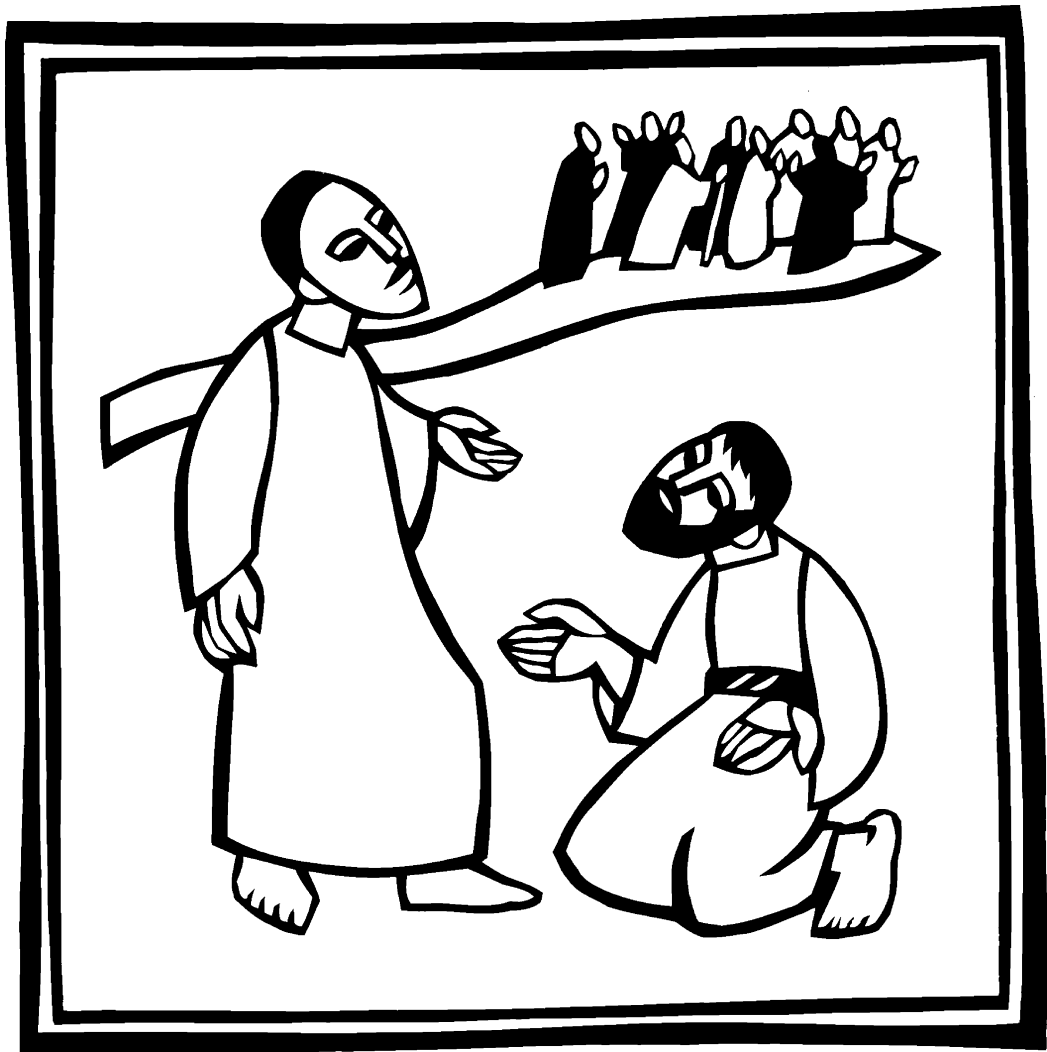


Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



The 20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 11th, 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.



The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

At harvest time we join the psalmist in offering thanksgiving to God: “You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.” We are grateful for the abundance of the good things of God’s creation. Paul reminds us that our thanksgiving overflows into generosity. As the body of Christ in the world, our relationships in faith community nourish us and send us out to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Gathering

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

Prelude and Welcome

Generosity Reflection: The Joy of Living in Community

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,
the Giver of every good gift. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

We confess that we often seek our joy in having more.

We measure our lives by what we possess, and listen to voices that tell us we will never have enough.

We trust in false promises of wealth rather than your abundant provision.

We hold tightly to what we have, fearing that generosity will leave us with less and overlooking the needs of our neighbors.

Release us from the endless pursuit of more.

Turn our hearts toward gratitude and love.

Teach us the joy of generosity.

God provides us with everything we have and entrusts it to our care for the sake of the world. God teaches us that in giving, we do not lose life, but discover it. In Christ, God gives us the greatest gift of all.

