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### Sunday Holy Communion Worship

8:15 and 10:45 a.m. in person and  
livestream on YouTube at 10:45 a.m.

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Join 10:45 a.m. Online Worship

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## Guest Preacher March 2: Osheta Moore

On Sunday, March 2, we welcome guest preacher/forum leader Pastor Osheta Moore. Along with being a writer and speaker, Osheta co-pastors Roots Moravian Church in the Midway of St Paul. Osheta will be working alongside Gloria Dei for the coming year as we deepen our work around the themes of contemplative activism, reframing anti-racism and becoming a beloved community. In the coming season, you will hear from her in the pulpit, at Sunday Forum, during Lenten worship and in a special edition Monday eNews series with spiritual practices to try at home. If you want to begin now, buy her book [Dear White Peacemakers](#) and begin reading. Looking for a place to buy the book? A great

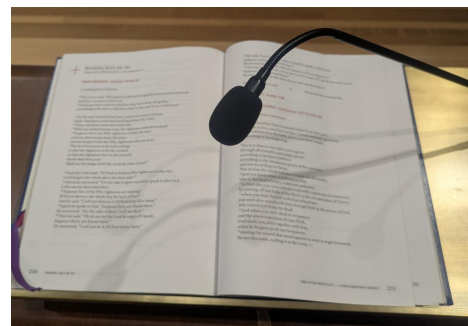


option is local, independent shop [Black Garnet Books here in St Paul](#). Or buy it wherever you like to buy books. If you are a book listener, it's also available on Audible (with Osheta reading). We are grateful to the months-long planning efforts of Gloria Dei's racial justice team to bring this new whole-congregational learning opportunity to fruition.

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## Be Part of the Sanctuary Sound Experiment March 2

In order to ensure that we welcome all people, we continue to work on the sound system in the sanctuary. Many have had difficulty understanding the spoken word. The Facilities Team and the Congregation Council have proposed an augmentation to our system. The congregation voted to apportion funds at the annual meeting. On Sunday, March 2, we will have an opportunity to test the equipment and changes to our system before we sign a contract. Although it means an awkward Sunday with cords, lifts, ladders and obstructions, it will be an important step in the process of discernment. If you have had



## Lent Starts on Ash Wednesday, March 5

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion, March 5, at noon and 6:30 p.m. The period of 40 days leading to Easter is a time of re-focusing on the love and mercy of God which flows in, with, and under us. "You Shall be like a Watered Garden," a verse from Isaiah read on Ash Wednesday will serve as our theme this year. In these days when chaos arrives each day in so many ways, we come to Lent yearning to find the places where we can be nourished, not only to survive but to be agents of hope and "repairers of the breach," as Isaiah promises. Midweek Lenten Evening Prayer services will continue weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., exploring this theme in a variety of ways. Come to Lent. Come to the Water. We shall be raised.



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## Forum: Facing Jesus' Temptations During Climate Crisis

At the start of Lent, we will hear of Jesus' three temptations in the wilderness, in which Satan tests Jesus with three fundamental seductions that we all face as human beings. How might we consider those seductions through the lens of energy, a physical reality that is central to our being as living things and central to our identity as humans? Might the climate crisis we are now experiencing be a result of our yielding to those seductions? Fred Quivik, a member of Gloria Dei who works as an expert in environmental litigation and is a retired history professor at Michigan Technological University, will present the topic at Sunday Forum, Feb. 23, in the Fellowship Hall, 9:30 a.m.



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## An Update on Lutheran Social Services

In recent weeks the integrity of Lutheran social ministry organizations across the country has been attacked. Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) is one of hundreds of similar Lutheran organizations in the United States. In Minnesota, LSS this past year served over 91,000 Minnesotans as an expression of the Lutheran faith and community in Minnesota. LSS is deeply grateful for the depth of concern and support that's been expressed in the past few weeks from across the state. LSS wants the community to know that it is working closely with state and national legislators on both sides of the political aisle to assure LSS' continuing ability to love and serve the neighbor. LSS also is an active partner with Lutheran Services in America, our national voice in Washington, D.C. At this point, you are encouraged to reach out to your elected representatives to communicate your support for LSS and your concern about the changes in funding. The representative to the House of Representatives from the district that includes Gloria Dei is Betty McCullum. Our Senators are Tina Smith and Amy Klobuchar. [Click here to sign up for regular updates and action alerts](#) from LSS Advocacy. [Click here for a more detailed report on LSS](#) from Gloria Dei LSS Ambassadors Mark and



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## First Sunday Coffee Party: Mardi Gras Style

Next month's First Sunday Coffee Party will be a little bit different. We have special guest preacher/forum leader Osheta Moore with us on March 2 and we want everyone to be able to meet and hear from her during worship and the forum. So between services coffee and treats will be located downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Grab a cup and treat and settle into a spot. Since this is the last Sunday before Lent begins, you might bring the spirit of Mardi Gras with you as you plan what treat to bring.



