



**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 - September 8, 2024

This is Kick-Off Sunday. Following our second service today at 11 a.m. we will gather for food and fellowship on the front lawn. Enjoy a potluck meal. Check out a new variety of animals at the petting zoo and reconnect with old friends while also making new ones. Come make a friendship bracelet, too!

Worship and Music & Art

Worship Times Changing. Next Sunday we'll return to our regular worship schedule of 8:15 and 10:45 a.m., with the YouTube livestream broadcasting during the 10:45 a.m. service.

Warm Up Those Singing Voices. Gloria Dei's choirs will begin rehearsals this fall after a having a well-deserved summer rest. New members are always welcome in each of our choirs. Is this the year for you or your child to join one of our choirs?

- **Chancel Choir**, our main adult choir that sings weekly at the 10:45 a.m. service and major festivals, rehearses weekly on Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., in the Choir Room. Contact music director, Tim Strand, tstrand@gloriadeistpaul.org, for more information.

- **Schola Cantorum**, for children in 3rd through 6th grade, begins rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 5-5:45 p.m. in the Choir Room. Contact music director Tim Strand, tstrand@gloriadeistpaul.org, for more information.
- **Alleluia!**, for children K-2nd grade, begins rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 5-5:45 p.m. in Room 100. Elizabeth Trites is the director of these young singers. For more information, contact music director, Tim Strand, tstrand@gloriadeistpaul.org.
- **Matins Singers** sings once a month at the 8:15 a.m. service and will have its first rehearsal at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29, in the Choir Room. Email Dennis Friesen-Carper, dfc@gloriadeistpaul.org, for more information.
- **Handbell Choir** (generally plays in church one Sunday a month with two Saturday morning rehearsals preceding. Email Director, Dennis Friesen-Carper, dfc@gloriadeistpaul.org, for more information about the upcoming schedule.

Livestreamers: We Want to Hear From You. Did you know that there's a whole third service of "virtual worshippers" of Gloria Dei services? Each week we get between 175 to 250 page

views of our livestream broadcasts on YouTube. We figure an average of 1.5 people watch per page view, which adds up to around 375 livestreamers being a part of our weekly worship. This month, we're reaching out find out more about who our virtual worshipers are. We'll be taking a moment during the late service announcements to speak to our viewers and encourage them to give us feedback. "Where are you from? What about the livestream has been meaningful to you? What more can we do create a spiritual community for you?" Our virtual worshipers can answer in the livestream chat or send an email to office@gloriadeistpaul.org. Do you know people who regularly watch the livestream but might not get the Parish Announcements? Encourage them to send us an email answering these questions.

Faith Formation

Buy Mums to Support Youth Programs.

Beautiful mums are growing right now to decorate the homes of the congregation of Gloria Dei. Pick up your plant today for \$25; they will be available in the Minnesota Room and the PotuckGathering Place. All proceeds support our youth ministries, and we will accept cash, check or credit cards. If you pre-ordered this past May, payment has already been collected. Can't wait to see these beautiful plants keep growing and moving into new homes!

Artist Talk on Sept. 18. Sixteen of Baya Clare's black and white contemplative nature photographs are currently on display in the Gallery at Gloria Dei. The title, *Readings*, comes from Saint Augustine: "Some people, in order to discover God, read books. But there is a great book: the very appearance of created things. Look above you! Look below you! Note it. Read it. God, whom you want to discover, never wrote that book with ink. Instead He set before your eyes the things that He had made. Can you ask for a louder voice than that? Why, heaven and earth shout to you: 'God made me!'" Baya is an artist and writer, a spiritual director, Minnesota Master Naturalist, and a member of Gloria Dei. Her artist talk will follow the 5:30 p.m. Wed.

evening supper and will begin in the Gallery at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School, Confirmation Registrations

Open. Children's Ministry registration at tinyurl.com/gdSSCHOOL24 and Confirmation registration at tinyurl.com/gdCONF24 are now open. We have a lot of volunteer positions still open for those looking to get more involved in these ministries. Contact Deacon Ashley Greenwood, ashley@gloriadeistpaul.org, or Kyrstin Schwartz, kidsministry@gloriadeistpaul.org, for more information. Kick-Off Sunday is today and Confirmation starts Wednesday, Sept. 18.

Being Lutheran in an Election Year. Lutherans trust that the church is called to be a community that prays, deliberates and acts together even over complex social issues. In this election year, how might our Lutheran faith shape our thinking, acting and voting on major issues? Leading ethicists and theologians of the ELCA will be sharing insights on a number of important topics over the next several months, and we're invited to listen in as they reflect. Gloria Dei has registered as a congregation, which will give you online access to any of the upcoming discussions, at 6-7:30 p.m. Go to tinyurl.com/gdELECT24 for more information. Upcoming topics are:

- Sunday, Sept. 8 *Abortion*
- Tuesday, Oct. 8 *Earth's Climate Crisis*
- Tuesday, Oct. 22 *Free in Christ: Race, Ethnicity and Culture*

Email communications@gloriadeistpaul.org to receive the link to participate from your home computer.

