



**Holy Communion  
Sundays**  
at 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.  
*10:45 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 - October 13, 2024

### Shared Ministry

**Finding Your Role at Gloria Dei.** Once a year, Gloria Dei members are asked to discern their gifts and passions and see what role they may be led to at Gloria Dei. Please complete the inventories in the Shared Ministry booklet provided in print or online and let us know. If you have new interests, you will be contacted and connected. Your name will also be put in a weekly drawing for a hand turned wooden bowl or Guatemalan coffee. Sharing our gifts and passions in God's work results in marvelous things happening for our members as well as for our neighbors nearby and around the world. Research has found that those who serve gain a lot themselves and find that their overall health is improved. Pick up a booklet at the usher station, the church office or in the lobby near office. The same information is available online through the Gloria Dei website at [tinyurl.com/gdSHAREDm](http://tinyurl.com/gdSHAREDm).

### Worship and Music & Art

**Artist Talk This Morning in the Gallery.** Meet artist Barbara Lidfors at the Artist Talk today at 9:30 a.m. in the Gallery. Barbara invites us to

visually and mindfully explore the theme of INSIDE and OUTSIDE, her exhibit now showing in the Gallery, by looking at combinations of paintings made from those differing perspectives. The Gloria Dei Art Committee is presenting this artist talk program.

**Gift of Music is Oct. 20.** The next Gloria Dei Gift of Music Recital will be presented in the sanctuary on Sunday, Oct. 20, at 3 p.m. Please join us for this free one-hour concert featuring the musical talents of John Henrich, Kristine Oberg, David Soli, Travis Waymon, Annika Oberg and Andrew Wilkowske, Karla Johnson Beck, Dennis Friesen-Carper and Timothy Strand. A reception will follow in the Gathering Place. All are welcome!

**Book of Remembrance.** November 3 is All Saints' Sunday, and we will remember the saints who have witnessed to God's grace in our lives. If you would like to remember loved ones, please add their names to the Book of Remembrance on the small table near the tote bags for children's church activities near the Sanctuary entrance or email the names you want to include to [kearhuff@gloriadeistpaul.org](mailto:kearhuff@gloriadeistpaul.org).

## Faith Formation

**Become a Gloria Dei Member Today.** We are receiving new members to Gloria Dei today. Those who would like to learn about our ministries and consider joining the congregation can meet with Pr. Jodi between services at 9:30 a.m. by the fireplace in the Gathering Place. We'll get to know one another and offer an informal overview of our faith community, answer questions and invite you to describe ways you might want to more fully offer your gifts or energy to our work together. Those who choose to join Gloria Dei will be welcomed into our membership today at either of our services. Will you join us?

**2 Corinthians and 21st Century Politics.** Does the Bible say anything about lives of faith in tumultuous, anxious times of political discourse? Come and see! Dr. Lois Malcolm, the Olin and Amanda Fjelstad Reigstad Chair of Systematic Theology at Luther Seminary, has written a new commentary on 2nd Corinthians and shares with us what it can say to Christians today. Dr. Malcolm, a member of Gloria Dei, teaches with fresh insights. Next Sunday, Oct. 20, Forum is the first of a two-part presentation that continues on Oct. 27. Forum meets in the Fellowship Hall Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

**No Wednesday Supper.** There will be no Wednesday Supper on Oct. 16 because there will be no Confirmation due to the MEA school holiday.

**ELCA Bishops Issue Letter on Truth.** From St. Paul Synod Bishop Patricia Lull: "All of us in the Conference of Bishops endorsed the letter during our meeting last week in Chicago. I invite you to join me in this endeavor to counter hateful, deceptive or violent speech within our national conversations. We do not control all voices but we do control what comes out of our own mouths." Go to [tinyurl.com/gdBISHTRUTH](http://tinyurl.com/gdBISHTRUTH) to read the full letter.

