



**Holy Communion
Sundays**
at 8:15 & 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. live on YouTube

Welcome to Worship at Gloria Dei!

Welcome to worship at Gloria Dei. Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here. Every Sunday, the body of Christ gathers in this sanctuary to hear God's word of unconditional grace, share a meal of mercy and forgiveness and is then sent into the world to follow Jesus with peace, compassion and justice. Thank you for joining our mission. Please let us know how we can assist you in being at home with us.

Parish Announcements - July 14, 2024

Worship and Music & Art

Welcome back, Paul! Today we welcome back former Associate Music Director, Paul Damico-Carper, for a guest appearance. He will be playing with his father, Dennis Friesen-Carper, and Andy Wilkowske at both services. He has a really busy schedule, so we're delighted he finally is able to be back with us on a Sunday and lead much of the music this week!

Gift of Music Coming. The next Gloria Dei *Gift of Music Recital* will be presented in the sanctuary on Sunday, July 21, at 3 p.m. Please join us for this free one-hour concert featuring the musical talents of Beverly Dretzke, Paul Shaleger, Amy Hinrichs, Kimberly Allmann, Philip Stoyke, Travis Waymon, Andrew Wilkowske, Elizabeth Trites, Brenda Mickens, David Mickens, Dennis Friesen-Carper and Timothy Strand. All are welcome! A post-recital reception will be held in the Gathering Place.

Bread of Life Sundays. Jesus calls himself the bread of life, nourishing our bodies and spirits with all for which we hunger and sending us out to feed our neighbors. For five Sundays leading up to the end of summer, we will hear from John 6, which gives us a chance to explore the bread of life theme and have some fun. Plan now to bring bread for one of the four upcoming coffee hours after either of our worship services. Bake or purchase the bread of your choice and help us fill our community with joy. What will you bring? Rye, whole wheat, gluten free, sweet bread, cinnamon rolls, zucchini bread? See which week is your chance. Bring bread as individual servings and add to the bread table in the Gathering Place. What Sunday should you bring your favored bread? If your last name starts with:

A-F: July 28

G-L: August 4

M-R: August 11

S-Z: August 19

Watch for something special on Sunday, August 25.

Faith Formation

Wednesday Coffee with Pastors. Gloria Dei pastors will be available to sip coffee or another summer beverage with you every Wednesday at 2 p.m. this month at J&S Bean Factory, 1518 Randolph Ave. The focus is to connect with one another. Come, tell stories, meet some new folks, ask the pastors all your hard questions.

We're Looking for a Cook. Wednesday nights during the program year are a wonderful time for all generations of the Gloria Dei community to gather and socialize. A key piece of that gathering is the evening meal that's served 5:45-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We're looking for a cook who has a heart for bringing people together around good and nutritious food. Job duties include planning menus; preparing and serving the meals; arranging for purchase and delivery of necessary food and paper products; and coordinating with administrator regarding costs and other necessary items. The position averages 5-10 hours per week, with an hourly wage. Meals are served September through April. Experience requirements are previous food preparation work within a similarly sized organization and availability during meal times. Contact Church Finance and Administration Director Beverly Sargent beverly@gloriadeistpaul.org to apply.

Social Justice and Outreach

July's Second Offering will go to ISALAH, a community organizing group that works with people of faith across Minnesota to advocate for racial and economic justice. The in-service offering will be collected at today's services. But you can give online any time or drop a check in the offering plate with "Second Offering" written on the memo line. So far \$364 has been collected this month for ISALAH.

Help Feed a Hungry World. Anyone age 5 and older is invited to serve together with others from Gloria Dei at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan this summer. We will help pack food bags that will be shipped all around the world.

Children should be accompanied by an adult. This event is free, but consider bringing a donation for Feed My Starving Children. You can help pay for a child to eat for a year for \$88. The two packing events are:

- Tuesday, July 30 from noon-1:45 p.m. Gloria Dei staff members will join in at this pack.
- Monday, August 19 from 5-6:30 p.m. Register for either event at tinyurl.com/gdFMSC24.

Build With Habitat for Humanity. Join Gloria Dei members and folks from other St. Paul churches in a Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity building project. The work provides affordable housing through Interfaith Builders, a consortium of eight faith communities in St. Paul: Gloria Dei, Holy Spirit Catholic, Macalester Plymouth United, Olivet Congregational, St. Anthony Park Lutheran, St. Paul's UCC, St. Thomas More Catholic and Temple of Aaron. The project is a new house build like we have done in the past and will be August 5-9. You can participate as much as your time allows. This is a great opportunity to support local families with affordable housing. Register at tinyurl.com/gdHABITAT24. First time doing this? You may have to create an account in order to sign up to volunteer. It's fast, easy and can be done at tinyurl.com/gdHABITATHUB. Any questions? Please contact Matt Sherwood at mgsherwood@yahoo.com.

