



**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 - August 11, 2024

Worship and Music & Art

Bread of Life Sundays Continue. 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. We will hear from John 6, which gives us a chance to explore the bread of life theme and have some fun. Bring bread to an upcoming coffee hour 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 favorite bread? If your last name starts with:

S-Z: August 18

Special Reception: August 25

Watch for special Monday Bread Delivery eNews post coming to your email box tomorrow.

Faith Formation

Sunday School, Confirmation Registrations Open. We are thrilled to announce that and confirmation registrations are both open.

- Children's Ministry Registration (tinyurl.com/gdSSCHOOL24)
- Confirmation Registration (tinyurl.com/gdCONF24).

We have a lot of volunteer positions open for those looking to get more involved in Children and Youth Ministry.

- Contact Deacon Ashley Greenwood (ashley@gloriadeistpaul.org) for Youth Ministry
- Kyrstin Schwartz for Children's Ministry (kidsministry@gloriadeistpaul.org)

Kick-Off Sunday is Sept. 8 and Confirmation starts in Sept. More details coming soon.

What Does Gloria Dei Mean to You? We're planning a new display for the glass case in the hallway as you enter the building from the parking lot. Currently, it lists our guiding principles in black and white. We're doing another play on words, this time in an explosion of colors with YOUR WORDS! What is one word that you would use to describe Gloria Dei's mission, identity, or uniqueness? We

want visitors to the building to get a sense of who we are and what ministry God has called us to engage. Send your one word to communications@gloriadeistpaul.org by August 25, and watch for your voice welcoming everyone into the building.

Social Justice and Outreach Rojas

Update After Two Years. July marked two years since the Rojas family moved into Gloria Dei's Room 99 apartment. While they await a decision on their asylum claim, they have made great strides in settling into life here. Each in their own way, the Rojas family has been busy this summer. Stephanie works full time at a child care center nearby. She loves the toddlers she spends her days with and often is called upon to translate, now that she's bilingual. Luis is juggling occasional work with a friend, exercising and spending time with Sebastian. Luis is looking forward to returning to work in food service for the St. Paul Public Schools this fall. Now 9 years old and heading into fourth grade at Expo, Sebas has attended summer school and played baseball. He is nearly fluent in English. His latest passions are Lego kits with lots of pieces and anything Harry Potter. On weekends the family goes to the pool or bikes to Lake Nokomis. Like many of us, they are looking forward to ending the summer with the Great Minnesota Get-Together (the State Fair).

Help Serve Loaves & Fishes. It's Gloria Dei's turn to serve Loaves and Fishes again. Every other month a team from Gloria Dei provides the evening meal at the St. Paul Opportunity Center in downtown St. Paul for people struggling with hunger and homelessness. Gloria Dei's next shift is Wednesday, August 28. There is critical need for cold food prep workers from 3-4:30 p.m. Go to tinyurl.com/gdLOAVES24 to sign up for shifts and see what openings are still available.

Join a Table at LSS Fundraiser. Gloria Dei is sponsoring three tables of 10 at the Lutheran Social Service Celebration for Changing Lives on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 5:30 p.m. at The Depot in Minneapolis. This congregation has been partnering with LSS for many years in a variety

of ways, from refugee settlement to housing for youth. Pastor Jodi, Pastor Bradley and Bob and Ann Niedringhaus are hosting these tables. Would you like to sit with us and learn more about the powerful work of LSS in the Twin Cities and throughout Minnesota? Seats at these sponsored tables are available at no cost. If you would like to join the party, please email any of the following:

- Pr. Bradley prbradley@gloriadeistpaul.org
- Pr. Jodi (prjodi@gloriadeistpaul.org)
- Bob and Ann (robanrbe@gmail.com)

and they will help you join the party and a mission to change lives. It's also a fun night to get to know one another better and connect with other Lutherans who are sharing this mission. Sign up soon if you want a particular hosted table. If your requested table is full, you possibly could be seated at another Gloria Dei table.

Last Food Pack is Aug. 19. 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 last packing event is Monday, Aug. 19 from 5-6:30 p.m. Register for either event at tinyurl.com/gdFMSC24.

August's Second Offering will support ELCA World Hunger. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond to times of need. Go to tinyurl.com/gdELCAHUNGER to learn about its programs. The in-service offering will be collected today. You can give online at tinyurl.com/gd2ND624 any time it is convenient or drop a check in the offering plate with "Second Offering" written on the memo line. July's Second Offering for ISAIAH raised \$1,982.

Health and Healing

Summer Fitness: Lifetime Activities. Summer Fitness athletes continue to impress. Team Steps has 5 Gold weeks and logged more than 3 million steps. Team Minutes, with 3 Gold weeks, has reported close to a million seconds of action. If you are have activity to report or want to join in, contact parish nurse Jill Stewart, 651-699-1378 ext. 3031 / nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org.

This month we consider lifetime activities. This week the focus is on movement that helps us feel calm and centered: spending time in parks and meditative walking. Slowing down a little feels right in hot weather, and it is good for mental health too. Engage your senses. Practice observing things: shapes, colors, patterns, sounds, scents, how the air feels. Let yourself feel calm and appreciate the world God has made. The featured Olympic host cities for this week are Mexico City (1968) and Rio de Janeiro (2016). The high elevation in Mexico City affected track and field, aiding sprinters, but hampering distance runners. The US brought home 107 medals, followed by Russia with 91. In Brazil, the first country to host Summer games entirely during its winter season, the US won 121 medals, followed by China with 70 and Great Britain with 67 medals.

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.

Community

Eastside LSS Learning Center Open House is Aug. 14. You are invited to join Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, in partnership with our synod and Grace Lutheran Church, for the grand opening of the LSS Early Learning Center - East Side on Wednesday, Aug. 14, 3-5 p.m. This is a

revised name for the Families Together Preschool that has been funded in part by our synod's Planting Hope Campaign. We are excited to see the transformation in the lower level of the church! If you plan to attend, please RSVP at tinyurl.com/gdLSSLEARNC. Gloria Dei has provided \$50,000 to the synod to support this project.

Ways to Help With Facilities & Administration

In addition to the activities noted above, join Gloria Dei friends in one of these other ways be involved in Facilities and Administration.

- **Library Volunteer** help people checkout library materials Sunday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. and Wednesday evenings during the school year, 5-7:30 p.m. Contact [Joan Kallas at jikallas@comcast.net](mailto:Joan.Kallas@comcast.net).
- **Facilities Committee** meets the fourth Monday of each month. For more info email Alan Howell at alan.howell@mspmac.org.
- **Art Committee** prepares art shows in the Gallery and also maintains and rotates displays of art in other parts of the church. Contact Liz Knutson at lizknutson80@gmail.com or Mona Ahlf at mona.ahlf@yahoo.com.
- **Landscape Gardening Team** maintains the foundation plantings and perennial gardens on the grounds. Contact Bruce Agneberg at agnebergb48@gmail.com.
- **Shared Ministry Committee** meets the third Thursday of the month to coordinate gift, passions and interests inventories shared with congregation members to connect to volunteer opportunities. Contact Carol Engel at cjengel626@comcast.net.

Next week: More ways to assist with Worship. 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/RoomRequestGDLG. 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 Listen 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
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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
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Thor Carlson, Communications and Technology
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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).