



Holy Communion

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 January 12, 2025

Today

Get Your Star Word Today. Last Sunday, 400 Star Words made their way into people's hands and lives. A Star Word is a word associated with Epiphany (think: light, shine, peace, grow) that becomes a year-long prayer practice as you watch for that word in your life. We gave all the Star Word cards away and sent another whole set via email to our online folks. Didn't get one yet? Don't panic. We've made up a new batch to distribute today. You can also email a request for one at office@gloriadeistpaul.org.

Meet the Artist. Come to the Gallery for Sunday Forum at 9:30 a.m. as Andrew Grum Carr presents an artist talk, giving us insights into his practice and inspiration. Andrew is a local Twin Cities artist working primarily in watercolor and ink wash media whose works are showing in the Gallery this month. His art searches out quiet and restful places. This artist reception is hosted by the Art Committee which also provides delicious refreshments for you. Come enjoy this exhibit and bring your inquisitive minds to be inspired.

Families of 1-Year-Olds Baptism Birthday Party. Parents and their child will be recognized in worship in honor of their baptism in 2024. They are invited to a Baptism Birthday Party between worship services today in Room 106 that will provide tangible and easy ways for families to celebrate their child's baptism birthday later in the year.

Worship and Music & Art

Jazz Worship for Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday. Jazz Sunday returns to Gloria Dei next Sunday at both services for the MLK Holiday weekend. Guest musicians will join the Chancel Choir and other Gloria Dei musicians under the direction of Dennis Friesen-Carper to lead hymns and service music in jazz and related vernacular styles.

Upcoming Funeral Reminders

- **June Peterson, Monday, Jan. 13:** Funeral at 11 a.m. with visitation in the Gathering Place one hour before the service and a lunch to follow.

- **Ruby Hunt, Friday, Jan. 17:** Funeral at 1 p.m. with visitation in the Gathering Place one hour prior and a lunch following the funeral service.
- **Chuck Maddux, Friday, Jan. 31:** Funeral at 11 a.m. with visitation in the Gathering Place one hour prior and a lunch following the funeral service.

Make Some Music in 2025. Inspiring music is a hallmark of worship at Gloria Dei, and the performers enjoy a warm community of creativity and fellowship. As we start 2025, please consider helping lead worship through music!

- ***Alleluia!*** Choir for children in grades K-2. Rehearsals on Wednesdays from 5-5:45 p.m. in Room 100, appearing about once a month. Email Elizabeth Trites, elizabeth.trites@gmail.com.
- ***Schola Cantorum*** for children in grades 3 - 6. Rehearsals on Wednesdays from 5-5:45 p.m. in the Choir Room, appearing about once a month. Members develop vocal and musical skills through part-singing and playing choir chimes. Email Tim Strand, tstrand@gloriadeistpaul.org.
- ***Chancel Choir***, for adult and high school singers, rehearses Wednesdays in the Choir Room, 7-8:30 p.m., regularly singing second service and special events. Email Tim Strand, tstrand@gloriadeistpaul.org.
- ***Matins Singers*** sing once a month at the 8:15 a.m. service, with rehearsal that morning at 7:30 a.m. This is a pick-up choir for choristers with some music-reading experience. Email Dennis Friesen-Carper, dfc@gloriadeistpaul.org.
- ***Handbell Choir*** performs once a month, with two rehearsals. This spring a small group, *Chapel Ringers* will work on skill building as well as playing in services. Email Dennis Friesen-Carper, dfc@gloriadeistpaul.org.

Faith Formation

Annual Meeting Notice. Save the date for Gloria Dei's annual meeting on Sunday, Feb. 9, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We will celebrate the mission and ministries of our congregation, adopt our annual budget, consider our priorities and share the dreams for God's work at Gloria Dei in 2025. All confirmed members and prospective members are invited to join the Annual Meeting in Fellowship Hall. Before the business starts, we'll enjoy a bountiful potluck meal. Watch for details in upcoming church communications.

Wednesday Supper Menu. The Wednesday Supper's menu for Wednesday, Jan. 15, will include Thai coconut chicken curry with root vegetables, Jasmine rice and spicy lentil stew. Meals are served 5:45-6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation is \$5-10 per person. Pay whatever you can.

Youth Lock-In is Jan. 19. Youth in grades 7-9 are invited to a cities-wide ELCA lock-in at Woodlake Lutheran Church in Richfield, starting at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19. We'll meet with new friends to enjoy a full day of games, inflatables, fun and worship. This event asks for a \$10 donation, and youth can leave early if they'd like. Registration link is on the Youth Room door and available with Deacon Ashley. Hope you can join us!

First Graders' Scavenger Hunt is Jan. 26: This is a favorite class of many as the 1st graders and their families participate in a sanctuary scavenger hunt. There are many fascinating facts and things to explore in our beautiful sanctuary during Sunday School time that day. It helps students to learn more about our space and how it translates to their worship experience.

Help With First Sunday Coffee Party. The First Sunday Coffee Party team is looking for additional people who would like to make this monthly event happen. If you are looking for a low-commitment/high-joy way to involve yourself in Gloria Dei's life, this might be for you. Email Pastor Jodi , prjodi@gloriadeistpaul.org for more information.

