



## 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 May 11, 2025

### Today

**Congregational General Meeting.** All confirmed members of Gloria Dei are encouraged to join us at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall this morning. We will elect members to the Congregational Council and other leadership positions and express our gratitude to those who have served Gloria Dei in significant ways in the past year. Other items on the agenda are a Room 99 update, information on how staff and council are preparing for three well-deserved retirements, and more. Go to [tinyurl.com/gd25AGENDA](https://tinyurl.com/gd25AGENDA) to see the agenda. Go to [tinyurl.com/gdELECTION25](https://tinyurl.com/gdELECTION25) to see the list of candidates for Congregational Council positions.

### Worship, Music & Art

**Summer Schedule Starts May 18.** Gloria Dei's summer worship schedule starts on Sunday, May 18. Worship services will be held at 8:15 and 10 a.m. starting that day and continuing on through Sunday, Sept. 8. The 10 a.m. services will be livestreamed throughout the summer schedule.

### Upcoming Funerals:

**Bob Riesett**, Thursday, May 15, funeral at 1 p.m., visitation at noon.

**Vivian Anderson**, Wednesday, May 21, funeral at noon, visitation at 11 a.m.

**Celebrating Our Graduates.** If you are graduating from high school, college or any other type of school, we want to recognize you at worship services on Sunday, June 1. We'll present a slide show of our graduates before worship. Email your graduation photo and a few sentences about where you're graduating from and your post-graduation plans to Deacon Ashley Greenwood [ashley@gloriadeistpaul.org](mailto:ashley@gloriadeistpaul.org).

**Decorate a Planter.** Our courtyard has 12 large planters that need to be filled with wonderful flora. If you or your household would like to adopt one or more, go to [tinyurl.com/gdPLANTERS25](https://tinyurl.com/gdPLANTERS25) to sign up. Six of the planters are predominantly in the sun; six predominantly in the shade. You can design your planter with your own favorite plants and colors. All you need to do is complete your planting between May 15-31. We are also looking for volunteers to do the weekly watering of the planters between mid-May and the end of September. Sign up on the same link above.

**June Organ Recitals.** Gloria Dei will be hosting Friday noonday organ recitals in June again this year, highlighting our new Letourneau/Casavant pipe organ. These recitals are 30 minutes in length and are followed by lemonade and cookies receptions in the Gathering Place (or Courtyard, if weather permits). Our four recitalists this year are:

**June 6 – Dr. Gregory Peterson**, director of music and organist at Normandale Lutheran Church in Edina and formerly the organ professor at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

**June 13 – Dr. Samuel Backman**, director of music and organist at Holy Cross Catholic Church in NE Minneapolis.

**June 20 – Karla Johnson Beck**, organist at First Lutheran Church, St. James, Minn., and **Timothy Strand**, director of music at Gloria Dei.

**June 27 – Dr. Melanie Ohnstad**, organist and director of music emeritus, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis.

## Faith Formation

**Pr. Lois Retirement Celebration.** Join Pr. Lois and Gloria Dei friends on Sunday, May 18, after the second service in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate her retirement and 26 years with Gloria Dei with a Potluck and Pie Program Celebration. Lois will be preaching at each service (8:15 & 10 a.m.), and she invites you to join her at the end of each service for the traditional post-Easter singing of the Hallelujah Chorus.

### How can you help?

- **Potluck:** help create a bountiful potluck to send Lois off! To ensure a good distribution of food items, we've sorted dish requests this way: if your last name starts with:
  - ◆ A-F: Salads and sides
  - ◆ G-S: main dishes
  - ◆ T-Z: breads, gluten free breads, rolls, spreads and condiments

If you have something amazing you really want to bring, go ahead! All are welcome to celebrate with Lois regardless of whether you bring a dish or just your well wishes for her.

- **Set up, food distribution and clean up:** You can help us set up Saturday late afternoon or assist with the Sunday chores of setting up, serving food and cleaning up Sunday afternoon. Go to [tinyurl.com/gdLOISPOTLUCK](http://tinyurl.com/gdLOISPOTLUCK) to sign up for one or more shifts to help make it a great potluck. Through May 6, four people have stepped up to fill the 27 needed volunteer spaces.
- **Calling all pie bakers:** Will you help us bring 50 pies for her celebration? Purchased or homemade would be lovely. Go to [tinyurl.com/gdLOISPIES](http://tinyurl.com/gdLOISPIES) to register the type of pie you're bringing or email Cara Sjodin [carasjodin@gmail.com](mailto:carasjodin@gmail.com) or Cheryl Stever [mncinchouse@hotmail.com](mailto:mncinchouse@hotmail.com). As of May 6, 17 pies have been registered for this event.
- **Gifts & Memories.** 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 at [ti-nyurl.com/gdLOISNOTE](mailto:ti-nyurl.com/gdLOISNOTE). Today in Room 203 between services and after the second service you will have an option to record a video message for Pr. Lois. You can record short messages and send them to [worshiptech@gloriadeistpaul.org](mailto:worshiptech@gloriadeistpaul.org) no later than today.

