



Good Samaritan welcomes and affirms all persons regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or socioeconomic background. We seek to reconcile any differences that divide us.

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E-News

Email cindy@good.org to receive the weekly e-news.

Prayer Chain

Email jim@good.org for prayer requests or to receive the weekly prayer chain email.

Find us on:



Thank you...

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Special Music: Chancel Choir

Communion Servers: Linda Hammersten, Pat Olson

Nursery: Julie Kang, Shelly Kang

Fellowship Hosts: Leigh Hamersten, Dave Knutson, JoAnn Knutson

WORSHIP
10:00 AM

November 2, 2025
All Saints' Sunday

Our Vision

Inspiring
Joyful Faith

Building a
Loving
Community

Serving
Neighbors
Near and Far

Today's
Scripture

Luke 6:20-31



Who we are. What we do.



Good Samaritan United Methodist Church

5730 Grove Street, Edina, Minnesota 55436

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WELCOME !

Nursery care is available for ages 6 weeks-3 years.

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available from the ushers.

Hearing assist devices are available at the sound booth.

Thank you for supporting our ministries!
Offering plates are available by the Sanctuary doors as you exit or scan this QR code to give securely online.



Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall after worship.

*Standing or sitting.

PRELUDE "Here I Am to Worship" TIM HUGHES

GREETING & WELCOME

*HYMN "Rejoice in God's Saints" UMH 708

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Happy are we

All: when our treasures cannot be quantified.

Happy are we

when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.

Happy are we

when our pain is held in the balm of love.

Happy are we

when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.

HYMN "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" TFWS 2200
sing 3 times

CHILDREN'S TIME Jan Russell
After Children's Time, children are invited to Sunday School in 200.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

SCRIPTURE Luke 6:20-31 (NRSVUE)
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Blessed Are You" Rev. Max Richter

*HYMN "Hymn of Promise" UMH 707

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who have come before us also were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God's forgiveness and grace.

**Beloved God,
who was known to our mothers and fathers,
and even to our spiritual forebears,
have mercy on us.
We do not always love as you would have us love.
We do not always do as you would have us do.
In our stubbornness,
we turn from you when we should turn toward you.
Hold us, dear One –
comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family,
and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence.
We praise you for the grace you shower on us,
constantly forgiving our errors,
especially the ones that we don't share with any but you.
Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.**

A time of silence

Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus, a man of a particular people in a particular time, taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God! Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love! Amen!

The Great Thanksgiving

FWS 2257-a,b,c,d

The Lord's Prayer

**Our God*, 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. Amen.

*(*Mother, Father, Creator, etc. - use the word that is most meaningful for you.)*

Receiving the Elements

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen or Alleluia.**

The cup of the New Covenant, poured for you. **Amen or Alleluia.**

Candlelighting: *As you come forward to receive Communion, you may light a candle in remembrance of a loved one.*

Music During Distribution

“He that Shall Endure”
from *Elijah*

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS

Tom Howden
Barb Kerr
Judith Leill
Bill Moyer
Mary Parsons

Sue Pat Seay
Larry Shedin
Beth Trout
Jean Zivkovich

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

*HYMN

“For All the Saints” vs. 1, 2, 4, 6

UMH 711

*BLESSING

Siblings in Christ,
since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses,
each of whom lived a life of faith in God,
**let us lay aside every weight that slows us down,
especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress.
and let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us,**
keeping our eyes on Jesus Christ,
on whom our faith depends from start to finish.
**And may the peace of God,
the love of Jesus Christ,
and the presence of the Holy Spirit,
be among us and within us as we go.**

*POSTLUDE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

OLIVER HOLDEN

Call to Worship: written by Katherine Hawker (2006), and posted on Liturgy Outside. <http://liturgyoutside.net/beatitudes.pdf>; <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/call-to-worship-beatitudes.html>.

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance: written by Rev. Lucus Keppel, Ancho Community & Corona United Presbyterian Churches, New Mexico. Posted on LiturgyLink. <https://www.liturgylink.net/2013/11/11/awareness-and-reconciliation-for-all-saints-day/>.

Blessing: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/04/benediction-hebrews-12-1-2.html>.



Good Sam Happenings

You're in a GOOD place to ... connect, grow, worship ...

Joyce Uptown Food Shelf Donation Drive Next Sunday



Next Sunday, November 9, we will be collecting donations of money and food to be delivered to Joyce for their emergency food bags. Joyce and other food shelves can purchase food at reduced cost, so each dollar goes further. If you'd like to donate money, use the QR code.



Food donations are also welcome for this drive! Please bring donations of the following shelf-stable food items (that are not expired or close to the expiration date):

- Mac and cheese
- Soups
- Tinned meats (canned chicken, tuna)
- Ramen or other noodle dishes that can be prepared easily
- Rice
- Beans

See the table in the Narthex or connect with Tony Branch for more information - tbranch5129@gmail.com.

Joyce has had a significant run on food since this weekend, and any donations the Good Samaritan community can provide are greatly appreciated! Thank you for supporting your local food shelf!



You're Invited to Sing with the Chancel Choir!

We'd love for you to join us for our special **Lessons & Carols** service and **Christmas Eve** celebration! Rehearsals are **Wednesdays from 7:00–8:00 p.m.** in the Choir Room in the lower level Music Wing.

Lessons & Carols – Sunday, December 14, Call Time: 3:00 p.m., Service: 4:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24, Call Time: 8:00 p.m., Service: 9:00 p.m.

Come make music with us this holiday season - all are welcome! Contact Carey with questions - carey@good.org.

Meals on Wheels Fundraiser Today

You are cordially invited to the Empty Bowls Event to support Crosstown Meal on Wheels! **Today, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Normandale Lutheran Church.** Empty Bowls is an event that brings the community together to share a meal of homemade soup, bread, and dessert donated by local restaurants, served in handmade bowls donated by local artists. Community members eat together and take a beautiful bowl home as a reminder of our neighbors who need food and shelter. This event will support the Crosstown Meals on Wheels goal to continue to improve the health and quality of life of seniors and others in need by providing nourishment and social connection.



Hearts & Hammers Silent Auction through Tomorrow



Help support safe and happy homes for those in need. Hearts & Hammers is holding its annual Silent Auction through November 3.

All proceeds will support low-income homeowners in Minnesota and Texas. Hearts & Hammers works to restore and preserve these homes, ensuring seniors, veterans, and people living with disabilities can safely remain in their homes. Good Samaritan volunteers have helped to restore Hearts & Hammers homes for more than 20 years. Bidding is live now through November 3 – heartsandhammers.org/events/silent-auction-2025.

Check out the Cozy Comfort Basket and Sweet Little One Gift Bag that contain lovingly hand-knit items from a Good Samaritan knitter! Thank you for supporting Hearts & Hammers' mission to keep people in the homes they love.



Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettias are said to symbolize good cheer and success while bringing wishes of laughter and celebration. Order a poinsettia for display in the Sanctuary during Advent in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is \$24.00 each (payable to GSUMC; note "Poinsettia" on memo line.)



Fill out this order form, include payment and put it in the offering plate, or mail to the church office by December 7. Orders may also be left in the money box on the wall in the reception area on the lower level.

NAME (Please print) _____

PHONE _____

Please note quantity:

Red _____ White _____

In Memory of

In Honor of

This year, smaller plants will be given to our homebound friends, so plan to take your ordered plant home. You may pick up your plant(s) after 9:00 p.m. worship on Christmas Eve or the following week during office hours, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. weekdays. Thank you.