunday Sermon Series:** Why Do We Do What We Do in Worship?

2/22 Word, 3/1 Hymns, 3/8 Peace, 3/15 Offering, 3/22 Baptism, 3/29 Communion (Palm/Passion Sunday), 4/2 Blessing & Sending (Maundy Thursday, 7pm at Good Soil)

**Sunday School Update for EVERYONE as we head toward Holy Week**

**APRIL 5 - Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn.** (Fellowship Hall in case of rain.)

How can you participate?

- DONATE - Candy and Small Toys to fill the plastic eggs are being accepted in the basket in the Lounge through Palm Sunday.
- **Join the FUN;**
  - FILL PLASTIC EGGS with treats and small toys & organize baskets. Time/Date TBD according to volunteer availability, see options on the sign up sheet
  - HIDE eggs before the service begins -- Sunday, April 5th (9:00 - 9:20 a.m.)
  - HELP WITH THE HUNT - Assist children, empty baskets into "take-home" bags, clear out staging area, put away baskets after the hunt (15-20 min.)

**PLEASE SIGN UP on the Sheets next to the Donation Basket in the Lounge or contact JoAnne Wancata (440-655-3674 text/mobile)**

**Do you have a handy person in your life?** Good Soil is in search of a reliable and responsive person to help serve as a backup for our maintenance contractor and provide on-call support for building-related issues. This Sexton role includes responding to building alarms or emergencies, coordinating with contractors while they are on site, and assisting with maintenance needs during unexpected weather events or other special occasions. We're looking for someone dependable, hands-on, and willing to be available in an on-call capacity as needed. If you would like to recommend someone—please contact Sean at [admin@goodsoillutheran.org](mailto:admin@goodsoillutheran.org) to learn more.

**Wednesday Gatherings during Lent** (2/25, 3/11 & 3/25, 6:30pm in Good Soil's lounge) "God in the Space Between Us": The German Jewish theologian, Martin Buber, lived a century ago. His major work, I and Thou, has had a profound impact on counseling psychology and has influenced how people experience the divine in their lives. Dee Willis will lead a three-session discussion of Buber as an opportunity for growing deeper in faith this Lenten season.

**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:

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

**Our neighbor Trials For Hope needs food items.** Let's put our love in action this month to support them with needed items. Suggested items should be easy to open such as pouches, pull tabs or tear away tops: tuna, fruit cups, protein or granola bars, applesauce, etc.... Please place items in the designated bucket next to the front door or under the table and label as TFH if bucket is full.

**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 for Shared Minister for Christian Formation-** The Exec Teams from Good Soil and Bethesda on the Bay will meet together with the joint Call Committee on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> to review the Ministry Site Profile drafts, approve the job description, and discuss the shared breakdown of the projected expenses/compensation. Please hold these leaders and this call process in your prayers as we discern who God is calling to serve as our shared Minister for Christian Formation.

**Flower Sign-Up- Flowers are paused during the Season of Lent.** 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 \$35. 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, Mar 22	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship: Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Sermon Series: "Baptism"</b>	9:30 am
Wed Mar 25	Mid-Week Lenten Gathering in Good Soil's Lounge: God in the Space Between Us	6:30 pm
Sun, Mar 29	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship: Palm/Passion Sunday</b> <b>Sermon Series: "Communion"</b>	9:30 am
Thurs, Apr 2	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship: Maundy Thursday</b> <b>Sermon Series: "Blessing and Sending"</b>	7:00 pm
Fri, Apr 3	<b>Good Friday Worship at Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran</b>	7:00 pm
Sat, Apr 4	Ladies' Breakfast @ Gene's Place to Dine	9:00 am
Sun, Apr 5	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship: Easter Sunday</b>	9:30 am
Sun, Apr 5	Easter Egg Hunt @ Good Soil	10:30 am