



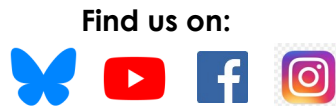
Good Samaritan welcomes and affirms all persons regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or socioeconomic background. We seek to reconcile any differences that divide us.

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



**Thank you...**  
**Ushers:** Caroline Carlin, Dean Kraus  
**AV Techs:** Noemi Dooley, Beth Hutson  
**Liturgist:** Peter Grinager  
**Special Music:** Chancel Chimes; Natalie McComas, guest pianist  
**Nursery:** Peter Heim, Pat Olson  
**Brunch Hosts:** Dave Knutson, JoAnn Knutson, Caroline Carlin, Janet Van-Benthuyesen

**WORSHIP**  
**10:00 AM**

January 11, 2025  
Baptism of the Lord

**Our Vision**

- Inspiring Joyful Faith
- Building a Loving Community
- Serving Neighbors Near and Far

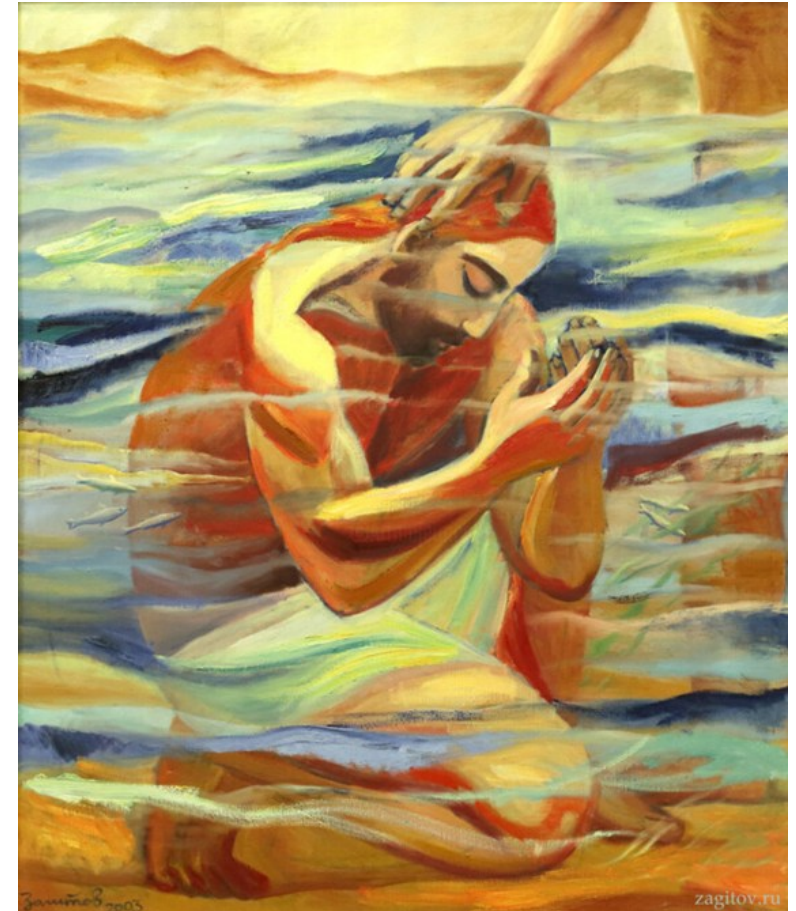
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**Today's Scripture**

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Matthew 3:13-17



*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 "He Leadeth Me" ARR. GREG HOWLETT

GREETING & WELCOME

\*HYMN "Spirit of God" FWS 2117

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Today we celebrate a special baptism; the baptism of Jesus of Nazareth.

