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

November 15, 2026

Our Vision

Inspiring Joyful Faith

Building a Loving Community

Serving Neighbors Near and Far

Today's Scripture

Psalm 145
1 Samuel 3:1-19

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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

GREETING & WELCOME

*HYMN "All Creatures of Our God and King"

All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam;
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice;
Ye lights of evening, find a voice;
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in One.
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of our fathers and mothers—
All: of all the generations who have come before us—
holy is Your name.
We gather in Your presence with praise and thanksgiving
for the faithful love You have shown toward Your people,
for the many blessings You have given to us.
Your promises are eternal.
Thank you for Your faithful presence among us,
even when we are not fully aware of it.
Continue to reveal Yourself to us.
Open our eyes to see You here among us;
open our ears to hear Your Word.
For surely, You are with us in this place.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen.

HYMN "Here for You" see insert

CHILDREN'S TIME Bible Presentations Jan Russell

3rd Graders: Vivian Carlozzi, Raymond Grinager, Lydie Laubignat
9th Grader: Alex Knutson

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 "Listening" VICKEY BEECHING

SCRIPTURE Psalm 145; 1 Samuel 3:1-19(NRSVUE)

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Listening for God" Rev. Max Richter

*HYMN "Abide With Me" see insert

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 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" FWS 2223

*BLESSING

One: Whoever welcomes you welcomes me.
All: Quench our thirst for love,
Satisfy our need to be known,
Assure us that we are indeed prophets of welcome.
Let us go to proclaim this peace in God's name.

*POSTLUDE "Listen to the Music" TOM JOHNSTON

Call to Worship: https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search?q=scripture
Blessing: written by the Rev. Elsa A. Cook. an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She writes liturgies and shares her thoughts on https://cookingwithelsa.org/. https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/benedictions
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Good Sam Happenings

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

Harvest Time Meets & Eats Today!



Stay for lunch! Following worship today, join us for another Meets & Eats event. 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. Thanks to those who are providing side dishes and volunteering to help!

Dandy Thank-You and Love Offering



We are deeply grateful to Dandy Lewis for her many years of pastoral ministry and faithful service to Good Samaritan. Following her pastoral role, Dandy continued to serve our congregation as our Website Administrator, generously sharing her time and talents for more years than most of us can count!

Dandy has decided the time has come to step away from these responsibilities, and we are grateful that Caroline Carlin will be taking on the role of Website Administrator for the church.

Please join us in celebrating Dandy and expressing our heartfelt thanks for her many years of dedicated service to Good Samaritan UMC. We will gather in Aldersgate Hall for coffee and treats following our 10:00 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, December 13**.

You can also make a love offering for Dandy via check to the church with "Dandy-Love Offering" in the memo line, or online at good.org/give/give-gift - for the Fund, select "Financial Gift"; when the "Gift For:" box pops up, write "Dandy's Love Offering".

Help Prepare Books for Baiwalla School!



After our service **next Sunday, November 22**, the Missions Team is offering a service project in Aldersgate Hall to prepare books to be shipped to the school in Sierra Leone, Africa. The books are sorted but need cards written, pockets attached, and date-due slips added. It's an easy job but a lot of books! The more the merrier and the faster we can get done. Sign up to help in the Narthex this Sunday, email joannknutson@hotmail.com, or just show up!

And to protect the books in the shipping barrels, bring a bag of beans – the cost of shipping is by volume, not weight. So, the school will get books and extra food to add to the school lunches!



Hanging of the Greens

Join us for this wonderful, long-standing tradition at Good Samaritan where we decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season! Music will be provided at this family-friendly service by our own Orchaband.

We will be collecting unwrapped gifts for infants through 8-year-olds to donate to STEP (St. Louis Park Emergency Program). Target gift cards in amounts $5 to $25 will be collected as well. Bring items to the service or contact Jan at jan@good.org or 952-452-9398.

Anyone who plays a band or orchestra instrument (young or old) is invited to join the Orchaband. Pick up the music ahead of time from the reception area by the church office. We will rehearse right before the service at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. It's great fun! Contact Sarah Kumagai with questions - 952- 944-2683.

Order a Poinsettia!



Order a poinsettia for display in the Sanctuary during Advent in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is $22 each. Use an order form from the Welcome Table in the Narthex, or email cindy@good.org with your order. The options are red and white, subject to availability. 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. **Please have orders in to the office by Sunday, December 6.**

Raise your Voice in Song!

CHANCEL Choir

Folks who wish to sing with the Chancel Choir for Lessons & Carols and/or Christmas Eve are invited to Wednesday evening rehearsals 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Choir Room on the lower level. Please reach out to Carey at carey@good.org with any questions. The Lessons & Carols service is Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m.



The Two Roads to Bethlehem: Journeying to the Christ Child

Which road will you take to the babe in the manger this year? The Gospels describe two distinct yet equally powerful routes. Instead of getting lost in the mall madness this Christmas, find your way to the Holy Child along the road that speaks most deeply to your needs. Registration is now open, and will continue until Sunday, November 22. Sign up using the paper form in the Narthex, scan the QR code, or visit **tinyurl.com/GSTwoRoads**. Led by Pastor Jim, classes will meet after worship on each of the four Sundays of Advent, beginning November 29.

Open Gym Time

Saturday, November 21,12:30-2:30 p.m.



Families can drop in anytime and have free play in the Gym. Enter through Door 8. For our first get-together, it will be grown-ups and their kids. We will see how it goes and consider doing one in December with just the kids!

Thursday Morning Small Group Update

SMALL Groups

The Thursday morning small group, led by Serena Steffenhagen, will begin *The Politics of Jesus*, by Obery M. Hendricks, Jr., **this Thursday, November 19, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Lower Lobby. If you are planning to participate, please read the Introduction for our first gathering.

Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

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