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## Chicken Gyros Served at Wednesday Supper

The menu for Wednesday Supper on February 19 will be chicken shawarma gyro, with hummus, tzatziki and salad, falafel (vegan) and oven baked fries. Meals are served 5:45-6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation is \$5-10 per person. Pay whatever you can.



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## Join An Upcoming Training for Communion Assisting

We need additional people to participate in Sunday morning worship as ushers, communion assistants or with altar care. Each of these servant opportunities is a low commitment and highly rewarding way to be involved during your worship attendance. It's also a wonderful opportunity to get to know others who are serving on Sunday. If you are interested in serving, or just curious to learn more, please attend a brief and easy training in the sanctuary on Sunday, Feb. 23, 9:30 a.m. to learn about communion assisting. Please consider engaging in this fulfilling worship role.



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## Overnight Host Needed for VBS Counselors

We are looking for someone who would be able and willing to host our VBS camp counselors June 22-26. The host doesn't have to have children. The host would offer the 4 camp counselors a place to stay in their home, hopefully within 15 minutes of church. It could be in a couple guest rooms or a large basement space where we can set up air mattresses. The hosts typically provide breakfast. The counselors then depart for the church around 8:15 a.m. and return to the house around 4 p.m. The church covers their lunch. Then around 5:30 p.m. they depart for dinner which is typically with one of our the families with children in VBS. The counselors



return to the house to sleep. Would you be interested in more information? Please contact [Kyrstin Schwartz](#) (until Feb. 27) or [Pastor Jodi](#) (after Feb. 27) for more information.

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## February Second Offering Supports Loaves & Fishes

February's Second Offering supports Loaves & Fishes, a community-outreach program that serves nightly dinners at the Opportunity Center in downtown St. Paul. Gloria Dei prepares and serves the meal on the fourth Wednesday of each even-numbered month. The in-service collection will be taken at this Sunday's worship service. You can give digitally anytime [by clicking here](#) or by putting a check in the offering plate with "Second Offering" written on the memo line. So far this month, the Second Offering has generated \$2,038.



Gloria Dei's team will prepare and serve dinner for the guests on Wednesday, Feb. 26. Three Shifts are available:

- **Hot Food Prep** from 1:30-3 p.m., preparing Tater Tot Hotdish.
- **Cold Food Prep** from 3-4:30 p.m., preparing sides dishes, buttering bread, bananas, cookies.
- **Serving the Meal** from 4-5:30 p.m.

You can learn more about the program or sign up for any 2025 shift by clicking [Loaves & Fishes](#). Sign up for 1, 2 or all 3 shifts!. If you have questions regarding GDLC Loaves and Fishes, [email Cheryl Stever](#).

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## Join Beacon to Advocate for Affordable, Just Housing

Is your star word doggedness? Tenacity? Justice? Advocacy? Affordable housing with wrap-around services? Well, then we have just the group for you. Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative is an advocacy group that works for affordable housing in the Twin Cities. Our Gloria Dei team is part of a much larger organization that does incredible good in the world. This is slow path-building work. Beacon meets monthly over Zoom with optional extra homework. [Email Don Fulton](#) for more info.



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## First Communion Class Rescheduled to March 22

We have rescheduled the First Communion class. It will now be held Saturday, March 22, 9-11:30 a.m. at Gloria Dei, families decide when their child is ready to start participating in communion. Is your child starting to ask questions about communion and showing interest? If you'd like to sign up and hadn't for the last one. All are welcome! [Click here to sign up](#).



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## Learn About Traveling to Egypt with Pastor Bradley

The details and cost of the trip to Egypt, February 5-15, 2026, to walk in the footsteps of Moses and the Holy Family is now live. An information session with Elias Tours and Pastor Bradley is scheduled for Monday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m. If interested, please request the Zoom link by emailing [Pastor Bradley](mailto:Pastor Bradley). Click [here to learn more details about the trip's itinerary](#).



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## Winter Wellness: Kindness and Empathy

The Winter Wellness theme for this week is showing kindness to others. It's a great fit for Heart Month, because kindness protects the heart. It's good for our brains and for mental health, too. [Learn more about that by clicking here](#). Kindness goes hand-in-hand with empathy, which means caring for others and considering their feelings. Jesus reminds us that we are to treat others as we would want to be treated, especially people who are having a tough time. We can show kindness by helping someone, sharing a smile, listening, and praying for them. Think of a time when someone's kindness brightened your day, and how it made you feel. How could you show kindness to someone today?



