

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



**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
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**9:30 am**



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## Welcome

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

## For Parents with Children

Good Soil loves kids and the "holy noise" they bring! Your children are warmly welcome in worship. Sing, pray, and respond; your children will learn by worshipping with you. There's also a "prayground" area in the back of the sanctuary and a nursery/cry room (with changing table) 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**

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

### Gathering

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

#### **Prelude and Welcome**

*In the  
Thanksgiving for  
Baptism, we  
recall how God  
has joined us to  
Christ through  
baptism and  
clothes us with  
mercy and  
forgiveness.*

*The  
thanksgiving  
praises God for  
all of God's  
saving actions  
through water  
and the word,  
praying and  
trusting that this  
assembly will be  
renewed by the  
Holy Spirit in  
forgiveness,  
grace, and love.*

*These words of  
Thanksgiving  
are inspired in  
part by*

#### **† Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation and waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ,

you accompany us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.

<p><i>Psalm 23.</i></p>	<p>We join with the Great Cloud of Witnesses, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. <b>Amen.</b></p>
	<p>† <b>Gathering Hymn: God is Here (ELW 526) v. 1, 3, 4</b></p> <p>1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.</p> <p>3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.</p> <p>4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!</p> <p>Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000 Text © 1979 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.</p>
<p><i>The assembly and presiding minister greet each other (2 Corinthians)</i></p>	<p>† <b>Greeting</b></p> <p>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. <b>And also with you.</b></p>

# † Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

### † Prayer of the Day

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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.*

#### First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

To put this reading into context:

*Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Hear now the reading.

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father

has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 68:4, 33-35



<sup>4</sup> Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who | rides the clouds;

I AM is that name, rejoice | before God!

<sup>33</sup> You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient heavens;  
you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.

<sup>34</sup> Ascribe pow- | er to God,  
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is | in the skies.

<sup>35</sup> How wonderful you are in your holy places, O | God of Israel,  
giving strength and power to your people! | Blessed be God!

*We welcome  
the gospel by  
singing the  
Gospel  
Acclamation.*

†Gospel Acclamation: Halle Halle Hallelujah (ELW 172) *sing through twice*



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

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



*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: John 17:1-11

To put this reading into context:

*On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.*

The holy Gospel according to John.

**Gloria to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon

*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.*

## Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison

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

*Have you ever attended a worship service in a denomination or religion that was unfamiliar to you? What was challenging about that experience? What was life-giving? How did God show up? What did you learn about your own spiritual walk of faith?*

*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: Be Thou My Vision (ELW 793)

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,  
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 4 Light of my soul, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

*As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the*

## † Prayers of the Church

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

<p><i>world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our participation. Each petition addresses a different topic, often in the same pattern:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>+ The Church</i></li> <li><i>+ Creation</i></li> <li><i>+ Nations and leaders</i></li> <li><i>+ Those in need</i></li> <li><i>+ This faith community</i></li> <li><i>+ The great cloud of witnesses/those resting with God</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>A brief silence.</i></p> <p>O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire us to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Merciful God, <b>receive our prayer.</b></p> <p>Your creative power fills the universe. Nurture plants and animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made. Merciful God, <b>receive our prayer.</b></p> <p>Your justice is exercised in society by those in authority. Instill in political leaders a desire for peace and equity for all people. Bring an end to war, violence, and humanitarian crises everywhere, including in Ukraine, Gaza, Iran, Israel and surrounding countries in the Middle East. Merciful God, <b>receive our prayer.</b></p> <p>Your compassion and care comfort us. We pray especially for Dale, Martin, Diane, Mike, Steve, Joe B, the Busby family, Joe C, Elizabeth, Jon, Audrey, Frank, Kay, Kay, Brendan, Sarah, Donna, Mary, Chris, Toni, Kate, Charley &amp; Cindy, family and friends of Bill, Joyce, Susan, Sally, Ruth, Emily, Kristina, Jeanette, James, ...and those we name aloud or in our hearts. Merciful God, <b>receive our prayer.</b></p> <p>Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment, and moving. Accompany us in our prayers during these times. Merciful God, <b>receive our prayer.</b></p> <p>O God, your promise of eternal life is certain &amp; sure. Inspire us by the steadfast faith of those who have gone before us, so that we may be confident in the assurances you give. Merciful God, <b>receive our prayer.</b></p> <p>God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. <b>Amen.</b></p>
<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, we share in Christ's peace &amp; recognize it in each other.</i></p>	<p><b>† Passing of the Peace</b></p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always. <b>And also with you.</b></p> <p><i>The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you." This greeting can take the form of shaking hands, waving, or making the peace sign with one another.</i></p>

