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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Fellowship Hosts: Brian Boysen, Leigh Hamersten

WORSHIP
10:00 AM

November 1, 2026
All Saints' Sunday

Our Vision

Inspiring Joyful Faith

Building a Loving Community

Serving Neighbors Near and Far

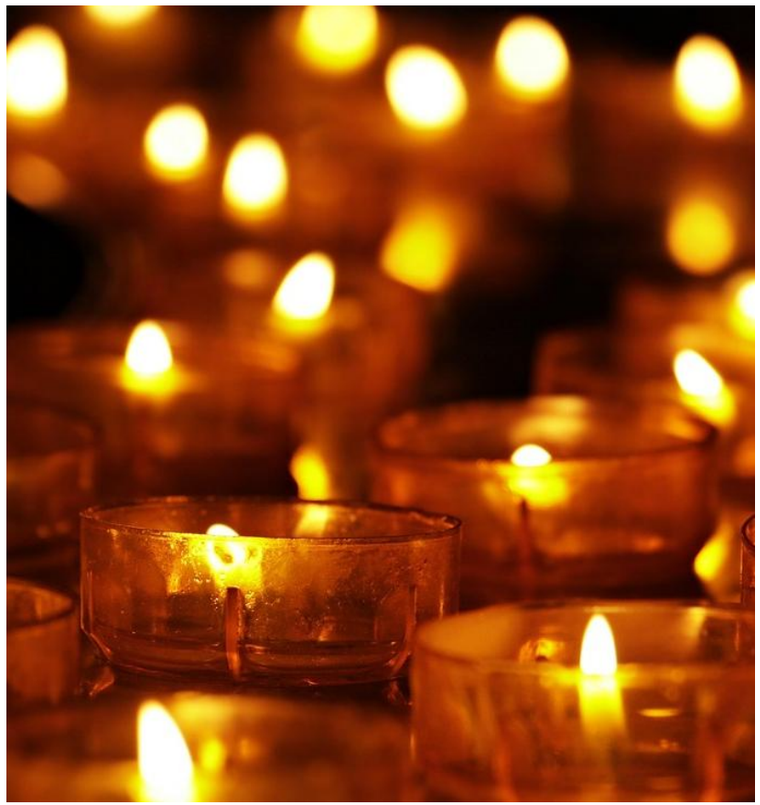
Today's Scripture

Psalm 34:1-10, 22
Matthew 5:1-12

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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 Aria on "For All the Saints" DAVID CHERWIEN

During the Prelude, you are welcome to light a candle in honor of a departed loved one.

GREETING & WELCOME

*HYMN "Maker, In Whom We Live" UMH 88

*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 "Taste and See" FWS 2267

sing 2 times

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 "With a Voice of Praise"

G.F. HANDEL, ARR. MCEWEN

SCRIPTURE Psalm 34:1-10, 22; Matthew 5:1-12(NRSVUE)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Rejoice in God's Saints" Rev. Max Richter

*HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH 384

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

One: Jesus, lover and friend, you showed us holiness in action through the way you lived your life. You gave away your power in the service of others and turned our understanding of blessedness on its head.

All: We confess the difficulties we experience in living as you lived and loving as you loved.

We confess how easy it is to concentrate on our own pleasures - taking note of the plight of many in the world only as the news momentarily grabs our attention.

We confess our capacity to be so consumed by our own agendas that our concern for the needs of others shrinks all too rapidly.

We confess our failure to act when we see around us weakness, pain, suffering and powerlessness.

A time of silent confession

We confess our reluctance to love our enemies and to do good to those who dislike or even hate us.

We confess the ease with which we become conformed to the world's standards rather than facing the challenge of conforming to those of Christ.

Stir up your Spirit in us, Lord, that we may experience the happiness and blessing of being your disciples in more than name only.

