



## 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 27, 2025

**It's Confirmation Sunday.** Confirmation will be celebrated at both services today. All are welcome to support and celebrate with our 18 tenth-graders in the Gathering Place between services. They will be displaying their Credo projects, which describe their faith in unique and interactive ways. This is a wonderful chance to meet the students, review their projects and share your congratulations with them as they take this next step in their baptismal journey.

**Congregational General Meeting.** All confirmed members of Gloria Dei are encouraged to join us at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 11. We will elect members to the Congregational Council and other leadership positions, express our gratitude to those who have served Gloria Dei in significant ways in the past year and take care of other important business in the life of the church. Please plan to join us between services in Fellowship Hall.

**Welcome Boychoir** We are delighted to have Allegro from the Minnesota Boychoir singing for us in worship today. Allegro is made up of singers ages 14-18. They are led by longtime artistic director Mark Johnson and accompanied by Todd Price at the piano.

## Worship, Music & Art

**Spring Ministry Fair.** Where can you connect to the ministries of Gloria Dei? You'll have the chance to explore the possibilities on Sunday, May 4, at 9:30 a.m. between services at the Spring Ministry Fair in the Gathering Place. The fair piggybacks on May's First Sunday Coffee Party. Many of Gloria Dei's ministry groups are preparing materials to share on ways you can get involved. We'll gather to learn about and celebrate the variety of ways that we may choose to be active in faithful service both here at Gloria Dei and in and around our community. Come for the coffee and treats. Stay for the fair.

### Upcoming Funerals:

- **Marge Struve**, Monday, May 5, funeral at 11 a.m., visitation 10 a.m.
- **Bob Riesett**, Thursday, May 15, funeral at 1 p.m., visitation noon.
- **Vivian Anderson**, Wednesday, May 21, funeral at noon, visitation at 11 a.m.

## Faith Formation

**First Sunday Coffee Party.** The next First Sunday Coffee Party happens on Sunday, May 4, in the Gathering Place in between services from 9:30-10:30 a.m. It's a treat potluck, so bring something to share. If you attend 8:15 a.m. service, plan to stay afterwards. If you attend 10:45 a.m., plan to come early. We want to have coffee with you! Bonus this month, a ministry fair in the hallway adjacent to the Gathering Place. Grab a cup of coffee and wander through the fair. You might find a new place to plug in here at Gloria Dei.

**Buy Flowers, Support Youth.** Beautiful 12-inch hanging baskets are available again this spring at Gloria Dei starting Sunday, May 4. Pre-order online at [tinyurl.com/hxn297us](http://tinyurl.com/hxn297us) or in the church office. Hanging baskets are \$35 if pre-sold and \$40 if bought day of delivery. 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.

**Wednesday Supper April 30.** Suppers will resume when Confirmation classes meet again on April 30 featuring a menu of chicken gyros with hummus, tzatziki, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers and onions. Falafel will be the vegan option. Also served will be Greek quinoa salad of garbanzo beans, lemon juice and, tomatoes. Meals are served 5:45-6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation is \$5-10 per person. Pay whatever you can.

**New Soul Food Book.** Join our Wednesday morning book discussion group, from 9:30-11 a.m. Soul Food has begun a new book for the Easter season. Before there was human language, God spoke through the grandeur and power of nature. The natural world declares God's mysterious, magnificent, gracious presence and witnesses to all creatures in all times. Using insights from science, wisdom and spiritual texts, Barbara Mahany examines the ways God is revealed in the natural world. Join us to discuss *The Book of Nature: The Astonishing Beauty of God's First Sacred Text*. Contact Pastor Lois [prlois@gloriadeistpaul.org](mailto:prlois@gloriadeistpaul.org) for more information.

**Baptism Workshop.** Our next Baptism Orientation Workshop is on Saturday, May 10, from 9-10 a.m. If you are preparing for a baptism, we ask all parents (members and non-members) to attend a baptism orientation workshop (on Zoom) before the child's baptism. Go to [tinyurl.com/gdBAPWORKSHOP](http://tinyurl.com/gdBAPWORKSHOP) to sign up. Contact the church office (651-699-1378) to schedule the baptism.

**Young Adults.** Gloria Dei young adults are invited to join the 20-Somethings/30-Somethings (or beyond) group. This group has been meeting for over a decade and are always welcoming new members. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at various spots around town. Join us Tuesday, May 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Ikea in Bloomington. Yes, you read that right. Join us for meatballs, lingonberries and a wander through the showrooms. Email [ahlf.chloe@gmail.com](mailto:ahlf.chloe@gmail.com) with questions, for more details or to join the WhatsApp chat.

**Retirement Celebrations.** Plans are taking shape for Gloria Dei to celebrate and thank the ministries of two soon-to-be-retired staff members. And while their retirements are still weeks away, there are some things you can do now.