Plug Into GDLC Connections. Just in case you aren't aware of this and would like to be, Gloria Dei has a Facebook group, GDLC Connections, that is for creating and maintaining connections with one another. If you use Facebook, you might want to join this group. You'll find yourself "liking" sweet baby pictures, reflections from someone or maybe an insight that's bubbled up. This is a private group which you have to ask to join, which means that everyone in the group can see your post/comments, but the general public cannot. Go to [tinyurl.com/gdFBCONNECT](https://www.tinyurl.com/gdFBCONNECT) to start the process to request joining the group. You will likely need to log in to your Facebook account before being directed to GDLC Connections. Also, current members of GDLC Connections can send invitations from their Facebook page to other Gloria Dei members.

Social Justice and Outreach

January's Second Offering supports our three global mission partnerships: El Divino Salvador del Mundo congregation and Colegio Luterano Agustino de Guatemala, Guatemala City, and the Kilengapasi Parish, Iringa Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. The in-service offering will be collected today. You can always give digitally anytime at [tinyurl.com/gd2ND1124](https://www.tinyurl.com/gd2ND1124). Learn more about Gloria Dei's global mission efforts at [tinyurl.com/gdGLOBALM](https://www.tinyurl.com/gdGLOBALM). December's Second Offering for Project Home homeless family shelter collected a total of \$1,682. Thanks for your on-going support to help our neighbors.

Global Mission Events. There are several opportunities to learn and support global missions during January.

- **January 26 is Mission Sunday.** The guest speaker at Sunday Forum comes from the Iringa Diocese in Tanzania. Pastor Joyce Ngandango is attending Luther Seminary and is the former director of the Humuri Center, a home and school for children who are orphaned or severely abused. Come for an informative and inspirational presentation about the work of the Iringa Diocese partnered with the St Paul Synod. Sunday Forum meets at

9:30 A market will be available in the Fellowship Hall before, during and after the presentation, raising proceeds to support our mission partners.

- **Sundays, Jan. 19 and Feb. 2.** After each service there will be information sessions regarding a trip being planned to Tanzania this year. We will be a presence with Iringa Diocese and our partner parish, Kilengapasi. Proposed dates will be around the end of September or early October. The information sessions will be in room 203.

Day of Racial Healing. The 2025 National Day of Racial Healing is an annual observance that follows Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. This year, the ELCA will join the movement of racial healing for our church and the nation. On Tuesday, Jan. 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., join a free online educational event that centers the voices of ELCA leaders of color. This event is open to all ELCA rostered ministers, lay leaders and members, as well as the church's affiliate organizations and ecumenical and interreligious partners. Go to [tinyurl.com/gdRACEHEAL](https://www.tinyurl.com/gdRACEHEAL) to register and learn more about the speakers.

Help Pack at Every Meal. Gloria Dei confirmation students are doing another food pack project next month, and they are inviting others from our church to come along and help. They'll be packing weekend food bags at Every Meal in Roseville for children experiencing food insecurity. The event is open to all who are age 8 or older and will be run from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Go to [tinyurl.com/gdEVERYMEAL](https://www.tinyurl.com/gdEVERYMEAL) to register and learn more about the project.

Health and Healing

Donate, Volunteer at Jan. 27 Blood Drive. The need for blood is constant. Can you help? Gloria Dei is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, Jan. 27, noon-6 p.m., and we need volunteers to staff the drive as well as blood donors. To sign up for a three-hour volunteer shift, please contact parish nurse Jill Stewart, nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org or 651-699-1378 ext. 3031. Go

to redcrossblood.org/ to sign up for an appointment to donate. Each donor can save up to three lives. Let's make something good happen.

Winter Wellness. Did you find stories in the Bible about dreams last week? This week's topic is physical activity. Regular physical activity helps lubricate joints and strengthens bones and muscles including the heart. It helps thinking and regulates moods. Most people should aim for at least 30-60 minutes of activity every day. Try to include a variety of activities so you can build strength, balance, flexibility and stamina. Did you know that 8 indoor laps of our church building equals 1 mile? You can also try our free Growing Stronger fitness group on Monday and Wednesday mornings. A walk outdoors can be especially pleasant. Look for beauty around you. How many shapes and patterns can you find? God is a creative designer. Keep watch for shapes and stars, like shepherds and magi, as you go through the week.

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, veathb!@me.com)
- **Assisting Minister** helps lead worship with pastors, shares prayers and serves communion. Email Mark Christianson mchristi314@gmail.com.
- **Communion Assistants** distribute bread, wine and grape juice during worship. Email Mark Christianson, mchristi314@gmail.com.
- **Hospitality Team** welcomes people to worship, collects offerings, assists with seating needs and ensure that worship runs smoothly. Email Mark Christianson, mchristi314@gmail.com.
- **Lector** reads Old and New Testament lessons during worship. Email Mark Christianson, mchristi314@gmail.com.

- **Crucifer** carries the cross in worship processions. Email Mark Christianson, mchristi314@gmail.com.
- **Sacristan** assists with the logistics of worship and guides acolytes. Email Mark Christianson, mchristi314@gmail.com.
- **Adult & Children's Choirs** provide special music for worship services with rehearsals on Wednesdays. Email Music Director Tim Strand, tstrand@gloriadeistpaul.org.
- **Tech Crew** produces the weekly YouTube livestream. Email Tadhg Ferris Wayne, 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/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 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.