Health and Healing

Blood Drive is July 22. The next Red Cross Circle of Faith blood drive at Gloria Dei is coming soon. The need for blood is always critical. Each donation can help save up to three people. Both donors and volunteers are needed. To make a blood donation appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Want to help out? Volunteers greet donors, help them sign in and serve refreshments. If you are interested in volunteering from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. or 3-6:30 p.m., contact Parish Nurse Jill Stewart (nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org or 651-699-1378 ext. 3031).

Summer Fitness: Heads Up for Hazards. Thanks to everyone for your minutes and steps reports during our Summer Fitness Challenge! Each team is making gains. However, nothing can interrupt fitness progress like an injury, and no one wants to get hurt. It's a good thing that so many injuries can be prevented. Be proactive and look for potential hazards in your environment, especially in the places where you are active. Uneven pavement, poor lighting, old/failing equipment, rugs, floor mats and slippery surfaces can lead to cuts, trips and falls. Exercise with a buddy; bring your phone with you, too. It's not too late to participate in our summer fitness program! Pick your team: Steps or Minutes. Report your exercise minutes to parish nurse Jill Stewart, nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org / 651-699-1378 ext. 3031.

This week's featured Olympic host cities are Stockholm, Sweden, which hosted summer games in 1912 and 1956, and Helsinki, Finland, the summer host in 1952. In 1912, Sweden won 65 medals, closely followed by the USA with 64. This was the last Olympics to offer solid gold medals to winners. In the 1952 Helsinki games, the USA won 76 medals, and the Soviet Union won 71.

Memory Care Program at Lyngblomsten. A new Pop-Up Arts Memory Cafe program for those living with memory loss and their care partners begins in August at Lyngblomsten. It will offer arts activities led by a teaching artist, resources and much more. The Cafe will be held on second and fourth Wednesdays of the month between Aug. 14 and Dec. 11, 10-11:30 a.m., at the Lyngblomsten Como Campus. Attend as many as you like. Register at tinyurl.com/gdCARECAFE24 or contact Lisa Brown at 651-632-5320 or lbrown@lyngblomsten.org. Gloria Dei is a member of Lyngblomsten, a nonprofit providing healthcare, housing and community-based resources for older adults since 1906.

Stewardship and Giving

Fresh Altar Flowers are a Click Away. We appreciate everyone who provides altar flowers to beautify our Sunday worship. Purchasing flowers

online is quick and easy. They can be purchased for \$65. Go to tinyurl.com/gdFLOWERS24 and follow the instructions to order flowers for a specific week to commemorate a special occasion or just to brighten worship. And you're always welcome to stop by the church office to make arrangements in person, too.

Ways to Assist With Worship

In addition to the activities noted above, join Gloria Dei friends in one of these other ways to assist in worship on Sunday.

- **Altar Care Team** prepares the altar paraments and along with setting up and cleaning for communion service. Email Amy Hinrichs at amyldhinrichs@gmail.com with questions.
- **Assisting Minister** helps lead worship with pastors, shares prayers and serves communion. Email Mark Christianson (mchristi314@gmail.com) with questions.
- **Communion Assistants** distribute bread, wine and grape juice during worship. Email Mark Christianson (mchristi314@gmail.com) with questions.
- **Hospitality Team** welcomes people to worship, collects offerings, assists with seating needs and ensure that worship runs smoothly. Email Mark Christianson (mchristi314@gmail.com) with questions.
- **Lector** reads Old and New Testament lessons during worship. Email Mark Christianson (mchristi314@gmail.com) with questions.
- **Crucifer** carries the cross in worship processions. Email Mark Christianson (mchristi314@gmail.com) with questions.
- **Sacristan** assists with the logistics of worship and guides acolytes. Email Mark Christianson (mchristi314@gmail.com) with questions.
- **Adult & Children's Choirs** provide special music for worship services with rehearsals on Wednesdays. Email Music Director Tim Strand at tstrand@gloriadeistpaul.org.
- **Tech Crew** produces the weekly YouTube livestream. Email Tadhg Ferris Wayne at WorshipTech@gloriadeistpaul.org.