- **Join Pr. Lois Pallmeyer and Gloria Dei Friends** on Sunday, May 18, after the second service in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate her retirement after 26 years with Gloria Dei. A potluck and pie celebration program is being planned, and more details will be announced in the coming weeks. If you would like to contribute to a retirement gift, go to [tinyurl.com/gdLOISGIFT](http://tinyurl.com/gdLOISGIFT) to give digitally or put cash or check in the offering plate or the church office in an envelope that is clearly marked "Pr. Lois Retirement Gift." You are also invited to send well wishes and cherished memories to Pastor Lois. Go to [tinyurl.com/gdLOISNOTE](http://tinyurl.com/gdLOISNOTE).
- **Join Music Director Tim Strand and Gloria Dei friends** on Sunday, June 22, after the second service in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate his 16 years of musical ministry as

he retires. A potluck and dessert celebration program is being planned, and more details will be announced in the coming weeks. If you would like to contribute to a retirement gift, go to [tinyurl.com/gdTIMGIFT](http://tinyurl.com/gdTIMGIFT) to give digitally or put cash or check in the offering plate or the church office in an envelope that is clearly marked “Tim Strand Retirement Gift.” You can send well wishes to Tim by going to [tinyurl.com/gdTIMNOTE](http://tinyurl.com/gdTIMNOTE).

## Social Justice and Outreach

**Immigrant Kitchen Supplies.** The Immigrant Justice Team and Gloria Dei Youth invite you to donate kitchen essentials for local immigrant families. The goal is to collect basic kitchen items to supply two families. Purchase items from the list and drop them off at the Minnesota Room on Sundays May 4 and 11, 8 to 10:45 a.m., or Wednesday, May 7, 6 to 6:30 p.m. Go to [tinyurl.com/gdKITCHEN](http://tinyurl.com/gdKITCHEN) to see the list and indicate what you will be donating.

### Second Offering for Teen Homelessness.

April’s Second Offering will go to Lutheran Social Services Metro Homeless Youth Programs. LSS estimates that more than 6,000 youth experience homelessness on any given night in Minnesota. Go to [tinyurl.com/gdLSSHOMELSS](http://tinyurl.com/gdLSSHOMELSS) to learn about programs it offers to support those young people. You can give digitally anytime at [tinyurl.com/gd2NDOFF25](http://tinyurl.com/gd2NDOFF25) or by putting a check in the offering plate with “Second Offering” written on the memo line. So far, more than \$2,700 has been raised.

## Health and Healing

**Yogadevotion.** A new session of Yogadevotion starts on April 29 and continues weekly on Tuesdays through June 17. Classes are held at 6-7 p.m. in the Gathering Place. Yogadevotion is a yoga flow class created by Lutheran pastor Cindy Senarighi. It uses breathing and movement to ground, strengthen and calm ourselves. It can be a time of prayer, reflection, and relaxation while being present to God. All experience levels are welcome. Register at [bit.ly/GloriaDei-April](http://bit.ly/GloriaDei-April). You can register for all the sessions, or just the ones that fit your schedule.

**Mental Health this Month.** April is Stress Awareness Month and Counseling Awareness Month, and those two topics go together well. National Stress Awareness month is about recognizing negative stress, understanding how it affects health and learning how to manage it. Getting enough sleep and physical activity, meditation and prayer, hobbies like knitting, painting or drawing are some of the ways to manage stress. Sometimes when the stress is severe or prolonged, it is important to get professional help to keep the issue from getting too big. Counseling can be one of those effective tools. Counseling can help people learn skills and strategies to use for managing stress when you can anticipate a major life change. Having a caring listener can help make tough decisions, offer comfort, validate feelings and experiences, aid recovery from illness, trauma, broken or damaged relationships, and can build resilience and coping. Everyone experiences stress, and when we are able to deal with it in a positive way it can lead us to grow and develop new skills. To learn more about stress management and counseling, check with your health care provider or go to: [www.NAMI.org](http://www.NAMI.org).

## 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 and along with setting up and cleaning for communion service. Email Barb Veath [veathb1@me.com](mailto:veathb1@me.com)
- **Assisting Minister** helps lead worship with pastors, shares prayers and serves communion. Email Mark Christianson [mchristi314@gmail.com](mailto:mchristi314@gmail.com)
- **Communion Assistants** distribute bread, wine and grape juice during worship. Email Mark Christianson [mchristi314@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:mchristi314@gmail.com)

- **Lector** reads Old and New Testament lessons during worship. Email Mark Christianson [mchristi314@gmail.com](mailto:mchristi314@gmail.com)
- **Crucifer** carries the cross in worship processions. Email Mark Christianson [mchristi314@gmail.com](mailto:mchristi314@gmail.com).
- **Sacristan** assists with the logistics of worship and guides acolytes. Email Mark Christianson [mchristi314@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:tstrand@gloriadeistpaul.org)
- **Tech Crew** produces the weekly YouTube livestream. Email Tadhg Ferris Wayne [WorshipTech@gloriadeistpaul.org](mailto:WorshipTech@gloriadeistpaul.org)

**Next week:** More ways to help with Outreach. See all Gloria volunteer opportunities at [gloriadeistpaul.org/volunteer](http://gloriadeistpaul.org/volunteer).

**Gloria Dei News.** To receive our weekly eNews email and other emails, please contact the church office, [office@gloriadeistpaul.org](mailto:office@gloriadeistpaul.org). You can also visit our website for news and other messages about our ministries and programs at [gloriadeistpaul.org/news](http://gloriadeistpaul.org/news).

**To receive our weekly prayer list email,** please sign up online [bit.ly/PrayerListEmail](http://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](http://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](http://bit.ly/RoomRequestGDLG). Your submission goes to the office staff. If you have any questions, please contact Office Coordinator Karen Earhuff [office@gloriadeistpaul.org](mailto: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](http://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  
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Karen Earhuff, Office Coordinator  
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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.