**We Will Also be Celebrating the Retirements** of Music Director Tim Strand (June 22) and Office Coordinator Karen Earhuff (August 15) later in the summer. Watch for more information in the weeks ahead.

**Food Pack/Water Park.** Join Gloria Dei Youth for one or two amazing events on Thursday, June 12. The day will start with a food-pack project at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan from 9:30-11:15 a.m. After that, enjoy some wet fun at Cascade Bay Waterpark nearby. Cost for that is \$13 from 11:40 a.m.-2:45 p.m.; \$19 for all day. Go to [tinyurl.com/gdJUNEFMSC](http://tinyurl.com/gdJUNEFMSC) to register for Feed My Starving Children. Go to [tinyurl.com/](http://tinyurl.com/)

gdWATERPARK for more information or registration for Cascade Bay Waterpark.

## Social Justice and Outreach

**Giving Garden.** Did you know that Gloria Dei uses the 11 garden boxes near Highland Parkway to grow produce for our food insecure neighbors throughout the summer? Last year, we delivered several hundred pounds of fresh garden produce to Neighborhood House Food Market at 1080 Montreal. We need about 30 volunteers to share the work of planting, weeding, harvest, delivery and fall clean up. You can sign up for one or more tasks. Go to [tinyurl.com/gdGIVEGARD25](http://tinyurl.com/gdGIVEGARD25) to sign up by May 17. Planting begins the week of May 25. You will receive an email with further direction about how to plant and harvest. Questions? Contact Laurie Possin at 651-295-4902 or [lpassin@comcast.net](mailto:lpassin@comcast.net).

**Second Offering for Beacon.** May's Second Offering will go to the Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, a group of congregations and housing advocates who believe that secure, affordable housing provides the key to safer communities, stronger families, and a healthier economy. Beacon homes serve over 1,200 residents in the greater Twin Cities metro area, and its policy work impacts the entire state. It believes quality, affordable homes belong in all communities. You can learn more about Beacon at [www.beaconinterfaith.org/](http://www.beaconinterfaith.org/). 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

**Donate Instruments for Tanzania.** Our partner church in Kilengapasi, Tanzania, is looking for brass instruments. If you have a trumpet, cornet, trombone, baritone or French horn that's not being used, please consider donating it to someone in Africa. Contact Kenton Johnson at [Kentonmarkjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:Kentonmarkjohnson@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

**Health Ministry for Guatemala.** The Saint Paul Area Synod Guatemala Committee is organizing a Health Ministry Team to help serve the medical/dental needs of our Guatemalan partners. We are looking for interested people to attend future health

delegations to Guatemala and/or serve on the Health Committee to help assess needs and plan future trips. If you are interested in learning more or getting involved, go to [tinyurl.com/gdGUATHEALTH](http://tinyurl.com/gdGUATHEALTH).

## Community

**Rise & Remember Festival.** ELCA Racial Justice Ministries and ELCA African Descent Ministries invites you to join them at the Rise & Remember Festival [riseandremember.org/festival/](http://riseandremember.org/festival/) in Minneapolis. The three-day annual event "exists to hold in remembrance George Floyd and those we have lost unjustly to the pervasive impacts of systemic racism. Activities focus on education, empowerment, healing, celebration, and our collective pursuit for racial justice and equity." The gospel concert and candlelight vigil is on Sunday, May 25, at 5 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church. If you plan to attend, please let us know by completing a six-question survey at [tinyurl.com/gdGFLOYD](http://tinyurl.com/gdGFLOYD).

## More Ways to Help 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 at [tinyurl.com/gdMENBOOK](http://tinyurl.com/gdMENBOOK). Contact email [stendahl1817@gmail.com](mailto:stendahl1817@gmail.com).
- **Children and Family Programs** help with Sunday morning opportunities with our younger learners. Get more info by emailing [kidsministry@gloriadeistpaul.org](mailto:kidsministry@gloriadeistpaul.org).
- **Confirmation Mentors** meet one-on-one on average monthly with 9th and 10th graders to foster their faith formation. Email [ashley@gloriadeistpaul.org](mailto:ashley@gloriadeistpaul.org) to learn more.
- **Good News 4U Bible Study** meets on Mondays at 10 a.m. in the church. Email [renaas@comcast.net](mailto:renaas@comcast.net) with questions.
- **Contemplative Writing as a Spiritual Practice** meets Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Email [nagneberg48@gmail.com](mailto:nagneberg48@gmail.com) to learn more.

- **Soul Food** meets Wednesdays, 9:30-11 a.m., to discuss books from a faith perspective. More info at [gdSOUL23@tinyurl.com](mailto:gdSOUL23@tinyurl.com); email [prlois@gloriadeistpaul.org](mailto:prlois@gloriadeistpaul.org) to be included.

**Next week:** More ways to help with Health and Helaing. 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/RoomRequestGDL](http://bit.ly/RoomRequestGDL). 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 Listen Technologies website, [listentech.com](http://listentech.com) [listeneverywhere](http://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  
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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.