



Holy Communion

8:15 & 10:00 a.m.

10:00 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 June 8, 2025

Today

Installation of Interim Pastor. Pastor Sarah Henrich has been appointed by the church council to serve as Interim Associate Pastor until the congregation calls a new pastor to fill this role. She will be installed at both services today, the Day of Pentecost. She and her husband, John, have been members of Gloria Dei since 2003. She is retired as a New Testament professor at Luther Seminary and has spent much of her time since then as an interim pastor around the synod.

Worship, Music & Art

Prayers for Asylum Hearing. The Rojas's court hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Bishop Whipple Federal Building near Fort Snelling. A small group from the immigrant justice team, along with pastors, will attend to provide support. It is not advisable for others to come to the courthouse. At 1:30 p.m., a short prayer time will be held in the sanctuary at Gloria Dei. Following these prayers, the sanctuary will be open for solidarity prayer until 4:30 p.m. The results of the hearing will be reported by the immigrant justice team at the appropriate time.

June Organ Recitals. Gloria Dei is hosting organ recitals Fridays at noon through 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). Upcoming recitalists are:

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.

Art-in-Worship Grant. Gloria Dei has been selected to participate in the Twin Cities cohort of the "Worshiping with Children: Imaging and Imagining the Presence of God" program. Thanks to the Lilly Endowment's Nurturing Children Through Worship and Prayer Initiative and Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK, we are one of five congregations in the Twin Cities area which will receive funding to embark on a year's

worth of projects. The Imaging and Imagining God Program is centered in Sunday worship and is focused on cultivating sacred spaces through which children will come to know and love God and grow in their faith. Program funding supports each congregation's creative team as it learns about liturgical seasons, art and the power of liturgical space, child development and its work to prepare visual art in their sanctuaries for the seasons of the church year.

Faith Formation

Coffee Break with Staff. It's the same good coffee and conversation as last summer, but with more than just the pastors. "Wednesday Coffee Break With Staff" meets weekly through the summer at J & S Bean Factory, 1518 Randolph Ave., just a few blocks from Gloria Dei. We will meet 2-3 p.m. If the weather is nice, we'll gather in the shade of the backyard patio. Who's the crew? Each week one Gloria Dei staff member will host, starting with Pastor Jodi. Everyone is welcome. See you soon!

Playful Writing Session. Explore your playful side and open to joy through the spiritual practice of writing. It meets Thursday, June 12, 10:30 a.m.-noon in the Mississippi Room. Discover who you are created to be, using a variety of writing techniques and prompts. Bring a friend—teenager, elder or in-between. All are welcome. No registration or writing experience necessary. For more information and the full summer schedule, email Nancy Agneberg at nagneberg48@gmail.com.

VBS Help Needed for Pre-K. Could you volunteer for one half day of Vacation Bible School? We are looking for volunteers to assist the Pre-K teacher. The dates are June 23-26, 9-11:30 a.m. Help for all four days or just one day is awesome. Hang out with 3-5 year olds as they play, sing and learn about God. Go to tinyurl.com/gdVBSPREK to sign up. Email Kyrstin Schwartz kidsministry@gloriadeistpaul.org with questions.

Water Park Fun. All ages are welcome for a day at the waterpark to celebrate summer. We will head to Cascade Bay in Eagan together after meet-

ing at Feed My Starving Children, on Thursday, June 12, around 11:40 a.m. Parents will be needed as drivers and are expected to stay with younger age children. Cost for that is \$13 from 11:40 a.m.-2:45 p.m.; \$19 for all day. Go to tinyurl.com/gdWATERPARK for more information or registration for Cascade Bay Waterpark. Email Deacon Ashley at ashley@gloriadeistpaul.org with questions.

Retirement Celebration for Tim. Join Music Director Tim Strand and Gloria Dei friends on Sunday, June 22, after the second service in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate his retirement from 16 years of music ministry at Gloria Dei. If you would like to contribute to a retirement gift, go to tinyurl.com/gdTIMGIFT 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 digital well wishes to Tim by going to tinyurl.com/gdTIMNOTE.

It's a Potluck. In recognition of Tim's heritage, we are targeting a few Swedish dishes to appear at the potluck. Below are the categories and suggestions of what to bring, including a few of Tim's favorites. Bring a favorite dish from your culture or family to share. As always, all dishes are welcome. Want a suggestion on what to bring? If your last name starts with:

- **A-D:** appetizers such as deviled eggs, herring, salmon, pickles.
- **E-I:** bread or rolls, jams, spreads, soft cheeses. Favorite bread is cardamom.
- **J-N:** sliced meat and cheese for sandwiches, condiments.
- **O-S:** salads such as beet, potato, other vegetables.
- **T-Z:** desserts – fruit desserts, cookies, Kringle.

We Need Your Help. It takes a great crew of people to make a big potluck celebration like this happen. We need folks to volunteer for set-up on Saturday, June 21, 1-4 p.m., and also for a variety of duties the day of the party, June 22, during various shifts from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Go to tinyurl.com/gdTIMPOTLUCK to sign-up now to have the best chance for a job you really enjoy.

Social Justice and Outreach

Second Offering for The Naming Project. For June, our Second Offering collection will support The Naming Project, which walks with young people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning or allied. Among its outreach efforts is a July summer camp in Minnesota for youth from around the country ages 14-18. Each summer campers gather at Gloria Dei before traveling together to camp. They also return to the church as they begin to travel home. Go to www.thenamingproject.org/ to learn more about the group's work. The in-service collection will be taken today. 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.

