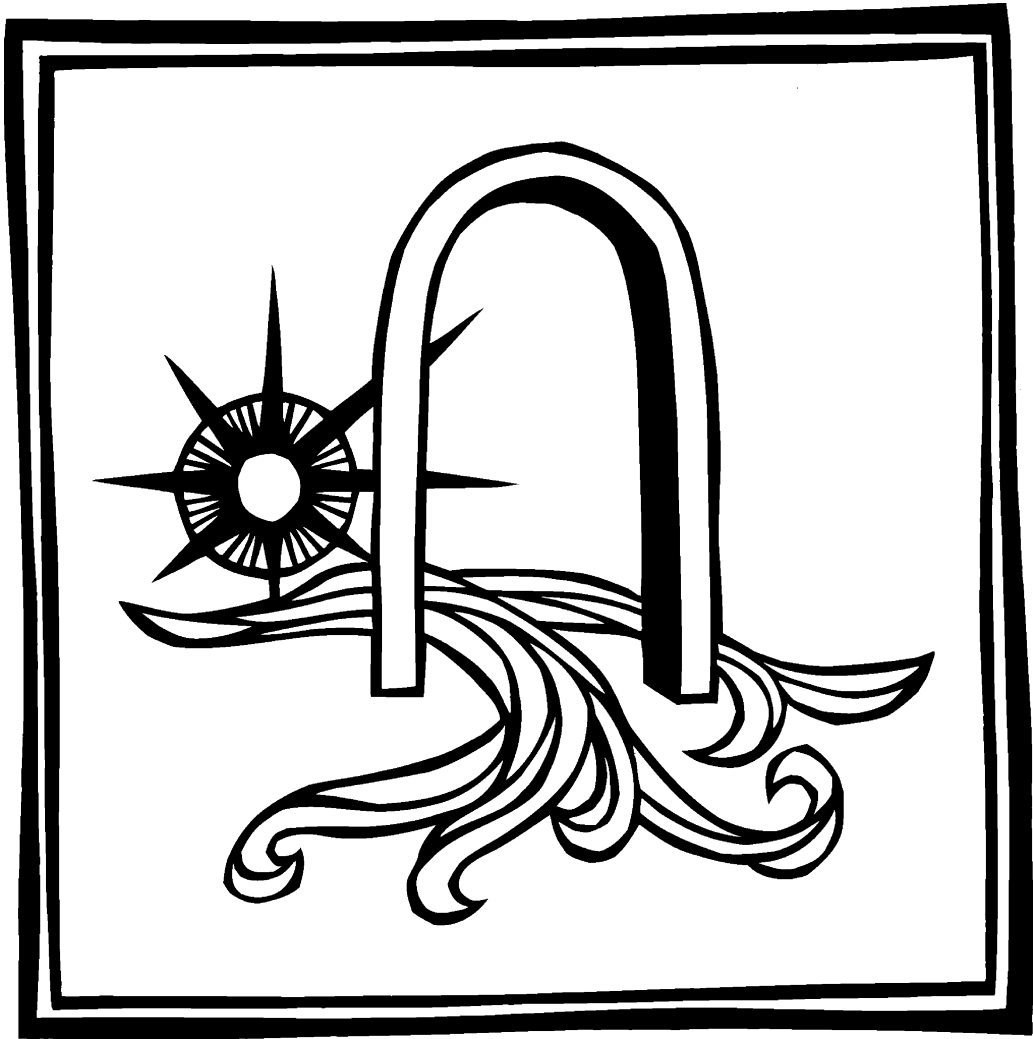


Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



First Sunday in the Season of Creation: “River Sunday”
September 6, 2026
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 "playground" 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.



Season of Creation: “River Sunday”

The Season of Creation is a global movement where faith communities reflect on how caring for creation is connected to discipleship as followers of Jesus and as stewards of our shared, wondrous home. In Ezekiel’s vision, the river flows out from the Temple, and on either side are trees that produce abundant fruit and never wilt. The waters are clean, clear and fresh, filled with fish. People gather to draw life from the river because, “everything will live where the river goes.” This is God’s river that brings new life—just as the waters of Baptism bring new life.

Gathering

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

Prelude and Welcome

*The themes for
Season of
Creation
(Year A)
are reflected
in the Call to
Worship:*

River

Wilderness

Forest

Land

† Call to Worship

Come, worship the God of all Creation.

We praise the Creator, the continuous source of all living things.

Come, worship our God who sends waters flowing with life.

We praise the Creator whose baptism unites us as one Body of Christ in solidarity with all Creation.

Come, worship our God who receives our lament in the wilderness.

We praise the Creator whose Son brings healing to all Creation.

Come, worship our God who breathes life into being.

We praise the Creator who fashions the forests, whose trees clean the air of this world.

