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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WORSHIP
10:00 AM

October 18, 2026

Our Vision

Inspiring Joyful Faith

Building a Loving Community

Serving Neighbors Near and Far

Today's Scripture

Matthew 6:19-24, 33
1 Timothy 6:17-19

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GOOD SAMARITAN

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 Aldersgate Hall after worship.

***Standing or sitting.**

PRELUDE "Love the Lord" LINCOLN BREWSTER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of all grace, you have blessed us beyond measure. You knit us together, sustain our days, and entrust us with the riches of your creation.

All: We come into this space with glad hearts, acknowledging that everything we have and everything we are flows from your generous hand.

You do not ask us to hoard or fear scarcity, but to live awake to the movement of your Spirit. You call us to share our time, our talents, and our treasures for the healing of the world.

Today, we celebrate the gifts we share and the future we build side-by-side. Use our lives, O God, to glorify your name and serve our neighbors.

Let us open our hands and our spirits. Come, let us worship God in gratitude and joy!

*OPENING HYMN "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369

WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN "Where Children Belong" FWS 2233

CHILDREN'S TIME Jan Russell

After Children's Time, children are invited to Sunday School in 200.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM - Cooper Lee Smith-Ebert

The Baptismal Covenant II - UMC p. 39

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC "God of Wonders" MARC BYRD, STEVE HINDALONG

SPIRITUAL MESSAGE OF THE DAY Rev. Jim Beard

"Gifts - The Way to Living Richly"

Scripture References: Matthew 6:19-24, 33 (NIV)

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (MSG)

*HYMN "Come, Thou Fount" UMH 400

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: If we had a fraction of the faith in you that you have in us then this world would be transformed, Lord.

Organ Side: If we showed a fraction of the love that you show to us then this world would be transformed, Lord.

Piano Side: If we possessed a fraction of the patience that you display with us then this world would be transformed, Lord.

Pastor: If we shared just a portion of the blessings that we have received from you then this world would be transformed, Lord.

Organ Side: If we showed as much trust in others as you have shown in us then this world would be transformed, Lord.

Piano Side: If we claimed just a fraction of the power you promised to your Church then this world would be transformed, Lord.

All: Transform us first, Lord, that we might transform this world through your love and your power.

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 LIVING OUR FAITH

*DEPARTING SONG "Love the Lord" LINCOLN BREWSTER

Love the Lord your God with all you heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength. *(Repeat)*

With all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.

I will serve the Lord with all my heart with all my soul,
with all my mind, and with all my strength. *(Repeat)*

With all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, with all my strength.
I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, and with all my strength.

I will love you (I will love you). I will praise you (I will praise you).
I will serve you (I will serve you).
I will trust you, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, with all my strength.

I will love you, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, and with all my strength. *(Repeat)*

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*FINAL WORDS OF BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "When We're Gone, Long Gone" KIERAN KANE, JAMIE O'HARA

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Good Sam Happenings

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

Stewardship Season Continues

As we savor the fall harvest, we give thanks for God's many blessings in our lives. As part of this gratitude, we continue our stewardship season throughout this month. Each week will focus on a different aspect of our United Methodist membership vows to be faithful stewards in our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness of how we live our faith in the world every day.

Pledge cards went out this past Thursday. We will bless these cards in worship on **October 25**, but you are welcome to mail them beforehand or notify us electronically of your intentions at **good.org/give/make-a-pledge**. Receiving your intentions in October helps us budget carefully as we continue to grow our ministries and achieve our goals for 2027 and beyond. We are grateful for your continued generosity!

FMSC Meal Packing

Join other Good Samaritan folks at Feed My Starving Children for meal packing on **Friday, Oct. 30, 5:00–6:30 p.m.** The Chanhassen site is at 18732 Lake Dr E. Contact Jane Heimerl to sign up at jane.heimerl@yahoo.com.

Sunday School Helpers Needed

Jan is looking for more helpers for the Sunday School classroom and Nursery. If you can help out on a Sunday here or there, please reach out to her at jan@good.org or 952-452-9398.



Radical Hospitality



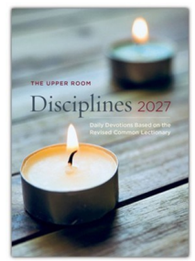


We don't think of the Election Cycle or Election Day as an opportunity to practice Radical Hospitality. But it is at Good Samaritan. For several years, we have been the polling place for Edina's 5th precinct. And so it is again on November 3, 2026. As part of Radical Hospitality, we welcome people coming through our Church, provide lunch and dinner to our election judges, staff and workers, and provide fresh coffee, cookies, and cold beverages to our guests.

You will want to be part of this tradition! We need help with greeters, coffee makers, meal makers, and cleaner-uppers throughout the day! Sign-up is easy. Just go to **tinyurl.com/GSElections2026**. We especially need kitchen help. But hurry, the slots will fill fast!

Any questions, please contact JoAnn (612-240-9372) or Dave Knutson (612-859 -2940). And don't forget to vote on November 3!

Daily Devotional



As a means of increasing a personal faith practice, many people use a daily devotional. One such devotional is *The Upper Room Disciplines, Daily Devotions Based on the Revised Common Lectionary*. Each week of this book has daily reflections, based on the revised common lectionary, written by a different faith leader - clergy from United Methodist and other faiths, faithful leaders from various vocations, etc., that provide thoughtful commentary on the scriptures for the week. It includes an outline for small group use, and a guide to daily prayer, as well.

For several years, Becky Hart has placed a single order for those of the Aldersgate congregation who wanted a copy of this devotional, so as to share the shipping costs. It is now time to place an order for the 2027 edition. She will be placing an order before the end of the year, so it will be received by 2027. The regular cost is $19.99, plus whatever the shipping cost is, split among the number of people who want a copy. The church will pay up front, and you can reimburse Good Samaritan upon delivery. If you are interested in getting a copy of this devotional or have questions, contact Becky, either at church on Sunday mornings, or directly at 612-275-2513 (call or text), or rxhart1@gmail.com. She will be accumulating orders until at least the end of November.

An October Adventure!



Through the years, a good number of people have asked Dandy where she takes her sandhill crane photos. Those of us living in Minneapolis are fortunate to have a place about 1½ hours away where we can see quite a few Sandhill Cranes during their fall migration.

You are invited to join Dandy Lewis and Tony Branch on **Wednesday, October 21**, on a day trip to Crex Meadows Wildlife Area near Grantsburg, Wisconsin, during this year's sandhill crane fall migration. We will meet at Good Samaritan at **1:00 p.m.** to carpool. The timing of our trip will allow us to be at Crex Meadows to view the cranes in the late afternoon, as they return to the safety of the marsh for the night.



If you are interested in participating in this adventure, please sign up with the QR code or at **tinyurl.com/ GScranes**. If you would be able to drive your car and take people with you, please type in the "Public Comment" box that you can drive and the number of people who can ride with you. Because of the price of gas these days, we are suggesting a donation of $10 be given to the drivers.

If you have any questions, please call or email Dandy at 612-518-7652, dandy@good.org.

