



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 April 6, 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 Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Lenten Evening Prayer, Pastor Osheta Moore joins us again to continue to help us focus on activism that is centered in prayer and contemplation on the beloved community.

First Sunday Coffee Party. It's time for another First Sunday Coffee Party. This month we will be meeting the new Gloria Dei members received into membership last Sunday. We will socialize over coffee and treats so feel free to bring a tasty baked good to share while you get to know someone new. We are meeting in the Gathering Place between services, 9:30-10:30 a.m.



Worship and Music & Art

HOLY WEEK 2025

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
(more information on the next page)

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

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 9:30 a.m.
Congregational General Meeting

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Pentecost Day

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

Dinner Church, Holy Thursday. Come for dinner, community and a good story on Thursday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m. Traditionally called Maundy Thursday to remember Christ's mandate to love one another, this evening begins The Three Holy Days. This year, we're trying something new. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall to share a pasta meal by Gloria Dei's own Chef Antonio Sanchez. As a way of connecting with one another, we'll try a special ritual of washing hands. (There will still be a station for the dedicated foot-washing fans.) After listening to one of the stories for this night, we'll pass bread, wine and juice around the table for Holy Communion. We'll sing a few songs and end by preparing for Good Friday: cleaning up together and leaving quietly. The whole evening is designed to be a casual way to start the Easter weekend. Count it as a night out with old and new friends, with someone else fixing dinner, a meaningful way of being together. To get a count for food, please RSVP at tinyurl.com/gdMTMEAL. However, don't worry if you can't RSVP. Just come. All are welcome.

Upcoming Funerals. Here's what's planned:

- **Jim Tonneson** Thursday, April 10, funeral at 2 p.m., visitation noon-2 p.m.
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- **Marge Struve**, Monday, May 5, times not determined yet.
- **Bob Riesett**, Thursday, May 15, funeral at 1 p.m., visitation noon.
- **Vivian Anderson**, Wednesday, May 21, funeral is at 12:00 Noon, with a visitation at 11:00 a.m.

See Change Treble Choir Concert. Gloria Dei hosts the See Change Treble Choir and guests today at 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

Wednesday Supper. The menu for Wednesday will be beef tacos, refried beans and Mexican-style rice. Meals are served 5:45-6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation is \$5-10 per person.

Buy Flowers; Support Youth. Our beautiful 12-inch hanging baskets are available again this spring at Gloria Dei starting Sunday, May 4. Pre-order online at tinyurl.com/ywjcs57or or in the church office. There is also an option to pre-order mum plants for our September sale. Hanging baskets are \$35 if pre-sold and \$40 if bought day of. All flowers have been generously donated by a member with all proceeds supporting our Gloria Dei youth ministries. We are so thankful for all your support.

Social Justice and Outreach

April's Second Offering will go to Lutheran Social Services Metro Homeless Youth Programs. 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.

Food Drive Raises \$5,700. March's Second Offering supported the food programs at Neighborhood House. Here's the great news: through

last Sunday we collected \$5,747. Multiplied by eight, due to the matching programs Neighborhood House accesses during Food Share Month, that grows to \$45,976 of purchasing power. Thank you for all your support last month.

Child Protection Statement. The ELCA has released a draft social message on child protection and maltreatment. This draft social message is in response to a request from the 2022 ELCA Church-wide Assembly and addresses the church's calling to protect and nurture children and youth, both within the church and within society more broadly. You can participate in the public comment period on this draft. The survey and public comment period will be open until June 30.

- Link to Child Protection Message: tinyurl.com/gdCHILD1
- Link to online survey: tinyurl.com/gdCHILD2
- Email comments to: draftsocialmessage@elca.org

Health and Healing

Caregiving Workshop: Lyngblomsten is offering a free workshop on Saturday, April 26, 10-11:30 a.m., called "The Alzheimer's Journey: Navigating So Many Goodbyes." It is facilitated by KARE 11's Karla Hult, pairing the latest news and research with a deeply compassionate look at the caregiving experience. Register at tinyurl.com/gdCAREGIVE25. Email questions to aquick@lyngblomsten.org or call 651-515-1726. Lyngblomsten has respite care and support groups to support families affected by Alzheimer's and related dementias. Learn more at www.Lyngblomsten.com.

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/gdDHOLES25 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."

Community

World Jubilee Market. A long tradition of Gloria Dei hosting the World Jubilee Fair Trade Market continues on Saturday, April 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and the Gallery. A host of vendors will be selling crafts, clothing, food, jewelry, coffee, décor and accessories. Proceeds help support the work of fair trade artisans around the globe.

More Ways to Assist with Faith Formation

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

- **Men's Book Group** meets monthly on a Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Find the meeting dates and book list on our website. Contact John Stendahl with questions. stendahl1817@gmail.com
- **Children and Family Programs** help with Sunday morning opportunities with our younger learners. Get more info by emailing Kyrstin Schwartz at kidsministry@gloriadeistpaul.org
- **Confirmation Mentors** meet one-on-one on average monthly with 9th and 10th graders to foster their faith formation. Contact Deacon Ashley Greenwood at Ashley@gloriadeistpaul.org
- **Good News 4U Bible Study** on Mondays at 10 a.m. in the church. Contact Miles Renaas at renaas@comcast.net with questions.
- **Contemplative Writing as a Spiritual Practice** meets Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Led by Nancy Agneberg, writer, spiritual director, and member of Gloria Dei, nagneberg48@gmail.com

- **Soul Food** meets Wednesdays, 9:30-11 a.m., discussing books from a faith perspective. More information here; contact Pastor Lois Pallmeyer at prlois@gloriadeistpaul.org to be included.

Next week: More ways to help with Health and Healing. 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/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*. After 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
Pastor Lois Pallmeyer, Associate Pastor
Pastor Jodi Houge, Associate Pastor
Ashley Greenwood, Deacon of Youth and Family Faith Formation
Kyrstin Schwartz, Children's Ministry Director
Timothy Strand, Music Director
Dennis Friesen-Carper, Director of Instrumental Ensembles and Composer in Residence
Jill Stewart, Parish Nurse
Greg Henderson, Finance & Administration Director
Tadhg Ferris Wayne, Director of Worship Technologies
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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.