Soul Food starts Sept. 11. Soul Food, a weekly book discussion group, begins again on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 9:30-11 a.m., to discuss *Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone* by Brené Brown. See our website, gloriadeistpaul.org/soul-food-2024-25/, for a specific reading schedule and to learn more about what to expect. All are welcome!

In Your Own Words Workshop Starts Sept. 12.

Come to write. Come to listen. Come to participate in community. Come to reflect and grow towards the person God created you to be. Come to develop a spiritual practice. Come to sit in silence and deepen your awareness of God. No writing experience needed. Membership at Gloria Dei is not required. All are welcome. The workshop meets weekly on Thursdays, beginning Sept. 12. 10:30-noon. Mississippi Room. To register and receive the fall schedule, email Nancy Agneberg at nagneberg48@gmail.com. NOTE: If you or someone you know is unable to attend in-person, but would like to receive the weekly writing prompts, email Nancy.

Baptism Workshop. Our next Baptism Orientation Workshop is on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 9-10 a.m. If you are preparing for a baptism, we ask all parents (members and non-members) to attend a Baptism Orientation Workshop on Zoom before the child's baptism. Go to tinyurl.com/gdBAPORIENT to register for the workshop before your child's baptism. Contact the church office (651-699-1378) to schedule the baptism.

Congregational Town Hall Discussion, Sept. 22. Before the pandemic, Gloria Dei adopted a set of guiding principles that have shaped our ministry these last years. Go to tinyurl.com/gdGUIDEP to get reminded of what those were. It's time to revisit those principles to see where God is calling us now. What are the dreams God has placed on our hearts? What are the challenges we face looking into the future? What are the concrete ways we join God's mission in the world in the next few years? Everyone is invited to join a fun, creative, connecting discussion about our strategic direction at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 22. This will also be an opportunity to get to know one another better and to become more connected to the mission we share. We need your voice in this important conversation.

Shared Ministry

Shared Ministry Books Are Coming. The updated Shared Ministry Booklet and a ministry fair are coming to you next Sunday, Sept. 15. Connections are being made and amazing things are happening through sharing in ministry as a church. They are occurring with ministries that have been

around a long time, with those re-imagined and those which are new. Join us on Sept. 15 at 9:45 a.m. between services for a Shared Ministry Fair in the Gallery and learn about who we are and what we are doing.

Social Justice and Outreach

September's Second Offering is earmarked for the Highland Park Elementary Weekend Backpack Program, which provides nutritious food for students to take home on weekends. The in-service collection will be taken next Sunday, Sept. 8. You can also 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.

Overnight Hosts Needed for Faithful Hospitality. Gloria Dei will become a mobile shelter location as part of Interfaith Actions' Faithful Hospitality program. Every night in October, Gloria Dei will host 4-7 immigrant families who are experiencing homelessness and seeking asylum. Please volunteer to help. We need two adult volunteers to welcome our guests and stay overnight at church. Shifts start at 7 p.m. each night and end at 7 a.m. Monday through Friday and at 8 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Go to tinyurl.com/gdFAITHFULH to learn more details about the program and what a volunteer commitment entails. Want to sign up to volunteer right now? Go to tinyurl.com/gdFHOSPITALITY. Join the team of volunteer coordinators for this project during the Sunday education hour on Sunday, Sept. 15, 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, to learn how you are able to serve in this new outreach program, and learn about the needs and challenges that immigrant families face.

Fall Giving Garden Needs. The 11 garden beds alongside Highland Parkway produced wonderful produce this summer. Over 100 pounds of tomatoes, kale, cucumbers and more were delivered to Neighborhood House Food Market throughout the summer. We need a few more hands to finish the harvest and help with clean up. If you can help during the weeks of Sept. 22 and/or Sept. 29, please contact Laurie Possin at lpussin@comcast.net or call/text at 651-295-4902.

Join Our New Events Team. We accomplished an outreach goal in the sanctuary renovation. The room has gotten wonderful reviews by many groups, especially as place for concerts. However, we don't have enough people resources to adequately welcome, assist groups with the building, and be a joyful and helpful presence for guests in our home. We also need a few people who can learn to move the chancel furniture. To reach out even more, using what we've been given with generosity, we will need an infrastructure of volunteers so that guests know what our heart looks like. *How would this work?* When there's an event, we ask who can help, and those that are able become our welcome network. To launch, we need someone to be the coordinator, an organized, accountable person who will interact with staff to make the plan, and then organize the needed volunteers. Is that YOU? As coordinator or as participant? Contact Pastor Bradley to sign up or for more information, prbradley@gloriadeistpaul.org.

