



Holy Communion

8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

10:45 a.m. live on YouTube

Welcome to Worship at Gloria Dei!

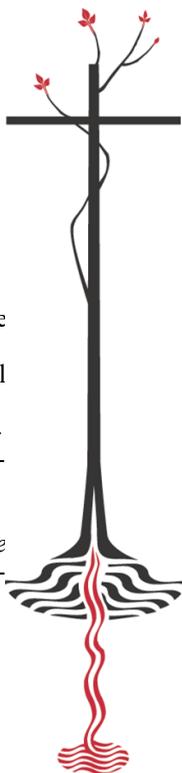
Welcome to worship at Gloria Dei. Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here. Every Sunday, the body of Christ gathers in this sanctuary to hear God's word of unconditional grace, share a meal of mercy and forgiveness and is then sent into the world to follow Jesus with peace, compassion and justice. Thank you for joining our mission. Please let us know how we can assist you in being at home with us.

Announcements March 30, 2025

You Shall Be a Watered Garden

Lenten Evening Prayer. Each Wednesday in Lent, we explore together a different spiritual practice to help ground us, finding living water that is our source for peace, freedom and a joy that transcends life's difficulties. This coming Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Lenten Evening Prayer, Pastor Bradley talks about keeping silence and his joy/struggle with it. The final evening prayer will be next week on April 9 when Pastor Osheta Moore will help us focus on activism that is centered in prayer and contemplation on the beloved community.

Sunday Forum. *A Watered Garden in the Global Church.* Laura Wangness Willemssen returns to update us on the work her friend Musa Kamaika is leading on education and environmental restoration in Tanzania. How has the recent USAID funding withdrawal affected their efforts? What does it mean to be a global church from the U.S. in this time of upheaval?



Forum meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m.

Lost & Found. Our Lost & Found basket is bursting at the seams. Have you recently lost something you brought to church? Please take a look at the table outside the church office to see if you have left something behind. Today is the last day the table will be out for people to check over. After that, remaining items will be given to a charitable organization.

Worship and Music & Art

Holy Week 2025 Schedule. We are getting closer to Holy Week. Here are the special services happening at Gloria Dei for Holy Week and beyond.

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 13, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. (livestreamed)
Holy Communion, Procession with Palms,
Passion According to Luke
Palm Sunday Neighborhood March, 10 a.m.
starting at Fellowship Hall.

THE THREE DAYS

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 6:30 p.m.

NEW: Dinner Church. Fellowship Hall

As we prepare to enter The Three Days and the Easter weekend, the church comes together for a meal, prayers and Holy Communion shared at the table. Chef Antonio will prepare a meal so that you have an evening without cooking. Come, eat and prepare your heart for the great paschal mystery of Jesus' passion and resurrection.

Good Friday

April 18 6:30 p.m. (livestreamed)

Scripture Reading, Prayers for a Suffering World, Adoration of the Cross, Special Music

Easter Vigil

April 19, 6:30 p.m. (livestreamed)

Fire, Story, Bath and Meal. With creativity and drama, the church begins the celebration of Christ's resurrection.

THE GREAT 50 DAYS

Easter Sunday

April 20, 8, 9:30 (livestreamed), 11 a.m.

Festival Easter Celebration with Holy Communion

Second Sunday of Easter

Confirmation Sunday

April 27, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. (livestreamed)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Congregational General Meeting

May 11, 9:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Pastor Lois Pallmeyer Retirement Celebration
May 18, 8:15 and 10 a.m. Farewell Gathering following the second service.

Pentecost Day

June 8, 8:15 and 10 a.m.

Upcoming Funerals:

- **Zosima Ditlevson**, Thursday, April 3, 12:30 p.m. No visitation
- **Vera Ogren**, Thursday, April 3, graveside service.
- **Dave Nystrom** Friday, April 4, 11 a.m., visitation 10 a.m.
- **Jim Tonneson** Thursday, April 10, times not determined yet.
- **Marge Struve**, Monday, May 5, times not determined yet.
- **Bob Riesett**, Thursday, May 15, 1 p.m. visitation noon.
- **Vivian Anderson**, Wednesday, May 21, times not determined yet.

See Change Treble Choir Concert. Gloria Dei hosts the See Change Treble Choir and guests on Sunday, April 6, 5 p.m. This concert caps a day of "Voices On," the first of what the group hopes will be many opportunities for treble voices of all kinds to join See Change in song. The group is directed by Amy Johnson.

Faith Formation

It's First Sunday Coffee Party on April 6.

Socialize over coffee and tasty treats. Get to know someone new in the Gathering Place, 9:30-10:30 a.m. If you're a late service attendee, don't forget to get to church earlier.

