



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 18, 2025

Today

Happy Retirement Pastor Lois! Today we celebrate 36 years of ministry, and 26 of those here at Gloria Dei, of Pr. Lois Pallmeyer. This is her last Sunday, and after second service, around 11 a.m., we'll celebrate with a potluck meal, pies and a program to remember her work here. All are welcome to join in the fun!

Worship, Music & Art

Guest Preacher June 1. We welcome Pastor Jeff Chu to Gloria Dei. Jeff is a writer, reporter and editor-at-large for *Travel+Leisure*, a teacher in residence at Crosspointe Church in North Carolina, parish associate for storytelling and witness at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, California, student in theology at the University of Stellenbosch and minister of Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church in America. He's also a cook, gardener and author. Jeff's new book is *Good Soil: The Education of an Accidental Farmhand*.

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. Graduates who attend worship on June 1 will also be recognized during the service.

Upcoming Funeral:

Vivian Anderson, Wednesday, May 21, funeral at 11 a.m., visitation at 10 a.m.

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 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 noon 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 cookie 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

New Soul Food Book. You're welcome to join our Wednesday morning Soul Food book discussion group for the last book of the season, *Somehow: Thoughts on Love* by Anne Lamott. Lamott explores the transformative power that love has in our lives: how it surprises us, forces us to confront uncomfortable truths, reminds us of our humanity, and guides us forward. We'll begin it next Wednesday, May 21, and finish up on June 4, then take the summer off. We meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11 in the Mississippi Room. Contact Baya Clare, gdscsoulfood@gmail.com, for more information.

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 to register for Feed My Starving Children. Go to 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 to sign up by May 24. 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 lpossin@comcast.net.

The Rojas Family is Moving. Luis, Stephanie and Sebas, our guests in Room 99 for almost three years, are ready to take their next big step toward self-sufficiency. They have worked hard, planned and saved for this exciting moment. On June 1, they will move into a two-bedroom apartment in St. Paul, which will give them more space and independence. We are thrilled by how determined successful they have been in their journey from Peru to make a new life in the U.S. Let's help them make this big transition by furnishing their new place. Go to tinyurl.com/gdROJASMOVE to select the household items you would like to donate. We ask that all used items be clean and in good shape. Thank you for your generous support of this wonderful family. Drop off your donation in the gym on one of these dates and times:

- Wednesday, May 28, 4-7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 31, 9 a.m. to noon.

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/. 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. So far, more than \$1,575 has been raised.

Summer Group to Read Osheta Moore's Book.

This is your invitation to join a summer book group to read and discuss *Dear White Peacemakers: Dismantling Racism with Grit and Grace* by Osheta Moore. The Racial Justice Committee will host four Monday evening sessions in the Gathering Place on June 23, 30 July 7 & 14 from 6:30-8 p.m. The facilitators will be Dr. Deanna Thompson, Pastor Jodi Houge, Paula Hutchinson and Baya Clare. The book is available for purchase at Black Garnet Books, 1319 University Ave S., or from most of your favorite sources. There will be iced tea and maybe cookies! Go to tinyurl.com/gdSUMMERBOOK25 to sign up online or at the table across from the library most Sundays. Look for the poster.

Kitchen Essentials is a Success. The Immigrant Justice Team and the Gloria Dei Youth extend a heartfelt thanks to the many members who donated kitchen items for immigrant families in our neighborhood. Already one family, who recently moved out of a shelter and into an apartment, is benefiting from your generosity. The kitchen is stocked! We hope to have another drive later this year and are looking for someone to take the lead on coordinating the effort. We have all the pieces in place and would be happy to share our "template." If you would like to take this on or learn more about what's involved, please email either Jill Karl jclkarl@yahoo.com or Lenore Franzen lfranzen18@gmail.com.

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, kentonmarkkentonmarkjohnson@gmail.com, to make arrangements to get the instrument.

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.

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/ in Minneapolis. The three-day annual event "exists to hold in remembrance George Floyd and those we have lost to the pervasive impacts of systemic racism. Activities focus on education, empowerment, healing, celebration, and our collective pursuit for racial justice and equity."

We hope you will join us for the gospel concert and candlelight vigil on Sunday, May 25. **Pastor Bradley and Darin** invite you to meet at their home at 4:00 p.m., four blocks from George Floyd Square, for some refreshments and then a walk together to meet the ELCA Racial Justice group in front of Calvary Lutheran Church at 5 p.m. If you plan to attend, please let us know by completing a six-question survey at tinyurl.com/gdGFLOYD.

Empowering Support for Trans Lives. Does your faith call you to speak up for those under attack right now, including non-binary and trans people? Check out *Justice and Joy: Empowering Religious Support for Trans Lives* on Friday, May 30, to learn why and how to speak out! No experience necessary, just an open heart. The event is free and runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, 767 N. Eustis Street, Suite 140, St. Paul. Go to tinyurl.com/gdJUSTICEJOY to register so we can plan for your lunch.

More Ways to Help with Health and Healing

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

- **Gloria Dei Quilters** meet Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, in Room 100 with coffee at 10:30 a.m. No sewing skills necessary; all are welcome email Connie Anderson at *cojeranderson@gmail.com*.
- **Mental Health and Hope in Recovery** ministries meet the second Tuesday of each month. Email Maren Jansen at *marenjansen@live.com*.
- **Prayerful Knitters** meet the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Place; email Paula Hutchinson *paulahutchinson651@gmail.com*.
- **Card Ministry** makes greeting cards for various church needs. Completed cards are used by staff and ministry leaders for distribution. Email Heidi Isaacson-Anderson *ai.heidi09@gmail.com*.
- **Blood Drive** tasks include greeting donors, helping them sign in and offering refreshments Email *nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org*.
- **Funeral Reception** volunteers prepare and serve funeral reception luncheons. They provide warm hospitality to funeral guests. Email Brenda Higgins *brendakleinhiggins@gmail.com*.
- **New Arrival Ministry** identifies individuals who have had recent additions to their families by birth or adoption. Email Heidi Robole *heidi.robale@gmail.com*.
- **Growing Stronger Fitness Group** meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-10 a.m. in the Gathering Place. Email *nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org*. No cost to attend.
- **Grief Support Team** connects with those grieving loss by sending cards or messages, phone calls, or conversation. Email *nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org*.
- **Visitation Ministry** visits and brings communion to individuals who cannot be in church. mail *nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org*.

Next week: More ways to help in Facilities & Administration.. 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/RoomRequestGDLCL*. 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 Listen 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
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Kyrstin Schwartz, Children's Ministry Director
Timothy Strand, Music Director
Dennis Friesen-Carper, Director of Instrumental
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Jill Stewart, Parish Nurse
Greg Henderson, Finance & Administration Director
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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.