Come, worship our God who forms life out of soil.

We praise the Creator whose land brings nourishment.

*In the
Confession and
Forgiveness,
we’re drawn
by God’s
mercy to
prepare to
assemble
around the*

† Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who loves the world and all who live in it. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, Creation, and one another.

Silence is for reflection

<i>Word and Sacrament. It may be seen as a return to the gift of Baptism through repentance.</i>	Reconciling God, we expect nature to serve our needs, and we have damaged it in the process. We trample wild places and pollute your waters. We abuse your good Earth until it cries out in pain. Forgive us, loving God. Remind us of the covenant you made with the whole Earth. Nourish us so we can restore your awe-inspiring Creation. Amen. Christ, the one who was buried into the heart of the Earth and then raised up to new life, + forgives you all your sin. Freed from your burdens, be led by the Spirit to do God’s healing work in the world. Amen.
	† Gathering Hymn: Shall We Gather at the River (ELW 423)v. 1, 2, 4 1 Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? <i>Refrain</i> Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God. 2 On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. <i>Refrain</i> 4 Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. <i>Refrain</i> Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
<i>The assembly and presiding minister greet each other</i>	† Greeting The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

<i>(2 Corinthians)</i>	And also with you.
	† Hymn of Praise: All Creatures Worship God Most High (ELW 835) v2 Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Dear sister water, useful, clear, make music for your Lord to hear: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
<i>The Prayer of the Day highlights themes in today's scripture.</i>	† Prayer of the Day Jesus, our living water, the river of God that flows from your throne also flows through our local waterways, including Lake Erie and the Cuyahoga and Rocky Rivers. Bless these waters and guide our efforts to keep them healthy. Washed in your promise, lead us to live into our baptismal vocation; through you, and the Parent of all Creation, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
<i>The First Reading comes from the Old Testament in the Bible.</i>	<u>The Word</u> <i>God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.</i> First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-12 To put this reading into context: <i>Ezekiel offers a vision of a river flowing from God's temple. This river is flowing with life which nourishes, heals, and renews.</i> Hear now the reading. ¹Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there, water was flowing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east); and the water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. ²Then he brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and the water was coming out on the south side. ³Going on eastward with a cord in his hand, the man measured one thousand cubits, and then led me through the water; and it was ankle-deep. ⁴Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the

water; and it was knee-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was up to the waist. ⁵Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed. ⁶He said to me, “Mortal, have you seen this?”

Then he led me back along the bank of the river. ⁷As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on the one side and on the other. ⁸He said to me, “This water flows toward the eastern region and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. ⁹Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish, once these waters reach there. It will become fresh; and everything will live where the river goes. ¹⁰People will stand fishing beside the sea; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. ¹¹But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. ¹²On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.”

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

*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: Heleyuan (ELW 171)

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He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
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*Before and
after the*

† Gospel: John 7:37-38

<i>Gospel, we give thanks and praise to Jesus Christ, who is revealed to us through the Gospel reading.</i>	To put this gospel reading into context: <i>At the Festival of Booths, Jesus proclaims that he pours out living water to the believers.</i> The holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord. ³⁷On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.
	Children’s Sermon – Mandy Forshey <i>Sunday School is on summer break! Young children are welcome to remain in the sanctuary during the sermon or go to the “learn & grow in faith” area (nursery room, end of the hall, east side of the building). Children must be supervised by an adult. On select Sundays there may be a faith craft activity with a Sunday School teacher in the lounge.</i>
	Sermon: Pastor Don Frantz <i>Silence for Reflection. Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You’re invited to reflect on the following question:</i> <i>“Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.” Do we keep it living, or do we pollute it? How?</i>
<i>The Hymn of the Day is the assembly’s response to the sermon—making the sermon event a mutual faith conversation.</i>	† Hymn of the Day: Precious Lord, Take My Hand (ELW 773) Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light: <i>Refrain</i> Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:

Refrain

Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain

Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

*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

† Prayers of the Church

Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Bless the missions and ministries of diverse congregations, that they uplift your good news in ways that can be understood. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation, especially the cries for justice from the water and all water creatures. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and healing to rivers clogged with pollution. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who govern. Encourage those in positions of power to lead with empathy, practice forgiveness, and care for those who struggle. We pray especially for Ukraine, Gaza, Iran, Israel and surrounding countries in the Middle East. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

We pray for our neighbors who face illness of any kind, especially:
Dale, Davon, Jane, Darlene, Diane, Mike, Steve, the Busby family, Joe,
Elizabeth, Jon, Audrey, Frank, Kay, Kay, Brendan, Sarah, Donna, Rev.
John Keller, Jim & Toni, Kate, Charley & Cindy, Preston, Bianca, Joyce,
Susan, Sally, Ruth, Cathryn, Kristina, Kim, Jeanette, James, ...and all
those we name aloud or in our hearts [*A brief silence*]. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation. Open our hearts to care for your Earth,
one another, and all people and creatures in our corner of the world
and beyond. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the saints who died in faith. Show us how to live
following their example of love and faithfulness. Merciful God, **receive
our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the
name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our
Savior. **Amen.**

*A practice of
the ancient
church, we
share in
Christ's peace
& recognize it
in each other.*

† Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

*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.*

*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

Offering

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus

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 to the
altar to signify
our gratitude
for God's
blessings.*

† Offering Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth (ELW 879), v. 1

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

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† Offering Prayer

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.