Through Christ and God’s grace, you are forgiven and freed to live generously. **Amen.**

† Gathering Hymn: As We Gather at Your Table (ELW 522)

- 1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.
- 2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.
- 3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

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*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.**

† Hymn of Praise: Have You Thanked the Lord? (ELW 829)

Have you thanked the Lord?
Have you praised God's name?
Don't you know that no tomorrow is quite the same?
Have you thanked the Lord?

	Have you knelt in prayer, and rejoiced that, rain or sunshine, our God is there? Text and tune © Bill LaMotta, aka Wilbur LaMotta Arr. © 1999 Augsburg Fortress
<i>The Prayer of the Day highlights themes in today's scripture.</i>	† Prayer of the Day Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your blessings, and serve you willingly and enthusiastically, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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> New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 To put this reading into context: <i>Christian fellowship involves sharing with those in need. Here Paul is gathering a collection for the church in Jerusalem from all the Gentile churches he helped found. We can be extravagant in our giving because God is extravagant in providing for our lives.</i> Hear now the reading: ⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, “He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your

partnership with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65: 1, 6-13

¹ You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion;
to you shall vows | be fulfilled.

⁶ You make firm the mountains | by your power;
you are girded a- | bout with might.

⁷ You still the roaring | of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.

⁸ Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your |
marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy.

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very
plenteous; the river of God is | full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.

¹⁰ You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.

¹¹ You crown the year | with your goodness,
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

¹² May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,
and the hills be | clothed with joy.

¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys
cloak them- | selves with grain;
let them shout for | joy and sing.

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

† Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Gospel Acclamation (ELW 174)



Before and after the Gospel, we give thanks and praise to Jesus Christ, who is revealed to us through the Gospel reading.

† Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

To put this Gospel into context:

A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God.

The holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

After the Children’s Sermon, children are invited to step out with our Sunday School teachers for a “Grow in Faith” class during the sermon. They will return during the Passing of the Peace.

Sermon: Deaconess Anne Paine

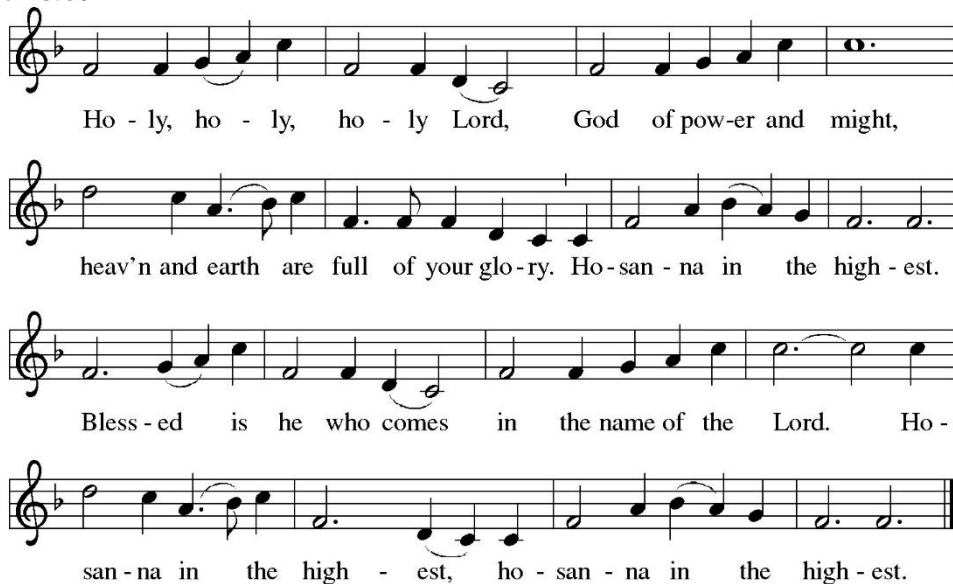
Silence for Reflection. Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You’re invited to reflect on the following question:

	<i>In the week ahead, how might you incorporate gratitude to others and to God into your days? What expression of gratitude feels most authentic to you?</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: Now We Join in Celebration (ELW 462) 1 Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation, dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder; for the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence, stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us. 2 Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture! For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing of your loving deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry, pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness. 3 Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's children, reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father. Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers, seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory. Text: Joel W. Lundeen. Text © Joel W. Lundeen, admin. Augsburg Fortress.
<i>As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the world.</i>	† Prayers of Intercession With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. <i>A brief silence.</i>

