



**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 20, 2024

Worship and Music & Art

Prayers for Healing in Worship Today. As is our practice on the third Sunday of the month, today we will pray for healing during both worship services. Everyone will have the opportunity to light candles in the chapel and/or receive personal prayer from members of our Prayer Team. Come to bring your concerns, worries and cares to God and know the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Gift of Music is This Afternoon at 3 p.m.

Please join us for this free one-hour concert featuring the musical talents of John Henrich, David Soli, Travis Waymon, Annika and Andrew Wilkowske, Karla Johnson Beck, Dennis Friesen-Carper and Timothy Strand. A reception will follow the 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 Sanctuary entrance or email the names you want to include to kearhuff@gloriadeistpaul.org.

Choral Evensong at a Time of Division On Sunday, Nov. 10, at 5 p.m., music and prayers at a time of national division and discernment will be offered in the sanctuary of Gloria Dei, in a simple, participatory Evensong liturgy, complemented by special music. Baritone soloist Andrew Wilkowske, with Chancel Choir and Orchestra, will present Vaughan Williams's "Five Mystical Songs," settings of verse by the 17th Century Anglican priest and metaphysical poet George Herbert. Kurt Claussen, saxophone soloist, will join the Chancel Choir for St. Augustine's Evening Prayer as set by Ola Gjielo.

Faith Formation

Second 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. This two-part Forum starts today and will conclude next Sunday, It meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Supper Menu this week will feature tater tot casserole, baked spaghetti with creamy tomato sauce and cheese (vegetarian), tossed salad with cucumber, peppers, onions and dressing. The meals are served 5:45-6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation is \$5-10 per person. Pay whatever you can.

Science and Resurrection. Gloria Dei's Faith & Science group will continue along a dramatic track this month at its Thursday, Oct. 24 meeting, with a topic of "Resurrection." Jesus' resurrection is addressed in a play entitled "Living Water." Various characters in the drama voice their perspectives, including an atheist, a main line Christian, a fundamentalist Christian, a liberal seminary professor and a Jewish theologian. Members of the group will read the script, and we'll discuss it afterwards. Faith & Science meets at 7 p.m. in the Mississippi Room.

Final Election Discussion is Tuesday. 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. The final presentation is *Free in Christ: Race, Ethnicity and Culture* on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 6-7:30 p.m. over Zoom. Go to tinyurl.com/gdELECTION24 for the Zoom link. Go to tinyurl.com/gdVIDEO24 for links to previously recorded election presentations.

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 to register. 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 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@gloriadeispaul.org, with questions.

Social Justice and Outreach

Faithful Hospitality Shifts to Winter Clothes Drive. The cold weather is upon us. Please help gear up the families of Faithful Hospitality. As host positions have filled up for our month of our housing homeless asylum-seeking immigrants, now is the time to donate new or gently used winter clothing by October 31. All donations should be brought to the office. Go to tinyurl.com/gdCLOTHERSD to see the types and sizes of items needed and check off what you can provide. Thanks for your ongoing support for this amazing outreach ministry.

Loaves & Fishes Oct. 23. It's Gloria Dei's turn to serve Loaves & 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, Oct. 23. There is still a need for two cold food prep worker from 3-4:30 p.m. and one server from 4:15-5:45 p.m. Sign up for shifts at tinyurl.com/gdFISHES624. **Special note:** Gloria Dei's next shift will be on Wednesday, Dec. 25. Give special consideration to helping out on this special day.

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 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 today. 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. You can give online at 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 for more details about what the Department for Indian Work does and how you can get involved. So far we have collected \$2,583.

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.. Go to tinyurl.com/gdTANZOOM for the Zoom link. An in-person session will happen between services 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. 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 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.

Spring Civil Rights Tour. There is one slot 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.

Help Feed the World. Confirmation youth are going to Feed My Starving Children in Eagan on Wednesday, Nov. 6. They're also 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 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, which works with partners to provide both immediate relief (water, food, clothing, gift cards, tarps) 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 Today. Roll up your sleeves! Thanks to Cub Pharmacy Eagan, a pharmacist will be administering seasonal influenza vaccines on today 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.

Learn About Big Medicare Changes Oct. 30. Big changes are coming for Medicare in 2025. Coffee, Tea and Camaraderie invites you to join us and Trellis speaker Linda Vue to learn more about these changes and how they may impact you, just

in time for Medicare Enrollment. This event on Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 2 p.m. in the Minnesota Room, is free, but we would like to know how many handouts to have read. Please contact parish nurse Jill Stewart to register: 651-699-1378 ext. 3031/ nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org.

Shorter Daylight Can Impact Depression. Gloria Dei's Mental Health and Recovery team notes that October is National Depression Awareness Month. It's a time when people whose mental health changes as the days grow shorter may want to consider taking steps to feel better. Major Depressive Disorder with a Seasonal Pattern (formerly known as seasonal affective disorder or SAD) is characterized by recurrent episodes of depression in later fall and winter, alternating with periods of normal mood the rest of the year. The National Alliance on Mental Illness offers helpful information on this seasonal disorder as well as other mental health issues. Go to tinyurl.com/gdSEASONALD for ways to plan for seasonal disorder. Gloria Dei's Mental Health and Recovery team meets monthly to plan ways to increase understanding of mental health and addiction with the goal of promoting recovery and eradicating stigma. If you want to join the team or to learn more contact Parish Nurse Jill Stewart at nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org.

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 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 Facilities and 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 Volunteers** help readers 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, jikallas@comcast.net.
- **Facilities Committee** meets the fourth Monday of each month. For more info email Alan Howell, alan.howell@mspmac.org.
- **Communications Committee** meets the second Tuesday of the month to review communication efforts in the church. Contact Thor Carlson, communications@gloriadeistpaul.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, lizknutson80@gmail.com or Mona Ahlf, mona.ahlf@yahoo.com.
- **Landscape Gardening Team** maintains the foundation plantings and perennial gardens on the grounds. Contact Bruce Agneberg, 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, 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/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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Pastor Jodi Houge, Associate Pastor
Ashley Greenwood, Deacon of Youth and Family
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Kyrstin Schwartz, Children's Ministry Director
Timothy Strand, Music Director
Dennis Friesen-Carper, Director of Instrumental
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Jill Stewart, Parish Nurse
Beverly Sargent, Finance & Administration Director
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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).