Strengthen us to be people who sing and live your song of love; who willingly serve our neighbors—even those we don't especially like; who seek justice and mercy for all and who truly repent of what is past and look with anticipation for what is yet to come. This we pray in your name and for your sake. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

"In Christ... when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, you also were marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people." (Ephesians 1: 13, 14)

Hear again the word of truth: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

The Great Thanksgiving – Musical Setting B UMH pp.18-20

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.)*

Remembering the Saints

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.**

Music During Distribution "I Come, O Lord" Robert Leaf

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

*HYMN "For All the Saints" vs. 1, 2, 6 UMH 711

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Ein Feste Burg" Helmut Walcha

Call to Worship: written by Katherine Hawker (2006), and posted on Liturgy Outside. http://liturgyoutside.net/beatitudes.pdf. Retrieved from https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/call-to-worship-beatitudes.html.
Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance: written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on her Liturgies Online website. from https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/10/prayer-of-confession-all-saints.html#:~:text=Saints%20(November%201).
Blessing: written by Bruce Prewer. https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search?q=all+Saints.
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Good Samaritan Happenings

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

Stewardship Season Continues

Today is the final Sunday of our 2027 Stewardship promotion season. You can make your pledge any time with a pledge card (extras on the Welcome Table in the Narthex) or online at **good.org/give/make-a-pledge**. The Finance Team is working to budget carefully as we continue to grow our ministries and achieve our goals for 2027 and beyond. We are grateful for your continued generosity!

Election Day Helpers Still Needed



Volunteers are still needed for **this Tuesday**, November 3, as we host polling for the midterm elections. We need help in the kitchen baking cookies, servicing the coffee table, helping serve lunch or dinner, and cleaning up. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex and online at **tinyurl.com/GSElections2026**. Or contact Dave at 612-879-2940 or dhknutson73@gmail.com.

Reading Helpers Needed



There is a sign-up in the Narthex for volunteers to tutor reading at Stonebridge World Elementary School in Minneapolis. You can make a difference in these kids' lives! Spend 2-3 hours per week and sit with 4-6 kids for a half hour each while they read to you. If you can read...you can tutor! Subs are also needed to fill in when the regular tutors cannot make it. Contact JoAnn Knutson - 612-240-9372 or joannknutson@hotmail.com.

Nursery Help



Jan is looking for a few more Sunday morning Nursery volunteers for November 8 and 15 and December 6 and 13. Contact her if you can help: jan@good.org or 952-452-9398.

Harvest Time Meets & Eats



Sunday, November 15, following worship. Back by popular demand, Meets & Eats returns for a fall feast to share together. Like those that kicked things off last summer, this Harvest Time Meets & Eats will take place immediately following worship, and there is no need to register in advance. The "Meets" pattern will continue with "reserved seating" to aid in meeting new people, and a table game or activity to break the ice. And instead of cookout fare, the "Eats" this season will focus on warm bowls of deliciousness. People will need to help with set-up, cooking/serving, and clean-up duties, and half a dozen folks are sought to provide some delectable side dishes (soups and breads will be provided). If you are willing to help, sign up at the table in the Gathering Space, scan the QR code, or visit **tinyurl.com/GSMeetsEats**.

Empty Bowls Event

Sunday, November 8, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Normandale Lutheran Church, in support of Crosstown Meals on Wheels. Join them for a community dinner and enjoy soup, bread, and dessert donated by local restaurants and handmade bowls donated by local potters. Select a bowl, make a donation, and enjoy dinner with the community. Keep your bowl as a remembrance that many people are in need of food assistance.

EMPTY BOWLS
CROSSTOWN

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 **$22** each. Payment can be via check with "Poinsettia" in the memo line, or online at good.org/give/give-gift – choose the Fund "Purchase or Event Fee" and write "Poinsettia" in the "Payment For:" box.

Fill out this order form, include payment, and put it in the offering plate, or mail it to the church office by December 6. 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 _____ (color choice subject to availability)

Payment (please check): Enclosed _____ I will pay online _____

In Memory of:

_____

In Honor of:

_____

Please note: 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.