



**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 27, 2024

Worship and Music & Art

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. Names entered in the book by Wednesday will be included in a special media presentation on All Saints' Sunday worship.

Choral Evensong at a Time of Division. Music and prayers at a time of national division and discernment will be offered in a simple, participatory Evensong liturgy, complemented by special music, at 5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 10, in the sanctuary of Gloria Dei. 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 Gjeilo.

New Accessible Seating Signs. You'll see "Companion Seat" throughout the sanctuary. These reserved seats are next to places where chairs have been removed to make a place for people who use a wheelchair, walker or other assisting device. Most of these spots are on the center aisle because communion distribution is easier coming down the center aisle and around if a person chooses to come forward. Please be aware of these places throughout the sanctuary. That particular seat is reserved for a companion. It does not mean the entire row is reserved. If you see someone who might need some help getting situated, please help out. It's a good reminder that whether you've been at Gloria Dei for ten minutes or for a lifetime, we are all on the welcome team, helping people feel comfortable and able to participate in the service as they choose. We welcome as Christ welcomed us.

Stewardship and Giving

Filling the World With Love Divine. The 2025 Stewardship campaign, *Fill the World with Love Divine*, is now underway. Mailings of stewardship letters and pledge forms have been sent to those who have pledged before. Physical copies of the stewardship materials are also available in the narthex of church office. Have

you considered using digital contributions to make your offerings? Here are digital tools you can use.

- Go to tinyurl.com/gdSTEW25 to make your pledge online.
- Go to tinyurl.com/gdDIGGIVE to set up digital giving.
- Go to tinyurl.com/gdBENF to hear Ben Finkelstein's stewardship reflection from last Sunday's services.

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.

Faith Formation

Second Corinthians and 21st Century Politics, Pt. 2. 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 is the second part of a presentation that started last Sunday, but feel free to jump right in. It meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m.

Trunk or Treat is this Afternoon. Put on those costumes, round up your candy bags and come to Gloria Dei's Trunk or Treat celebration today, 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 a fun-filled event that gives children (and some adults!) an extra day to wear their costumes and have fun at church. It also is a great community event with many local businesses joining in to add to the array of trunks.

First Sunday Coffee Party. Join us between services in the Gathering Place today for a coffee party from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Treats will be provided by Interfaith Action, which sponsors both Project Home and Faithful Hospitality. Interfaith Action wants to thank Gloria Dei's many volunteers and leaders who have done such good work over the years. Come around and enjoy a cup of coffee and some time with one another. Then, begin dreaming about December's First Sunday Coffee Party, featuring potluck baked goods from the good folks of Gloria Dei.

Help Feed the World. Confirmation youth are going to Feed My Starving Children in Eagan on Wednesday, Nov. 6. 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 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?

Wednesday Supper this week will feature Thai style coconut chicken curry with root vegetables, red lentil with Indian spices and Jasmine rice. The meals are served 5:45-6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation is \$5-10 per person. Pay whatever you can.

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 Thursday. All donations should be brought to the office. Go to tinyurl.com/gdCLOTHESD 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.

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.

Monthly Meals for LSS SafeHouse. Did you know that Gloria Dei volunteers purchase, prepare and deliver a meal to Lutheran Social Services' SafeHouse emergency youth shelter on the fourth Wednesday of each month? You can be part of that effort. Meals need to be dropped off by 6:30 p.m. and should consist of 8 adult-sized portions. The teens are growing & hungry by this time of night. Meals should contain a main dish, a side dish, a vegetable and 2% milk. Juice and dessert are also appreciated, but not required. If this sound like something you'd like to help with, learn more and sign-up at tinyurl.com/gdSAFEH25. Registrations are available through December 2025.

You Can Support Tanzania Scholarships. 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.

Volunteer to Help Shoppers. The Neighborhood House Food Market on Montreal is looking for some help assisting people looking for food. It's a chance to see the new space, formerly Francis Bas-

ket. This is the nearest food shelf to Gloria Dei. There are multiple shifts open from Monday-Wednesday, and the market could use a few more strong, quick-on-their-feet volunteers to join the team. If you or someone you know would like to learn more or sign up for one of these opportunities, let's connect. Send an email to volunteer@neighborhoodhousemn.org.

Health and Healing

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 ready. Please contact parish nurse Jill Stewart to register: 651-699-1378 ext. 3031/ nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org.

More 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 parameters along with setting up and cleaning for communion service. Email Barb Veath at veathb1@me.com with questions.
- **Assisting Minister** helps lead worship with pastors, shares prayers and serves communion. Mark Christianson mchristi314@gmail.com.
- **Communion Assistants** distribute bread, wine and grape juice during worship. Mark Christianson mchristi314@gmail.com.
- **Hospitality Team** welcomes people to worship, collects offerings, assists with seating needs and ensure that worship runs smoothly. Mark Christianson mchristi314@gmail.com.
- **Lector** reads Old and New Testament lessons during worship. Mark Christianson mchristi314@gmail.com.

- **Crucifer** carries the cross in worship processions. Mark Christianson *mchristi314@gmail.com*.
- **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" 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

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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.