*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](http://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 to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.*

### † Offering Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! (ELW 377) v. 1

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

*Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Text © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

### † Offering Prayer

Merciful God,  
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.  
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more.  
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,  
that goodness and mercy may follow us  
and bless the world you love.  
In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

### † Great Thanksgiving

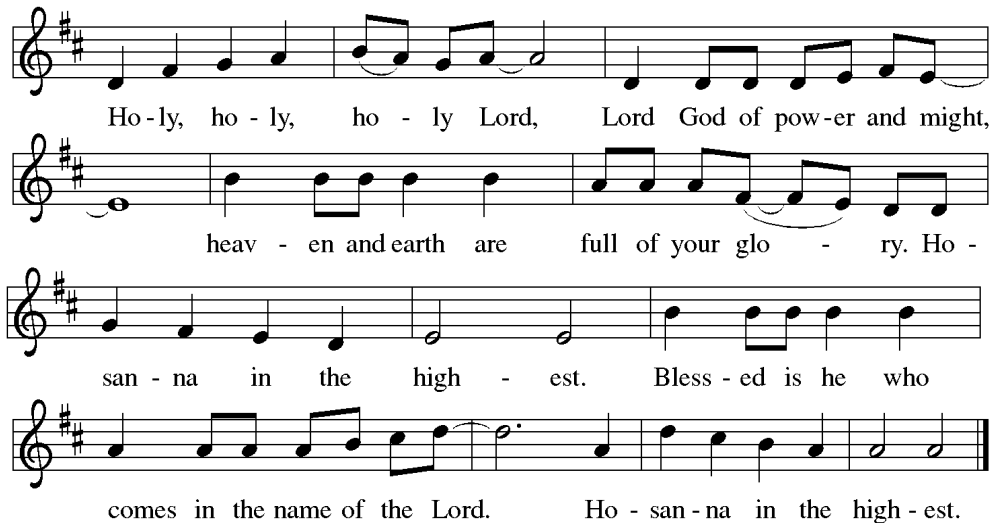
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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, Lord God of pow-er 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

...With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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

† Lord's Prayer

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

† Invitation to the Table

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

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 coming up front. You are invited to stand along the altar rail, rather than kneel, to embody the posture of the resurrection.*

*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: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

**(ELW 367)**

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift he brings,  
therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still he comes to give us life  
and by his presence stills all strife.  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
set heart and will on things above  
that we conquer through your triumph;  
grant grace sufficient for life's day  
that by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,

to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt. Text © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

### Communion Hymn: O Love, How Deep (ELW 322)

- 1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
beyond all thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- 2 God sent no angel to our race,  
of higher or of lower place,  
but wore the robe of human frame,  
in Christ our Lord to this world came.
- 3 For us baptized, for us he bore  
his holy fast and hungered sore;  
for us temptation sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught;  
for us his daily works he wrought,  
by words and signs and actions thus  
still seeking not himself, but us.
- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us he gave his dying breath.
- 6 For us he rose from death again;  
for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 7 All glory to our Lord and God  
for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
the Trinity whom we adore  
forever and forevermore.

Text: Thomas á Kempis, 1380-1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819-1885, alt.

**† Post-Communion Table Blessing**

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**The Sending**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**† Blessing**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
† bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

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

**† Sending Hymn: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (ELW 674)**

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

*Refrain:* Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2 Christ is able to make us one,  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

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*The dismissal sends us  
out as Christ's Body:  
nourished, fed, and  
ready to serve.  
Worship has ended,  
& our service begins!*

**† Dismissal**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

*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: Sean Lanter
Reader: Nancie Smith	Acolyte: Ryan Williamson
Counters: Becky Williamson & Kim Wylie	Cantor: Erik Bogen
Online Usher: Beau Reddington	Altar Care: Paula Maeder Connor
Communion Bread: Sarah Sburlea	



**Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, May 17, 2026**

**Especially in our prayers:** Dale Alexander, Martin Bauer, 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, Mary Hanson, Chris Jacobson, Toni Kulma, Kate Labuda, Charley & Cindy McCabe, family & friends of Bill Meyer, Joyce Miller, Susan Omerod, Sally Pate, Ruth Patrick, Emily Reilly, Kristina Seeley, Jeanette Weidlich, James Younger, 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:** Sarah Badgett (5/19), Amanda Salasek (5/19), & Dave Sierk (5/22).