Health and Healing

Coffee, Tea or Camaraderie. Do you know how to use a rotary phone? So do we! Join us for coffee, tea and camaraderie. A new group for older adults is now meeting weekly on Wednesdays. This will be a time for visiting over coffee or tea, with occasional speakers on topics of interest. Which topics? We'll decide! We'll meet Wednesdays 2-3 p.m. in the Minnesota Room. For more information contact parish nurse Jill Stewart at 651-699-1378 ext. 3031. or nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org.

Yogadevotion Restarts. Yogadevotion, gentle flow yoga with a Christian devotional theme each week, resumes Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 6 p.m. with instructor Anne Koalska in the Gathering Place. All experience levels are welcome. Wear comfortable clothing. Bring your own yoga mat or borrow one of ours for class. To learn more or register, go to www.yogadevotion.org.

Summer Fitness: Keeping the Momentum. Our final update of the Summer Fitness Program focuses on maintaining momentum. Make a plan to stay active through the coming seasons: exercise at a community center, get outdoors when you can, stay

well and prevent injuries by including exercises for strength, flexibility, cardio and balance. Wrapping up the medal count for our teams participating in this summer's challenge, Team Steps earned 10 Gold and 3 Silver, with a grand total 5,710,483 steps. Team Minutes made a strong showing with 1,935,420 seconds of activity for 3 Gold, 8 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. To complete the podium lineup, our neighbors at The Waters have 2 Silver and 6 Bronze medals and 165,420 seconds for their participation in June and July. Congratulations to all the participants! The last, but not least, host city to recognize is Paris, currently hosting the Paralympic Games. Paris hosted Summer Games in 1924 and in 1900, when they were held in conjunction with the World's Fair. Many thanks to everyone who participated in Summer Fitness. Stay active, be well and join us in January for Epiphany Winter Wellness!

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

Join the Pow Wow Sept. 13-15. The Pow Wow is almost here! Sept. 13-15 is around the corner. Our Mendota Dakota neighbors are hoping we will join them for sacred fires, prayers, storytelling, drumming, singing, dancing and honoring of leaders and veterans past and present. You can find the entire schedule at mendotadakota.com. Come for a couple of hours or stay all day. Our neighbors have planned lots of things to do and people to learn from. Here are some things to know.

- Parking is free.
- To help you find your way, Gloria Dei greeters will be at the kitchen tent prior to the Sacred Fire on Friday and before the Grand Entry on Saturday and Sunday.
- Bring a chair, your hat, water, bug spray, sun screen, maybe an umbrella, some cash for food, books and objects that catch your eye. Be prepared to have a good time!
- We still have room for more volunteers to prepare and serve the Sunday Feast. Email Karen Lansing lansingkaren13@gmail.com with any questions.
- Hope to see you at St. Peter's Church Grounds, 1405 Sibley Memorial Hwy,
- Mendota for the Pow Wow.

Ways to Help With Health and Healing

In addition to the activities noted above, join Gloria Dei friends in one of these other ways to assist in reaching out to assist in caring and healing.

- **Gloria Dei Quilters** meet Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, in Room 100 with coffee at 10:30 a.m. No sewing skills necessary; all are welcome. Email Connie Anderson, cojeranderson@gmail.com.
- **Mental Health and Hope in Recovery** ministries meet the second Tuesday of each month. Email Maren Jansen at marenjansen@live.com.
- **Prayerful Knitters** meet the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Place; email Paula Hutchinson, paulahutchinson651@gmail.com.
- **Card Ministry** makes greeting cards for various church needs. Completed cards are used by staff and ministry leaders for distribution. Email Heidi Isaacson-Anderson at ai.heidi09@gmail.com.
- **Yogadevotions** stretches out on Tuesday evenings from 6-7 p.m. Descriptions of the classes and registration are available on the Yogadevotion website: yogadevotion.com.
- **Blood Drive** tasks include greeting donors, helping them sign in and offering refreshments. Email nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org.
- **Funeral Reception** volunteers prepare and serve funeral reception luncheons. They provide warm hospitality to funeral guests. Email Brenda Higgins, brendakleinhiggins@gmail.com.
- **New Arrival Ministry** identifies individuals who have had recent additions to their families by birth or adoption. Email Heidi Robole at heidi.robole@gmail.com.
- **Growing Stronger Fitness Group** meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-10 a.m. in the Gathering Place. No cost to attend. Email nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org.
- **Grief Support Team** connects with those grieving loss by sending cards or messages, phone calls, or conversation. Email nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org.
- **Visitation Ministry** visits and brings communion to individuals who cannot be in church. Contact Barbara Salava, salavab@yahoo.com.

Next week: More ways to help in Facilities & Administration. 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/RoomRequestGDLC. 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” 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
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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, socioeconomic 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).