Wednesday Supper. The menu for Wednesday will be a pizza party. Meals are served 5:45-6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation is \$5-10 per person.

Spring Writing Workshop. The spring session of *In Your Own Words: Contemplative Writing as a Spiritual Practice* starts Thursday, April 3. Come to write, to listen, to sit in silence and find community. Come to grow towards the person God created you to be, as you deepen your awareness of God. Come to develop a spiritual practice. Come to discover what is yours to do in the midst of change. No writing experience needed. Membership at Gloria Dei not required. All are welcome. The group gathers Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-noon. in the Mississippi Room. To

register and receive the spring schedule, email Nancy Agneberg nagneberg48@gmail.com. If you or someone you know is unable to attend in-person, but would like to receive the weekly writing prompts, email Nancy.

Social Justice and Outreach

Food Drive Goal is Met, Let's Pour it On. The focus of March's Second Offering is to collect money to support the food programs at Neighborhood House. This is FoodShare Month, so financial matches from Second Harvest and The Food Group multiply Neighborhood House's buying power by eight times. And here's the really great news. Through last Sunday we've collected \$5,280, \$205 more than our goal for the month. Multiplied by eight, that's providing Neighborhood House with \$42,240 of purchasing power. The headlines tell us that food support needs are going to grow. Here's our chance to build on our momentum and provide even more support. You can give digitally anytime at tinyurl.com/gd2NDOFF25 or by putting a check in the offering plate with "Second Offering" written on the memo line. The need is great. Neighborhood House serves over 1,700 unique families in a month—nearly doubled from this time last year.

Do you still want to give food? Drop non-perishable food items in the red barrels right inside the parking lot doors. Each week the collected food is delivered to the Food Market on Montreal.

Project Home Meal. One Sunday after noon each month Gloria Dei volunteers go over to the Project Home family homeless shelter at Provincial House near St. Catherine University. We have a Bingo game for the families, set up and serve a meal cooked by the Project Home chef, and we provide a dessert (purchased or baked in their kitchen). We welcome new people to join us on Sunday, April 6. The whole activity runs from 3 to 5:30 p.m. You can see the available time slots at tinyurl.com/gdPHOME25. Email Marie Hanson mariehanson63@gmail.com for more details or with questions.

Tanzania Update. Gloria Dei members are currently providing school scholarships for 15 students

from Kilengapasi, our partner parish in Tanzania. Gloria Dei travelers this fall will meet our students at Pommern, the oldest Lutheran school in Iringa, Tanzania. Also part of the itinerary will be a visit to Humara, a home and school for children who have been physically or sexually abused or trafficked. The travelers will also spend a few days with the Kilengapasi parish and much more. There is still time to join this life-changing mission trip. Contact Carol Engel at cjengel626@comcast.net or 651-699-9026. Young adults up to the age of 35 may be eligible for a subsidy of up to 50% of the cost of this mission trip.

Stewardship and Giving

Donut Holes. We depend on the generosity of members to help restock the bowls of donut holes for between-service snacking. It costs \$65 to purchase a Sunday's worth of donut holes. Go to [tinyurl.com/gdDHOLE\\$25](http://tinyurl.com/gdDHOLE$25) to sign up to sponsor the treats for a specific Sunday. After you submit your order, you will receive a confirmation email that includes a link for online payment. You may also leave your cash or check payment in the offering plate or the church office in an envelope that is clearly marked with the date you selected, "donut holes" and your name. Thank you for considering filling the donut hole "hole."

More Ways to Assist with Outreach

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

- **Giving Garden** vegetables grown in the Giving Garden are donated to Francis Basket Food Market. Contact Laurie Possin at 651-295-4902 or lpossin@comcast.net.
- **Global Missions Team** coordinates global mission efforts with partners in Guatemala and Tanzania. Contact Kenton Johnson kentonmar-kjohnson@gmail.com.
- **Habitat for Humanity** partners with Inter-faith 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 one Sundays a month. Contact Marie Hanson mariehanson63@gmail.com.
- **Monthly Safe House Meals.** Gloria Dei volunteers provide a meal every fourth Wednesday of the month for residents of Safe House, an emergency shelter for homeless youth ages 16-20. Go to tinyurl.com/gdSAFEHOUSE25 to learn more or sign up to make a meal.
- **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.

Next week: More ways to help with Faith Formation. See all Gloria volunteer opportunities at gloriadeistpaul.org/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/RoomRequestGDLG. Your submission goes to the office staff. If you have any questions, please contact Office Coordinator Karen Earhuff office@gloriadeistpaul.org.

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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
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Timothy Strand, Music Director
Dennis Friesen-Carper, Director of Instrumental
Ensembles and Composer in Residence
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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.