



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.



Thank you...

Usher: Caroline Carlin
AV Techs: Brad Carlin, Noemi Dooley
Guest Organist/Accompanist: Helen Jensen
Liturgist: Becky Hart
Special Music: Will Samorey, violin; Chancel Choir
Nursery: Julie Kang, Shelly Kang
Fellowship Hosts: Caroline Carlin, Janet VanBenthuisen

WORSHIP
10:00 AM

May 10, 2026
 Easter 6

Our Vision

Inspiring
 Joyful Faith

Building a
 Loving
 Community

Serving
 Neighbors
 Near and Far

Today's
 Scripture
John 14:15-21



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 Aldersgate Hall after worship.

*Standing or sitting.

PRELUDE Violin Sonata No. 5, Op. 24, Movement II
LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

GREETING & WELCOME

*HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" UMH 152

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Divine Voice,

All: You sing and the universe comes into being;

O Divine Breath,

You breathe and all things spring to life;

O Divine Word,

You call and creation is sustained;

O Divine Flesh,

You are born among us,

and the Creator is clothed in creation;

O Divine Spirit,

You fill all that has been formed;

O Divine Life,

You are the pulse of all that is.

And so, in amazement and awe, in wonder and celebration

we marvel at this mystery:

In you all things live and move and have being,

In all things, you live and move and express your Divine artistry;

And so we join with creation

in the eternal song of worship and wonder...

HYMN "Alleluia" FWS 2043
sing 2x

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 "Jesus bleibet meine Freude" J.S. BACH

*Jesus bleibet meine Freude,
Meines Herzens Trost und Saft,
Jesus wehret allem Leide,
Er ist meines Lebens Kraft,
Meiner Augen Lust und Sonne,
Meiner Seele Schatz und Wonne;
Darum lass ich Jesum nicht
Aus dem Herzen und Gesicht.*

Jesus remains my joy,
the comfort and life's blood of my heart,
Jesus defends me against all sorrows,
He is my life's strength,
the delight and sun of my eyes
my soul's treasure and joy;
therefore I shall not let Jesus go
from my heart and sight.

SCRIPTURE John 14:15-21 (NRSVUE)
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Spirit of Truth" Rev. Max Richter

*HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH 89

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 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMC 384

*BLESSING

One: If the God who raised Jesus from the dead is for us, who dare be against us?

All: We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

Step out into the world in humble confidence:
there is no situation where Christ will not be there ahead of you,
preparing a place and an opportunity for you.

Thanks be to God.

The peace of God, which goes beyond all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ, God's Son.

**And the blessing of God all-loving,
the Creator, Redeemer and Counselor,
will be with us now and always. Amen!**

*POSTLUDE



Good Sam Happenings

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

Can You Help?

JoAnn Knutson will be in the Narthex after worship to recruit for Toolbox Brigade, Grounds Crew, Kitchen Committee, and to pick up and deliver items to people coming out of homelessness. Please consider whether you would be able to help with any of these vitally needed jobs that meet occasionally, often at times you can choose.



Church Directory

While we encourage you to use the online church directory, if you would like a printed or PDF copy, one can be created for you. Please let Cindy in the office know if you would like one – cindy@gmail.com or 952-929-0049. If you would like instructions to access the online directory, Cindy can also help you.



Peace Garden Planting – Saturday, May 23



The Peace Garden has been patiently awaiting the planting of its annuals. The time is at hand! Planting Day will be **Saturday, May 23**, starting at **10:00 a.m.** It will be a fun morning of digging in the dirt and fellowship. Please join us. Bring your gloves and a trowel. Coffee and treats will be provided. Any questions, contact Steve Schultz (612) 212-3056 or Mary Lach (612) 860-3233.

Wear Red for Pentecost

Sunday, May 24 is Pentecost Sunday. We traditionally wear red on that morning to represent the Holy Spirit.



Call to Worship: posted on Third Space. <http://third-space.org.uk/>
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Easter%206%20Year%20A>
Blessing: written by Bruce Prewer and posted on Bruce Prewer's Homepage - bruceprewer.com. Used with permission of the author. <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Easter%205%20Year%20A>
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Next Sunday, May 17
During 10:00 a.m. Worship

Come together, right now...for Big Music Sunday! Join us for Big Music Sunday, a joyful celebration of unity, togetherness, and the power of music in our shared life of faith. This special annual service will feature all of our musical ensembles - Faith Alive, Jubilee!, Chancel Chimes, Chancel Choir, and Homeward Bound—coming together in one uplifting experience.

As we continue to grow as one united community, these ensembles beautifully reflect the gifts, traditions, and spirit each congregation brings. Big Music Sunday is more than a musical event; it is a meaningful expression of who we are together.

Looking to get involved? Contact Carey@good.org to learn more about joining an ensemble or supporting the music ministry financially or in other ways.



Feed My Starving Children

Join the group at Feed My Starving Children for meal packing at the Chanhassen location **this Wednesday, May 13, 9:30-11:15 a.m.** Contact Jane Heimerl at jane.heimerl@yahoo.com to sign up.

Sunday School Helpers

We need helpers! Sunday School follows Children's Time in Sunday morning worship. Sign up at tinyurl.com/GSSunSchool. Contact Jan with questions - jan@good.org.



Good Samaritan Lay Leadership



The nominations team for lay leadership roles has just begun its work for the upcoming program year of the church. Currently, leadership roles run on the Annual Conference year schedule of July 1-June 30. We are working toward a church conference on June 14, following worship, to present the list of names to the congregation for approval. Some of the teams were refreshed with the merger documents: Finance, Leadership Council, Care Team, and Missions. We are in the process of creating a St. Louis Park Outreach Team, Heritage Team, Bell Advisory Group, and Vision/Strategy Team along with new members for the Staff Parish Relations Committee (personnel team of the church), Trustees, Foundation, Nominations, Worship Arts, Marketing, Library Team, Children/Youth/Family Council, Marketing/Digital Team and Investment Team, along with some additional ad hoc leadership. This structure may shift as we do fresh strategic planning in the fall. Please contact Pastor Max, who chairs this team, with potential interest, availability, and questions – max@good.org or 952-452-9395.