**Start Planning for Trunk or Treat.** Mark your calendars for Trunk or Treat on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2:30-4 p.m. Vehicles parked in our parking lot will have festively decorated trunks,

and children can come and trick or treat to each one. This is an awesome event that gives children an extra day to wear their costumes and have fun at church! It also is a great community event, and we are looking for people to host their vehicles' trunks. There are many ways to help make this a successful event:

- Go to [tinyurl.com/gdTREAT24](http://tinyurl.com/gdTREAT24) to register to host your vehicle's trunk. You can host individually, with your church committee, small group, business or other.
- Volunteer to help set up, hand out popcorn and clean up. Go to [tinyurl.com/gdTORT24](http://tinyurl.com/gdTORT24) to sign up to volunteer.
- Donate gently used children/teen books or stuffed animals that will be handed out at one of the trunks.

Email Kyrstin [kidsministry@gloriadeistpaul.org](mailto:kidsministry@gloriadeistpaul.org), with questions.

## Social Justice and Outreach

**Thanks for Demonstrating Your Faithful Hospitality.** Thanks to all stepped up to the invitation to be an overnight host for Faithful Hospitality. We are in full swing welcoming four families each night. If you'd like to sign up for a shift we have two dates with openings: one spot on Sunday, Oct. 20, and two spots on Saturday, Oct. 26. Go to [tinyurl.com/gdFAITHFULH](http://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](http://tinyurl.com/gdFHOSPITALITY).

### One More Election Issues Presentation.

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 have shared 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 the final discussion on "Race, Ethnicity and Culture," 6-7:30 p.m., on

Tuesday, Oct. 22. Go to [tinyurl.com/gdELECTION24](https://tinyurl.com/gdELECTION24) for the Zoom link. Go to [tinyurl.com/gdVIDEO24](https://tinyurl.com/gdVIDEO24) for links to previously recorded election presentations.

**Thanks for the Crayons.** The response has been overwhelming. Thank you for bringing so many 48-count boxes of crayons for our school friends in Guatemala. Our capacity to deliver is now full, but you are still more than welcome to make a digital money donation at [tinyurl.com/gdCRAYONS](https://tinyurl.com/gdCRAYONS) or make out a check with “Guatemala Supplies” in the memo line to put in the offering plate or drop off at the church office. Monetary donations are needed no later than Sunday, Oct. 20. Our team will be in Guatemala in late October.

**October’s Second Offering** is earmarked for Interfaith Action’s Department for Indian Work. The department’s programs are designed to serve the needs of the American Indian community in a way that respects their cultural and spiritual diversity. Along with a food shelf, Interfaith Action is active in diabetes education, clothing assistance, youth health and wellness, and youth programs. The in-service collection will be taken today. You can give online at [tinyurl.com/gdINDIANWORK24](https://tinyurl.com/gdINDIANWORK24) any time it is convenient or drop a check in the offering plate with “Second Offering” written on the memo line. Go to [tinyurl.com/gdDIW24](https://tinyurl.com/gdDIW24) for more details about what the Department for Indian Work does and how you can get involved. So far we have collected \$348.

**Tanzania 2025 Trip, Scholarship Updates.** Two important notes on our connections with our Lutheran friends in Tanzania.

- We will have two options available for interested members to get information about Gloria Dei’s fall 2025 Tanzania mission trip to Iringa and our partner congregation in Kilengapasi. There will be a Zoom option on Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m. Watch for a link soon. An in-person session between services will be held in the staff break room off of the Gathering Place on Sunday, Oct. 27.
- Now is the time to pay your scholarships for the next school year for children at our companion congregation in Kilengapasi. Carol

Engel will be contacting all who have pledged in the past. If you are interested in becoming a new sponsor, the scholarship is a four-year commitment at \$450 a year. This will allow a student to have room and board and secondary education at one of the schools in the Iringa area. Please email Kenton Johnson at [Kentonmarkjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:Kentonmarkjohnson@gmail.com) if you are interested or have any questions. There is also the option of a one-time donation to school infrastructure funding. Thanks to all of you who have helped support education in Tanzania.

**Three Spots Open on Spring Civil Rights Tour.** There are three slots still open for Gloria Dei’s Spring 2025 Civil Rights Tour to the southern U.S. Visit Birmingham, Montgomery and Nashville and walk the Pettis Bridge. Visit museums and meet folks who lived through the Civil Rights era of the 1960s with other members of Gloria Dei April 26-May 3, 2025. If interested, email Will Nordmark at [willnordmark@gmail.com](mailto:willnordmark@gmail.com).