<i>The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our participation.</i> <i>Each petition addresses a different topic, often in the same pattern:</i> + <i>The Church</i> + <i>Creation</i> + <i>Nations and leaders</i> + <i>Those in need</i> + <i>This faith community</i> + <i>The great cloud of witnesses/those resting with God</i>	We give thanks for the communion of the church. Infuse a spirit of generosity in your people. Bless relationships among differing religions and faiths as signs of unity and hope. Merciful God, receive our prayer. We give thanks for abundant harvests and the many gifts of your good creation. Make us faithful caretakers of land, water, soil, and air, that all life might flourish. Merciful God, receive our prayer. We give thanks for local and global peace efforts. Uplift the voices of Native communities and theologians, and further the work of truth-telling and reparations in solidarity with our Indigenous siblings. We also pray for peoples and places experiencing violence and war, especially in Ukraine, Gaza, Iran, Israel and countries in the Middle East. Merciful God, receive our prayer. We give thanks for your tender care. Assure all weary hearts and bodies of your healing love, especially: Dale, Jane, Darlene, Diane, Mike, Steve, the Busby family, Joe, Elizabeth, Jon, Audrey, Frank, Kay, Kay, Brendan, Sarah, Donna, Rev. John Keller, Aliyah, Jim & Toni, Kate, Charley & Cindy, Preston, Joyce, Jen, Susan, Sally, Ruth, Cathryn, Kristina, Kim, Paul, Jeanette...and all those we name aloud or in our hearts [<i>A brief silence</i>]. Merciful God, receive our prayer. We give thanks for the witness of all the faithful departed. Empower us, by their example, to serve you with courage, hope, and joy in the promises of the gospel. Merciful God, receive our prayer. Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
<i>A practice of the ancient church, we share in Christ's peace & recognize it in each other.</i>	† Passing of the Peace The Peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you. <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>
<i>God entrusts us with everything we</i>	<u>The Meal</u> <i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus</i>

<i>have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.</i>	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  <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>
<i>The offering is brought to the altar to signify our gratitude for God’s blessings.</i>	† Offering Hymn: Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise (ELW 207) Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia. Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980. Text © 1978, 1995 Augsburg Fortress.
	† Offering Prayer Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us 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.

† Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

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

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty and hungry, come!

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.”

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: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (ELW 471)

- 1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.
- 2 Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.
- 3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

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Communion Hymn: Great God, Your Love Has Called Us (ELW 358)

- 1 Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.
- 2 We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined
yet seeking hope for humankind.
- 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own
not through some merit, right, or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.
- 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
- 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.

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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 The God of love gather you into one, in the body of Christ. The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever. Amen.
<i>Through the sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.</i>	† Sending Hymn: To Be Your Presence (ELW 546), v. 1, 3, 4 1 To be your presence is our mission here, to show compassion's face and list'ning ear, to be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia! 3 To be your presence is our mission blest, to speak for all the broken and oppressed, to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, alleluia! 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your people is our call and choice, and in this mission we, the church, rejoice, alleluia! Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939. Text © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.
<i>The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body: nourished, fed,</i>	† Dismissal Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. Thanks be to God.

<i>and ready to serve. Worship has ended, & our service begins!</i>	
	Postlude

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Today’s Worship Servants:

Ushers: Stan Zeager & Lance Curtis	Livestream: Isaac Krankowski
Reader: Parker Haskett	Acolyte: Amelia Forshey
Counters: Stan Zeager & Kirsten Reading	Cantor: Erik Bogen
Online Usher: Beau Reddington	Altar Care: Darlene Wahl
	Communion Bread: Chris Jacobson

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to Jennie Rose Sterns for her Birthday from her mother Karen Sperli.



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Oct 11th, 2026

Especially in our prayers: Dale Alexander, 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, Aliyah Kennedy, Jim & Toni Kulma, Kate Labuda, Charley & Cindy McCabe, Preston McLendon, Joyce Miller, Jen Mitterholzer, 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: Scott Krankowski (10/10), David Dick (10/13), Lance Curtis, Sarah Sburlea, Anna Sykaluk (10/15), Denise Johnson (10/16), Miles McDermott (10/18)

For those celebrating baptism anniversaries: Donna Michalski (10/10), Taylor Nichols (10/13), Louise DeBell, Corey Mattson, John Shumaker (10/14)

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 440-670-4917.

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 rrlwcoordinator@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
Sun, Oct 18	In-Person & Livestream Worship: 21 st Sunday After Pentecost, 3 rd Sunday in <i>The Joy of Generosity</i> , and Baptism of Russell Neuhaus	9:30 am
Sun, Oct 18	Secret Sisters Tea in the lounge	2:30 pm
Sun, Oct 25	In-Person & Livestream Worship: Reformation Sunday, Intent Sunday, and 4 th Sunday in <i>The Joy of Generosity</i>	9:30 am