Feed My Starving Children June 12. Volunteers ages 5 and up are invited to join Gloria Dei friends at Feed my Starving Children in Eagan on Thursday, June 12, from 9:30-11:15 a.m. We love packing meals together to help feed children across the world. Not only is it good work, it is good to be together with Gloria Dei people - join us! Go to tinyurl.com/gdJUNEFMSC to register.

Tour LSS's Center for Changing Lives. You are invited to tour the future home of Lutheran Social Service's Center for Changing Lives – Frogtown/Rondo, 709 University Ave., St. Paul. The center will offer 19 residential units for young people coming out of homelessness with wrap-around services and a youth resource center. This site will also expand the existing Early Childhood Center's impact by doubling the classroom size and enrollment. Tours will be available on the following days:

- Wednesday, June 11, 3:30-5 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 9, 3-4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, August 14, 3:30-5 p.m.

To register for a tour, go to tinyurl.com/gdLSSCCL, email events@lssmn.org or call 651-432-4739. When you register, please say you are from Gloria Dei St Paul.

Juneteenth Eve Event. All are invited to a Juneteenth Celebration at Gloria Dei on Wednesday, June 18, 7-8:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Join our Gloria Dei community to:

- Learn from Pastor Osheta Moore.
- Build beloved community.
- Consider the "why" of our racial justice work.
- Enjoy celebration cake.

The Racial Justice Committee is excited that Pastor Moore will be with us. She will lead our conversations and help us to learn to pray "I am beloved. You are beloved. We all are beloved." Osheta will be happy to sign your books. To learn more about this event, visit the Racial Justice Committee table across from the library between Sunday services.

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 and 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.

LSS Safe House meals. Did you know that Gloria Dei volunteers once a month purchase, prepare and deliver a meal to Lutheran Social Service's Safe House emergency youth shelter on the fourth Wednesday of each month? You can be part of that effort. Meals need to be dropped off by 6:30 p.m. and should consist of 8 adult-sized portions. Dates that are not covered for the rest of 2025 are June 25, Aug. 27, Oct. 22 and Nov. 26. If this sounds like something you'd like to help with, go to tinyurl.com/gdSAFEH25 to sign up. Meals should contain a main dish, a side dish, a vegetable and 2% milk. Meal suggestions are on the sign-up form. Juice and dessert are also appreciated, but not required.

Learn About Geothermal Energy. Are you interested in learning more about how geothermal energy can heat and cool homes and public buildings without creating a carbon footprint? A community meeting on how to transition homes in this neighborhood to that form of heating will be held Saturday, June 14, 10-11:30 a.m. at Gloria Dei in the Fellowship Hall. Gloria Dei's Care for Creation team has been learning about what it would take to use geothermal energy for heating the building. Concurrently, Unidos MN Saint Paul (unidos-mn.org/saint-paul) has been organizing in neighborhoods to leverage efficiency and cost savings to create local geothermal networks.

Health and Healing

Summer Fitness Forward in Faith. Welcome to Summer Fitness! When starting a new exercise program, first get an idea of your current activity, any health conditions to work with, your goals, what is easy and what gets in the way. Even 10 minutes of activity a day will improve health and 30-60 minutes is generally recommended, but your own health and goals should be your guide. Choose something you enjoy doing, set a realistic goal, and schedule time for it. Our jumping off point is Faith Lutheran Church, in St Paul's Frog-town neighborhood since 1914. It supports the community with food resources, monthly free meals and a unique Recovery Cafe helping youth and adults with addiction, mental health and grief. If you want to have your steps/minutes counted towards the weekly totals, contact parish nurse Jill Stewart, 651-699-1378 ext. 3031 or nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org. We'll add up those miles each week and see which "Faith" church we can virtually travel to over the next week.

New Bike Racks. The weather is warming, and making it a perfect time to ride your bike to church. Three new shiny bike racks were installed last week as a project of Gloria Dei's Caring for Creation committee. They are located by the south parking lot doors.

Healthy Touch Event. Gloria Dei's Mental Health and Recovery Ministry is sharing that Mental Health Connect is offering monthly educational

programs, including one being offered both in-person or virtually 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 10. The interactive program is designed to teach basic energetic interventions you can use to improve your own well-being. Healing Touch is a relaxing, nurturing energy therapy which can affect positive change in people's health and well-being. It is a complimentary therapy and works well with Western medicine. Healing Touch is used in a variety of health care settings and has specific techniques with rationale and scientific research. Join virtually at tinyurl.com/gdHEALTHYTOUCH or attend at Bethlehem Lutheran (4100 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis). Presenters will be from Bethlehem Lutheran's Healing Touch Ministry.

More Ways 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 along with setting up and cleaning for communion service. Email Barb Veath veathb1@me.com
- **Assisting Minister** helps lead worship with pastors, shares prayers and serves communion. Email Mark Christianson, mchristi314@gmail.com
- **Communion Assistants** distribute bread, wine and grape juice during worship. Email Mark Christianson, 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
- **Lector** reads Old and New Testament lessons during worship. Email Mark Christianson, mchristi314@gmail.com
- **Crucifer** carries the cross in worship processions. Email Mark Christianson, mchristi314@gmail.com
- **Sacristan** assists with the logistics of worship and guides acolytes. Email Mark Christianson, 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
- **Tech Crew** produces the weekly YouTube livestream. Email Tadhg Ferris Wayne, WorshipTech@gloriadeistpaul.org

Next week: More ways to help with Outreach. 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 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 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
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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.