



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.



Find us on:

Prayer Chain

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

Thank you...

Usher: Caroline Carlin
AV Techs: Brad Carlin, Jeff Jelen
Liturgist: Marilee Stevens
Advent Candle Lighting: The Branch Family: Tony, Lynn, Nicole, Ollie
Special Music: Chancel Chimes
Nursery: Pat Olson, Shelley Scharping
Fellowship Hosts: Caroline Carlin, Janet VanBenthuisen

WORSHIP
10:00 AM

December 14, 2025
 Advent 3

Our Vision

Inspiring
 Joyful Faith

Building a
 Loving
 Community

Serving
 Neighbors
 Near and Far

Today's
 Scripture

Isaiah 35:1-20
 Luke 1:47-55



Who we are. What we do.



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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 "Sleepers Awake" J.S. BACH

GREETING & WELCOME

*HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs. 1, 2, 6, 7 UMH 211

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God.

All: And our spirits rejoice in you.

We will praise you as long as we live.

We will sing praises to you our whole lives long.

We will not trust in the powerful of this world,

But will trust in you—Creator of heaven and earth,

the One who gives food to the hungry,

the One who enacts justice for the oppressed.

Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God

As we worship you in this place,

As we light these candles in hope, peace, and joy.

HYMN "My Soul Gives Glory to My God" UMH 198

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

One: In the midst of our waiting and longing for God to make the world right again, we cling to the truth that God has saved, God is saving, and God will save. So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God's salvation.

All: We choose to believe that the day is coming when "the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." (Isaiah 35:10)

We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together.

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

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" ARR. FRED GRAMANN

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 35:1-20; Luke 1:47-55 (NRSVUE)
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Fill the Hungry" Rev. Max Richter

*HYMN "People, Look East" UMH 202

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and 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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Cold December Flies Away" ARR. HART MORRIS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

*HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH 206

*BLESSING

One: We go to prepare the way; the way for Christ –

All: the hope of Christ, the peace of Christ –

to enter our world,

to enter our hearts.

We cry out together in the wilderness:

The kingdom of heaven has come near.

We go to be part of the light –

the light that shines in the darkness.

*POSTLUDE "People, Look East" ARR. KRISTINA LANGLOIS

Call to Worship: written by Joanna Harader, and posted on Spacious Faith. <http://spaciousfaith.com/>. Retrieved from <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Advent%203%20A>.

Blessing: adapted from prayer written by Joanna Harader, and posted on Spacious Faith. <http://spaciousfaith.com/>. Retrieved from <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Advent>.



Good Sam Happenings

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

Aldersgate Merger Final Vote Today

Today following worship, we will vote at a special church conference led by our Conference Superintendent, Becky Jo Messenbrink. Votes must be cast in person or via livestream and cannot be done in advance or by "absentee ballot".



Mary Parsons Memorial Today

The family of former staff member Mary Parsons invites you to a memorial open house this afternoon from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

A Festival of Lessons and Carols Today! 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

You are warmly invited to this beloved service featuring the Chancel Choir and the Chancel Chimes, as well as readings of the Nine Lessons and singing of traditional carols. Following the service, we'll gather for a festive reception featuring our Homeward Bound band. Bring your loved ones, invite your friends, and let's celebrate together the hope and joy that Christmas brings!

Feed My Starving Children

Join others for meal packing at the Chanhassen site (18932 Lake Dr E) of Feed My Starving Children this **Friday, December 19, 7:15-8:45 p.m.** Email Jane Heimerl at jane.heimerl@yahoo.com by Wednesday.



Christmas Eve at Good Samaritan

4:00 p.m. Family-Friendly Worship

Join the animals as they journey to meet a special baby with the book *Lullaby for the King* by Nikki Grimes and Michelle Carlos. Our Homeward Bound band will provide the music.

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship

Come welcome the joy and wonder of Christmas Eve with the beauty of candlelight, favorite Christmas hymns, the Chancel Choir, and a string quartet. We will celebrate Holy Communion as we gather in hope on this special night.

More Volunteers Still Needed

Plans for moving all of Aldergate's items to Good Samaritan are in place and we could use a few more volunteers. On **Monday, December 29**, their items at Spirit of Christ Church (where they are currently meeting) will be moved from various parts of the church to the main doors of SOC. On **Tuesday morning, December 30**, moving trucks will be loaded and come to Good Samaritan. **We need help on both days.** If you are available to help at any time, please reach out to Cindy in the office – cindy@good.org or 952-929-0049.





2025 Christmas Flowers

*Thank you to all who contributed to
the beauty of the Sanctuary this season.*

Nancy & Ted Ahrenholtz
in memory of Bill and Dorothy Fredendall

Pastor Jim and Janet Beard
in honor of family


Dale, Jr., Katie, and Shirley Braddock
in memory of Dale Braddock

Adele Brellenthin
in memory of William Brellenthin



Caroline Carlin
in memory of my parents, Morrie and Amy Tuttle

Natalie Cramer
in memory of Bob and Jeanne Cramer

Lynne Ferrell
in memory of Lily Grace Schwartzbauer,
Nancy Sutherland and Barb Schwartzbauer



Carol Gottesman
in memory of Irving Gottesman,
Betty Boysen, and Gary Applen



Leigh Hamersten
in memory of Hub, Helen, and Ron Kron

Gerry Hartman

Judith Hillger

Mike and Beth Hutson
in honor of peace on earth

Sarah Kumagai

Mary and Mac Lewis
in memory of our son, Mckenzie, and our parents

Charisse and David Litteken
in memory of David's mother, Lea Litteken,
and Charisse's father and stepfather,
Marvin Edwards and Damon Benedict

Pat and Len Olson
in memory of our parents,
Robert and Fern Olson, and Leonard and Eileen Olson

Jennifer Roach
in memory of Joe Roach

Lynda and Richard Seitz
in memory of our daughter, Kara



Charlotte Snook
in memory of Robert (Bob) Snook