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## Addiction Webinar Offered March 11

The Center for Addiction and Faith is presenting a free one-hour online presentation on Wednesday, Feb. 26, "Substance Use and Recovery: How Your Church Can Be Part of the Solution." The Mental Health and Recovery Team invites you to be part of the webinar and to join us at our next Zoom meeting on Thursday, March 11, at noon to talk about how we can promote and support recovery at Gloria Dei. To get the zoom link, email [Marenjansen@live.com](mailto:Marenjansen@live.com) or [nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org](mailto:nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org).



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## Mental Health Connect Offers Free Sessions

Gloria Dei's Mental Health and Recovery Ministry shares that [Mental Health Connect](#) is sponsoring free events in coming weeks focused on supporting people with mental health and substance abuse concerns.

**Supporting Loved Ones and Yourself While Navigating Mental Health Challenges**, 9:30 to 11a.m. Saturday, March 8, at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, 5025 Knox Ave. S., Minneapolis. Therapists from Mount Olivet Counseling Center will provide tools and information on helping others through mental health challenges and addiction. A light breakfast will be served before the



program.

**Adolescent Substance Abuse and Misuse**, 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 22, University Lutheran Church of Hope. Program details are being developed.

To register and get more details on these programs, go to [mhconnect.org](http://mhconnect.org). Mental Health Connect is supported by Twin Cities faith communities and includes a Navigation Line, 612-642-1220, to call or text, for free, confidential and individualized services.

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## Honor Our Ancestors Event is Rescheduled

The Honor Our Ancestors event put on by the Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal Community was postponed by bad weather this month has been rescheduled to Sat., March 1, at 11 a.m. at Fort Snelling State Park. We are being invited to this is a beautiful, sacred ceremony where many Dakota people were held during the 1861 Dakota War. Gloria Dei is in a partnership with the Mendota Community and this is a wonderful opportunity for learning of their spirituality. This is an opportunity to pray for All of the Ancestors that we share. Bring a chair if you need to sit during ceremony(it lasts about an hour) and dress VERY warmly--we are standing in snowy, cold ground. Contact [Karen Lansing](#) for more information. We can meet in parking lot at Fort Snelling State Park Office to get our free passes to get into the park.



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## Ways to Help with Outreach

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

- Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative advocates for affordable housing options across the metro area. [Contact Don Fulton](#).
- 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](#).
- Global Missions Team coordinates global mission efforts with partners in Guatemala and Tanzania. [Contact Kenton Johnson](#).
- Habitat for Humanity partners with Interfaith Builders to build safe, affordable homes for families in need. [Contact Matt Sherwood](#).
- Immigrant Justice Team is dedicated to guiding Gloria Dei's support for immigrants in our community through direct assistance and advocacy. [Contact Claire Hoyum](#).
- 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](#).
- Safe House Meals volunteers provide a meal every fourth Wednesday of the month for residents of Safe House, an emergency shelter for homeless youth ages 16-20. [Click here to learn more about the program](#).
- 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](#).
- Racial Justice Committee coordinates Gloria Dei's activities in support of racial justice and equality. [Contact Deanna Thompson](#).
- Weekend Back Pack Program packs and delivers healthy snacks for students at Highland Elementary School. [Contact Diane Burk](#).
- Welcoming Committee works with ministries to evaluate and enhance signs of welcome to new faces coming to Gloria Dei. [Contact Julie Printz](#).

**Next week:** Ways to help with Faith Formation.

## Rooted in Generosity, We Give

Your generosity continues to bless and enrich Gloria Dei's work and ministries of love, welcome, care, healing and justice. For every one of us who can't give more, we trust that someone else will step forward and fill the gap. We are the church together.

### Second Offering – February

As is our custom, on the second Sunday of each month we collect a Second Offering. Any time before the end of the month, you can give [online](#) or mail a check to the church office with "second offering" in the memo line. February's Second Offering will go to Loaves & Fishes, which serves daily meals to food-insecure individuals at the Opportunity Center in downtown St. Paul.

### Online Offering

[Options for Giving](#) as you are able:

- [Electronically through Vanco Payments](#) (a third-party website).
- [Vanco Mobile App](#), a third party, or by text to 833-608-0559 with the amount.
- Mail your offering to the church office at 700 Snelling Ave. S., Saint Paul, MN 55116. Note on the memo line to designate your gift for a specific fund.

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#### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
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