Next week: More ways to help with Outreach.
See all Gloria Volunteer Opportunities at:
gloriadeistpaul.org/giving/volunteer/

Gloria Dei News. To receive our weekly eNews email and other emails, please contact the church office (office@gloriadeistpaul.org). You can also visit our website for news and other messages about our ministries and programs at gloriadeistpaul.org/news.

To receive our weekly prayer list email, please sign up online bit.ly/PrayerListEmail. On Friday mornings, you'll receive an email that lists our brothers and sisters who have requested our prayers. You can opt out at any time.

Submit Gloria Dei news and events by noon on Mondays. Please use the online form at gloriadeistpaul.org/News. Your submission goes to the communications staff.

Reserve a room for a Gloria Dei-sponsored meeting or event through this online form: bit.ly/RoomRequestGDL. Your submission goes to the office staff. If you have any questions, please contact Office Coordinator Karen Earhuff office@gloriadeistpaul.org.

Try our Technology for Improved Sound in the Sanctuary. Upgraded technology helps us support individual sound needs. All you need is a smartphone with Wi-Fi capability and earphones, or your hearing device or cochlear implant. Download the Listening Technologies "Listen Everywhere" app (free app), and connect to the dedicated Gloria Dei Wi-Fi (network: Gloria Dei AV System, password: GloriaDeiAV3014). Plug in your earphones, or connect your hearing device with Bluetooth, and launch the app. If you have any questions, please talk with an usher on Sunday mornings. Learn more on the Listening Technologies website (listentech.com *listeneverywhere*). Once you have used the Listen Everywhere app once, you should be able to easily connect the next time.

Mission Statement

By God's grace, we are called to be a caring, healing and welcoming community who proclaim and celebrate the love of Jesus Christ, live as God's servants and seek justice for all people.

Our Guiding Principles

- Rooted in **Christ**, we worship with meaning and relevance.
- Rooted in **Generosity**, we share our resources and our building.
- Rooted in **Compassion**, we serve and advocate.
- Rooted in **Justice**, we acknowledge privilege and combat racism.
- Rooted in **Love**, we build intentional and diverse relationships.
- Rooted in **Beauty**, we seek transformation through music and art.

Gloria Dei Staff

Pastor Bradley E. Schmeling, Senior Pastor
Pastor Lois Pallmeyer, Associate Pastor
Pastor Jodi Houge, Associate Pastor
Kyrstin Schwartz, Children's Ministry Director
Ashley Greenwood, Deacon of Youth and Family Faith Formation
Timothy Strand, Music Director
Dennis Friesen-Carper, Director of Instrumental Ensembles and Composer in Residence
Jill Stewart, Parish Nurse
Beverly Sargent, Finance & Administration Director
Tadhg Ferris Wayne, Director of Worship Technologies
Thor Carlson, Communications and Technology Coordinator
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Welcome Statement

All are welcome at Gloria Dei. We rejoice that diversity has enriched, nurtured and challenged the life and ministry we share as members of the body of Christ and workers in the kingdom of God. We believe that the gospel is God's gift to all people, to be shared unconditionally, without regard to age, race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, family configuration or relationship status, socio-economic status, mental health status, or physical or mental abilities. We strive to be a more inclusive and anti-racist community. We know that the world is often an unloving place and that the experience of alienation is all too common. To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, we extend a particular welcome in Christ's love.

Land Acknowledgment Statement

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church recognizes that its building stands on traditional Dakota land near Bdote Mni Sota, the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi rivers, the center of creation for Dakota people and also sacred to Ojibwe. The congregation acknowledges that this land was taken from Indigenous people by exploitation and violence. Given the deep significance of this sacred ground, as well as its painful history, the congregation recognizes its responsibility to use this land, its building and mission for the work of reconciliation and healing with Native people. The congregation repents of this injustice that continues to harm Native communities and pledges to work for justice, peace and the wellbeing of all creation.

Let the Children Come

Children are the church of the present and the future, and Gloria Dei welcomes them in worship along with their giggles, wiggles and questions. They learn to worship as they see, hear, feel and even smell the Sanctuary during worship. They learn about worship when they watch their household and others sing, pray, participate and give offerings. They learn about community when we smile at them, learn their names and share the Peace of the Lord. We invite you to share our Worship Activity Bags Center with them (just outside the Narthex). When they need a bit more space, we provide a coloring table and toys in the Gathering Place where the worship service shows on an LED screen. Our Nursery is available to use during worship (ushers can help you find it).