**Help Feed the World.** Confirmation youth are going to Feed My Starving Children in Eagan on Wednesday, Nov. 6. And they’re extending an invitation to the whole congregation to join in and help pack dehydrated meals to be sent out to fight hunger all around the world. Two sessions of packs are scheduled that evening and you can choose either one, or do both. The first session is 5-6:30 p.m. The second session is 7:15-8:45 p.m. Go to [tinyurl.com/gdFEED116](https://tinyurl.com/gdFEED116) to register. This past summer an intergenerational group from Gloria Dei packed enough food to feed 73 kids a daily meal for a year. Can we top that in November?

**Disaster Aid For Hurricane Damage.** As we see more and more heartbreaking images of the aftermath of strong hurricanes hitting the southeast U.S., please consider a gift to Lutheran Disaster Response at [tinyurl.com/gdHURRICANE24](https://tinyurl.com/gdHURRICANE24), which works with partners to provide both immediate relief (water, food, clothing, gift cards, tarps, etc.) and longer term assistance (disaster case management, construction management, attention to unmet needs, and emotional/spiritual care). Please join us in praying for the victims and for the emergency personnel who are responding.

## Health and Healing

**Get Your Flu Shot at Church Oct. 20.** Roll up your sleeves! Thanks to Cub Pharmacy Eagan, a pharmacist will be administering seasonal influenza vaccines on Sunday, Oct. 20, throughout the morning. Flu shots will be available for adults and children ages 5 years and older. There is no cost. Bring your insurance card if possible. Stop by the table between the church office and the front entry to the sanctuary.

## Stewardship and Giving

**Fresh Altar Flowers are a Click Away.** Thanks to 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](http://tinyurl.com/gdFLOWERS24) and follow the instructions to order flowers for a specific week to commemorate a special occasion or just to brighten worship. You're always welcome to stop by the church office to make arrangements in person, too.

## 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 caring and healing.

- **Coffee, Tea and Camaraderie**, weekly on Wednesdays, 2 p.m., Minnesota Room, for older adults with informal discussion with occasional special topics or guest speakers.
- **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](mailto:cojeranderson@gmail.com)
- **Mental Health and Hope in Recovery** ministries meet the second Tuesday of each month. Email Maren Jansen at [marenjansen@live.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 [ai.heidi09@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://yogadevotion.com).
- **Blood Drive** tasks include greeting donors, helping them sign in and offering refreshments. Email [nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org](mailto:nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org).
- **Funeral Reception** volunteers prepare and serve funeral reception luncheons and provide warm hospitality to funeral guests. Email Brenda Higgins [brendakleinhiggins@gmail.com](mailto:brendakleinhiggins@gmail.com).
- **New Arrival Ministry** identifies individuals who have had recent additions to their families by birth or adoption. Email Heidi Robole [heidi.robole@gmail.com](mailto:heidi.robole@gmail.com).
- **Growing Stronger Fitness Group** meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-10 a.m. in the Gathering Place. Email [nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org](mailto:nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org). No cost to attend.
- **Grief Support Team** connects with those grieving loss by sending cards or messages, phone calls, or conversation. Email [nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org](mailto:nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org).
- **Visitation Ministry** visits and brings communion to individuals who cannot be in church. Contact Barbara Salava [salavab@yahoo.com](mailto:salavab@yahoo.com).

**Next week:** More ways to assist with Facilities and Administration. See all Gloria Volunteer Opportunities at: [gloriadeistpaul.org/giving/volunteer/](http://gloriadeistpaul.org/giving/volunteer/)

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

**To receive our weekly prayer list email,** please sign up online [bit.ly/PrayerListEmail](http://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](http://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](http://bit.ly/RoomRequestGDLC). Your submission goes to the office staff. If you have any questions, please contact Office Coordinator Karen Earhuff [office@gloriadeistpaul.org](mailto: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](http://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, 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).