God says:

Look! See my chosen servant, the One in whom I utterly delight;

**All: I have placed my Spirit on him, he will bring true justice to the nations.**

When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up, and Spirit came down like a dove;

and there was a voice from heaven saying:

**"This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am delighted."**

The joy of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

HYMN "Surely the Presence of the Lord" UMH 328

CHILDREN'S TIME Jan Russell  
*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 "Siyahamba" ARR. ROBERT J. WARD

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 42:1-9 Matthew 3:13-17(NRSVUE)

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "Beloved of God" Rev. Max Richter

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE UMH pg. 50-52

\*HYMN "I've Just Come From the Fountain" FWS 2250

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.)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

\*HYMN "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" FWS 2051

\*BLESSING

Go in peace; love and care for one another in the name of Christ; and may the Spirit of God, which filled John and Jesus, fill your hearts, souls and minds; may the power of God, which upheld them, strengthen you for each day; **and may the love of God, which directed their every action be our guiding light and our shining star, both now and forevermore. Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" ARR. GAIL SMITH

**Call to Worship:** written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Home page. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocA/10BAPTIS.html>; <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/01/call-to-worship-prayer-baptism-of-jesus.html>

**Blessing:** written by Rev. Richard J. Fairchild, and posted on his *Kir-shalom* website. <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/12/benediction-epiphany-1-b.html>

**Cover Photo:** *Baptism of Christ* by Vladimir Zagitov



## Good Sam Happenings

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

### Pancake Brunch Today!

Join us after worship today in Aldersgate Hall for a pancake brunch! We will serve buttermilk and gluten-free pancakes, pork and vegan sausage, hot regular and sugar-free syrup, orange juice, and regular and decaf coffee. A free-will offering will be taken, and any amount over expenses will be donated to the Missions Team. This will be a wonderful opportunity to chat with our new friends from Aldersgate and celebrate our merger! Thanks to Dave and JoAnn Knutson for coordinating!



### Welcome and Information Table



On the Sunday mornings in January, during fellowship time after worship, there will be folks at a Welcome and Information Table in the Narthex near Aldersgate Hall (formerly Fellowship Hall). You can find information about

Good Samaritan activities and facilities, take a guided tour of the building, ask questions about Good Samaritan and Aldersgate history and traditions, and have an opportunity to meet and talk with members who might be new to you.

### Poinsettias

Our Advent/Christmas poinsettias are now in the Narthex. If you ordered one, please take it. A few people mentioned that they didn't want theirs, so feel free to take one. Any left will be composted on Monday.



### Church Conference

A Church Conference (congregational meeting) will be held following worship on Sunday, January 25. We will discuss and vote to approve the 2026 budget.

### Memorial Services

A memorial service for Betty Fuller will be on **Saturday, January 17, 2:00pm, at Chapelview Apartments, 605 Minnetonka Mills Road in Hopkins.** Pastors Dennis and Gail Alexander will officiate.

A celebration of life with Pastor Max will be held for George Burr on **Saturday, January 17 from 2:00-5:00pm at Braemar Country Club, 6364 John Harris Drive, with a memorial program at 3:15pm.**

### Small Group Opportunities

Serena Steffenhagen, former staff member at Aldersgate, is leading a couple of small groups here at Good Samaritan. Both meet in the Lower Lobby (right inside lower doors):

**Monday Nights** (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month) at **6:30 p.m.** As our first topic of the New Year, this small group will explore faith and science. How do scientists reconcile their knowledge with the creation story? How is their faith challenged by science? How is their pursuit of science challenged by their faith? These are some of the questions we're interested in discussing. All are welcome. Bring any ideas or questions you may have as we explore, wonder about and discuss, and in doing so deepen our own faith.

**Thursday Mornings** at **10:00 a.m.** The first topic for this small group is social justice. All are welcome as we explore how our faith speaks to social justice issues and shapes our responses to what is happening in the world around us.

### Join the Chancel Choir!



As we come together as one church family, we warmly invite you to sing with the choir. Whether you're a longtime chorister, coming back to it after many years, or brand new, all are welcome. Join us Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. downstairs in the Choir Room as we lift our voices together. Contact Carey at [carey@good.org](mailto:carey@good.org) with questions.