**For those celebrating baptism anniversaries:** Luke Williamson (5/17), Ryan Williamson (5/17), Lisa Dormann (5/21), & Zella Dormann (5/21).

**The flowers adorning the altar today are given in the glory of God as we remember the Easter message of Resurrection and joy.**

**2026 Pride Parade – Saturday 6/6** – It’s time again for the annual Cleveland Pride Parade & celebration. This year Good Soil is marching with Peace Lutheran Church in Cleveland Hts. Staging for the parade begins at 10 AM in Public Square, with stepoff at 11 AM. The parade will wind from Public Square for one mile through downtown ending at Malls B & C for fun, food & music until 6 PM. Participating in this event is yet another important way we show that as Good Soil we believe in “loving our neighbors as God loves us.” Showing up as members & allies of the LGBT Community & as church is increasingly important in these times.

Please contact Kathy Aloï ([kathmaloi@gmail.com](mailto:kathmaloi@gmail.com)) (440)476-4899 Text) if you are interested in carpooling or have questions prior to the parade. Contact Mandy Forshey (216) 640-6145 or Vicar Albie from Peace Lutheran (319) 883-3947 if you need to locate the group or have any questions the day of the parade.

**Service Outreach Opportunity, Sunday 6/7:** right after service we will be assembling Blessing Bags in the fellowship hall. Our supply needs replenishing! All ages welcome to participate. You are encouraged to carry one or more bags in your car to distribute & bless those in need. This is a small way we can continue to support the wider community.

**Annual Meeting (and potluck!), Sunday 6/14:** After worship, at our annual congregation meeting we will elect new council members, vote on constitution updates from the ELCA, and celebrate the ministry of the past program year.

**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 are interested or would like to recommend someone—please contact Sean at [admin@goodsoillutheran.org](mailto:admin@goodsoillutheran.org) to learn more.

**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> Sat of each month, 9a-12p, at New Covenant Lutheran, 1424 Hayden Ave, Cleveland. *No produce giveaway on 5/23.*

**Lakewood Fresh Produce Distribution:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of each month, *beginning 5/16*, 9am-12pm, through October. Meet at the Lakewood Congregational Church parking lot located on the corner of 1375 W. Clifton Blvd at Detroit Ave, Lakewood.

**Our neighbor Trials For Hope needs food items.** Items should be easy to open such as pouches, pull tabs or tear away tops: tuna, fruit cups, protein or granola bars, applesauce, etc. Place items in the designated bucket next to the front door or under the table & 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 (new update)** – The Ministry Site Profiles (MSP) for each congregation were submitted into the ELCA mobility system last week, amen! Pastor Mitch Phillips, Assistant to the Bishop for Leadership, will coordinate with interested candidates and share their Rostered Minister Profiles for review by the Call Committee. Interviews will then take place in the coming months. Please hold our Call Committee, council leaders, and this call process in your prayers as we discern who God is calling to serve as our shared Minister for Christian Formation. Questions? Contact Call Committee Co-Chair, JoAnne Wancata at (440) 655-3674. What is Christian Formation? Sunday School, Confirmation, Bible Studies, small group ministry, service and learning opportunities, acolyte and communion instruction classes, spiritual practices, and worship are all examples of how we are “formed” in the Christian faith and life.

**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 \$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, May 17	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship: Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	9:30 am
Sun, May 24	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship: Day of Pentecost</b>	9:30 am
Mon, May 25	<i>Memorial Day, Church Office Closed</i>	
Sun, May 31	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship: Holy Trinity Sunday</b>	9:30 am
Sat, Jun 6	Ladies' Breakfast @ Gene's Place to Dine	9:00 am
Sat, Jun 6	Cleveland Pride Parade with Good Soil	10:00 am
Sun, Jun 7	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship: Second Sunday after Pentecost</b>	9:30 am
Sun, Jun 7	Service Outreach Opportunity in the Fellowship Hall	10:30 am
Sun, Jun 14	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship: Third Sunday after Pentecost</b>	9:30 am
Sun, Jun 14	Annual Congregation Meeting & Potluck, in Fellowship Hall	10:30 am

