



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 19, 2025

Today

Today is Jazz Sunday. At both services today, 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.

Sunday Forum: Creating Community. Get to know others at Gloria Dei as we bounce ideas and share our thoughts at Sunday Forum between services today. Our pastors will lead the discussion on how to build deeper relationships with each other, reflect on the coming year and strengthen our community. Sunday Forum gathers at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We hope you'll join us.

Worship and Music & Art

Upcoming Funeral Reminder: 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. Inspirational music is a hallmark of worship at Gloria Dei, and the performers enjoy a warm community of crea-

tivity and fellowship. Our worship is enriched by many talented instrumentalists, of all experience levels – solos and duets throughout the year, with larger groups leading in festival services. Here are some ways you can get involved with Gloria Dei worship with your instrument. Email Dennis Friesen-Carper dfc@gloriadeistpaul.org to learn more.

- String, Baroque and Chamber ensembles
- All-Ages Band
- Brass and Percussion ensembles
- Salsa Band and Jazz Sunday

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 on the planning for that in upcoming church communications.

Wednesday Supper Menu. The Wednesday menu for January 22 will be beef goulash, baked mac & cheese along with broccoli. Meals are served 5:45-6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation is \$5-10 per person. Pay whatever you can.

Church Closed Monday. In observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the Gloria Dei building will be closed Monday. Regularly scheduled church events will be canceled. The regular schedule of Monday church activities will resume on Jan. 27.

Current Events Conversation. The Wednesday, Jan. 22, Coffee, Tea and Camaraderie gathering will center on conversations about current events in the United States. If you would like to meet and share concerns in a safe, caring space, join us and enjoy a warm beverage in the Minnesota Room from 2 to 3 p.m.

1st 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 amazing facts and things to explore in our beautiful sanctuary during Sunday School 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. If you are interested, email Pastor Jodi prjodi@gloriadeistpaul.org for more information.

Clayton Gardner Accepts New Job. Clayton Gardner, building supervisor, is leaving Gloria Dei for a new job with Ramsey County. We give thanks for his nearly five years of service. In addition to housing the people of God at Gloria Dei, our facility plays an important role in the church's mission to serve the community.

Clayton worked to keep the building warm, safe, maintained and ready to welcome. He came to Gloria Dei during the pandemic, keeping our systems maintained while we couldn't gather, kept everything clean and running during a major sanctuary renovation and then helped welcome back ministries and outside groups. Clayton considered his work with us as a ministry and always said that he was grateful to be in "the Lord's house." We will miss his hospitable smile and good work. His last day is January 24. The job description has been posted, and we will begin interviews soon. Please pray for the church as we seek another faithful, capable and experienced member of our staff.

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 creates and maintains 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 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. You can give digitally anytime at tinyurl.com/gd2ND1124. Learn more about Gloria Dei's global mission efforts at tinyurl.com/gdGLOBALM. So far, Second Offering collections have totaled \$1,300 this month.

Global Mission Events. There are several opportunities to learn and support global missions during the coming weeks.

- **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 in 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.
- **January 26 is Global Mission Sunday:** The guest speaker at Sunday Forum (9:30 a.m.) 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. A market will be available in the Fellowship Hall before, during and after the presentation, raising proceeds to support our mission partners.

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 to register and learn more about the speakers.

Supporting California Fire Losses. Friends in California are asking for help—your help—as wildfires completely destroy their homes and communities. Houses, schools, churches, grocery stores, businesses—all reduced to ashes. You can rush aid to neighbors in crisis who need it. The Lutheran World Relief team is already preparing a response, and it needs compassionate and faithful people like you to make it happen. The destruction and need are overwhelming and only getting worse. But you can do so much good at times like this. Go

to tinyurl.com/gdCAFIREs to make a donation to aid those affected by the wildfires.

Help Pack at Every Meal. Gloria Dei confirmation students are doing another food pack project next month, and they're 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 run from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Go to 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 red-crossblood.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. This week Winter Wellness focuses on the practice of prayer, remembering the faithful example of Simeon, whose prayers were answered when he met Jesus in the temple. Studies have shown that praying for yourself and others benefits the health of the person praying as well as the one prayed for. Go to tinyurl.com/gdPRAYER to read the University of Minnesota's helpful information on the topic. When you find yourself feeling worried or stressed, say a prayer and release those concerns to God, trusting that you are heard and help is already on the way. This is often tough to do when our worries are big ones. It's common for thoughts to return to our concerns. When this happens, recognize the issue, name the feelings, and release them to God again. You can write down your prayer concerns, keep a prayer box or ask a friend, a family member or church to pray for you, too.

More Ways to Assist with Outreach

In addition to the activities noted above, join Gloria Dei friends in one of these other ways to in outreach ministries.

- **Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative** advocates for affordable housing options across the metro area. Contact Don Fulton *revdfulton@comcast.net*.
- **Caring for Creation** promotes more sustainable practices in individual lives and around the Gloria Dei facilities and advocates for public policy addressing climate change. Contact Stephanie Stegeman *stephaniestegeman@gmail.com*.
- **Global Missions Team** coordinates global mission efforts with partners in Guatemala and Tanzania. Contact Kenton Johnson *kentonmarkjohnson@gmail.com*.
- **Habitat for Humanity** partners with Interfaith Builders to build safe, affordable homes for families in need. Contact Matt Sherwood *mgsherwood@yahoo.com*.
- **Immigrant Justice Team** is dedicated to guiding Gloria Dei's support for immigrants in our community through direct assistance and advocacy. Contact Claire Hoyum *choyum@comcast.net*.
- **Loaves and Fishes** feeds an evening meal at the Dorothy Day Center in downtown St. Paul on the 4th Wednesday of every other month. Contact Cheryl Stever *mncinhouse@hotmail.com*.
- **Project Home Meals** serves supper and hosts Bingo for homeless families staying at Project Home at Provincial House two Sundays a month. Contact Marie Hanson *mariehanson63@gmail.com*.
- **Racial Justice Committee** coordinates Gloria Dei's activities in support of racial justice and equality. Contact Deanna Thompson *thomps38@stolaf.edu*.
- **Weekend Back Pack Program** packs and delivers healthy snacks for students at Highland Elementary School. Contact Diane Burk *diane-burk@yahoo.com*.
- **Welcoming Committee** works with ministries to evaluate and enhance signs of welcome to new faces coming to Gloria Dei. Contact Julie Printz *jprintz123@gmail.com*.

Next week: More ways to help with Faith Formation. 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

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
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Dennis Friesen-Carper, Director of Instrumental
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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.