Amen.

† Great Thanksgiving

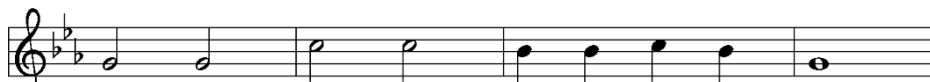
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
 God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
 God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on

tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
 earth. Blest is he who comes in the

nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
 name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -
 high - est, ho - san - na here on earth.

di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.
 Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

† Words of Institution

*The Lord's
Prayer is Jesus'
response to his
disciples when*

† Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus first taught us:

<i>they asked him to teach them how to pray.</i>	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 The gifts of creation for God’s beloved creatures. Come and share.
	Communion <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> <i>Children are welcome to come to the Lord’s table for communion or for a blessing, depending on parent/guardian’s preference.</i> <i>When you receive the elements, you are invited to respond with “Amen” or “Thanks be to God.”</i> <i>Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding down the center aisle to the front in a single-file line. We will be observing standing processional communion, one side of the sanctuary at a time, for the summer.</i> <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>
	Communion Hymn: Let Streams of Living Justice (ELW 717) 1 Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth; give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth. The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights, the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight. Make liberty a beacon,

strike down the iron pow'r;
abolish ancient vengeance:
proclaim your people's hour.

2 For healing of the nations,
for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers,
God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together;
knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us
till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric,
bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance,
light our colors with your sun.

3 Your city's built to music;
we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language;
we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service,
our hope in others' dreams,
our love in hand of neighbor;
our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice;
your way—the path untried;
your truth—the heart of stranger;
your life—the Crucified.

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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!

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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.
	<u>The Sending</u> <i>God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.</i> † Blessing Almighty God, who breathes life into you and all living things, who heals all the world, and who sustains all Creation, give you peace and purpose, in the name of the Father, and the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.
<i>Through the sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.</i>	† Sending Hymn: Before the Waters Nourished Earth (ACS 1049) v. 1, 2, 4 1 Before the waters nourished earth or night imagined morning, a Love conceived the universe and reveled in its forming. 2 This Love remained as time revealed the loss of Eden's glory and, grieving, holds in memory each tragic human story. 4 The Love that called creation good all goodness still is bringing. This Love turns death again to life and silence into singing. Text: Jeannette M. Lindholm, b. 1961 Text © 1996 Jeannette M. Lindholm, admin. Augsburg Fortress Duplication in any form prohibited without securing permission from copyright administrator or reporting usage under valid license.
<i>The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body: nourished, fed, and ready to serve. Worship</i>	† Dismissal Go in peace. Care for Creation. Thanks be to God.

<i>has ended, & our service begins!</i>	
	Postlude

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Today’s Worship Servants:

Ushers: Bill & Darlene Wahl	Livestream: Jessica Berkshire
Reader: Kaitlyn Regan	Acolyte: Lily Connor
Counters: Jessica Berkshire & David Paine	Cantor: Brenna Connor
Online Usher: Karen Sperli	Altar Care: Anne Paine
	Communion Bread: Michael Mitterholzer

The flowers adorning the altar today are from Brenda Alexander in loving memory of Gary Smith.



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Sept 6th, 2026

Especially in our prayers: Dale Alexander, Davon, Jane Beese, Darlene Beesley, Diane Bennett, Mike Bishop, Steve Bugosh, 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, Rev. John Keller, Jim & Toni Kulma, Kate Labuda, Charley & Cindy McCabe, Preston McLendon, Bianca Miller, Joyce Miller, Susan Omerod, Sally Pate, Ruth Patrick, Cathryn Schultz, Kristina Seeley, Kim Taylor, Paul Wancata, Jeanette 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: Charlotte Meyer (9/1), Donna Michalski (9/2), Barbara Munch (9/2), Paula Maeder Connor (9/3), Michael Mitterholzer (9/4)

For those celebrating baptism anniversaries:

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Beau Reddington & Kaitlyn Regan (9/3), Heather & Lance Curtis

Season of Creation begins in September, bring a friend! The Season of Creation is a time when the global church unites to intentionally reflect on God's presence in creation and our calling to care for it. We give thanks, we pray, we lament, we hope, and we recommit ourselves to healing our relationship with our sacred home. One Good Soil parishioner recently shared, "The Season of Creation is one of my favorite times of the church year." This year's themes are River (9/6), Wilderness (9/13), Forest (9/20), and Land (9/27, outdoor worship, no livestream). If you'd like to help decorate the sanctuary, please contact Mandy Forshey at (216) 640-6145 or amandamforshey@gmail.com. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend to worship with you, invitations are on the welcome table. Enjoy meaningful outdoor worship and then some fun fellowship with free ice cream truck treats from Polar X-Press on 9/27!

Good Soil knitting and crafting group will start up again on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm starting in September. If you'd like to learn to knit or just want to hang out with good people and work on another craft, talk to Anne Paine or text her at [440-670-5917](tel:440-670-5917).

Hike With Gather Together (20s/30s Young Adult Ministry), Saturday 9/12 at 4pm – Please join us for an afternoon of faith and fellowship at the Rocky River Nature Center on September 12. We will meet in the parking lot at 4 pm. The group will walk for about an hour and conclude with a contemplative period. Please feel free to bring family and pets! RRNC is located in the Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Reservation: 24000 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted, OH 44070. Kindly RSVP to emmacsleva@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

"Gather Together" is a self-organized young adult group across several Lutheran communities focused on building affirming community through meaningful engagement with one another, with God, and with our wider world. See gathernetwork.org/ more information about the ELCA's Gather Ministry, or use the QR code to view CLE's Gather Together page and join the contact list for upcoming events.



"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday Service Project Opportunity, 9/13 – In celebration of the ELCA's annual day of service, Good Soil is teaming up with LakewoodAlive to assist seniors with yard clean up on 9/13/26. Following Sunday service, volunteers will meet at the assigned yard and work for about 90 minutes. LA requests that volunteers wear long sleeves and pants. They will have some tools, gloves, safety glasses, lawn and leaf bags and a cooler of bottled water onsite for everyone. If you have any personal tools, you are welcome to bring them. A written waiver is required for participation and will be emailed to you for digital signature (paper copies will also be available the day-of). Please RSVP to Emma Sleva (emmacsleva@gmail.com) at your earliest convenience. The volunteer site will be shared with participants via email/phone one

week prior to the event.

Looking to put your faith into action? Hunger continues growing in our community affecting people of all ages and backgrounds. You can be part of the solution by volunteering:

- Lakewood Fresh Produce Distribution:** 3rd Sat of each month, 9am-12pm, through November. Meet at the Lakewood Congregational Church parking lot located on the corner of 1375 W. Clifton Blvd at Detroit Ave, Lakewood.
- New Covenant Produce for the People:** 4th Sat of each month, 9a-12p, at New Covenant Lutheran, 1424 Hayden Ave, Cleveland.
- 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. Feed your community and your soul by volunteering! Contact Liz at 440-333-6298 or rllwcoordinator@westshoremow.org.

Flower Sign-Up – Interested in adorning Christ's altar with flowers for worship? Sign up on the flower list on the hallway bulletin board (the online form is currently not accepting responses). Each Vase is \$35 from Cottage Flowers. You may bring your own flowers instead of purchasing through Good Soil, but please still sign up to reserve your slot. Questions? Email Church Admin Sean Kennedy at admin@goodsoillutheran.org or call the church office at 440-331-1773.

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>



Calendar of Events		
Date	Event	Time
Thurs, Sept 3	Confirmation kickoff @ Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran for confirmation students and parents	6:00 pm
Sat, Sept 5	Ladies Breakfast @ Gene’s Place to Dine, (Lorain Rd & RR Drive)	9:30 am

Sun, Sept 6	In-Person & Livestream Worship: 1st Sunday in the Season of Creation: River Sunday	9:30 am
Sat, Sept 12	Gather Together (20's/30's) Holy Hike @ Rocky River Nature Center	4:00 pm
Sun, Sept 13	In-Person & Livestream Worship: 2nd Sunday in the Season of Creation: Wilderness Sunday and God's Work Our Hands Sunday , followed by Lakewood Alive Senior Yard clean-up service project	9:30 am
Sun, Sept 20	In-Person & Livestream Worship: 3rd Sunday in the Season of Creation: Forest Sunday	9:30 am
Sun, Sept 20	Acolyte Training after worship (2nd grade and older)	10:30 am
Sun, Sept 27	In-Person Outdoor (no livestream) Worship: 4th Sunday in the Season of Creation: Land Sunday , worship in Good Soil's parking lot with Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran (bring a lawn chair; rain plan—inside sanctuary). Free Ice Cream truck treats for all after worship!	9:30 am

