

Worship with us - Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Online Worship @ <https://www.youtube.com/c/gloriadei> (Sunday @ 10:30am)

3K-5th grade Sunday School @ 9:10-10:10 a.m. 6th-8th grade Confirmation Wed @ 5:30-7:00pm

Adult Bible Study - Thurs @ 7:30 a.m. and Sunday @ 9:10 a.m.

Office Hours
Mon-Thurs:
9:30am-4:30pm
Friday:
10am-12noon



Prayers for Sarah Mercier, Sandy Wahamaki, Tom Flemming, Russ Stern, Sara Krueger, Jodi Main, Amelia, Annette Sikma, Becky Luett, Cath Mode, and Julia Lange.

Welcome to Holy Week

Just imagine being in that throng cheering Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. See the people gathered into a frenzied mass as the one who they knew had restored sight, made the lame walk, gave the deaf hearing, and even brought dead Lazarus back to life! Of course there was unbridled excitement, joy, and hope as this “King of the Jews” was about free everyone from the government that burdened them.

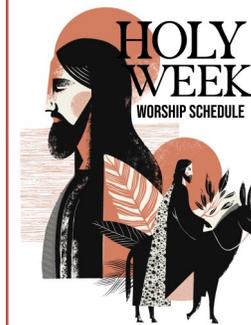
If only they knew what Jesus was really about. While they celebrated the prospect of earthly release from Roman authority, they had no way of understanding the greater gift Jesus was offering. They wanted reward in this world; Jesus presenting them eternal rewards beyond their wildest dreams.

I suppose that’s what makes Holy Week so difficult to grasp at times. We are best at believing what we see: green grass, blue skies, all the marvels of creation God gave us to enjoy. So, come hear the story of abundant love for you, complete with all the mercy and grace God offers to us. Listen to the story again for the first time, because God is always doing something new—always doing something new in you. Listen carefully for what God wishes you to hear this year!

In God’s love, Pastor Doug



Baptismal Anniversary: Congratulations to Ezra Joel Shannon on his one year Baptismal Anniversary on March 30. A gift of a baptismal medallion will be given to him to commemorate this special milestone this Sunday, March 29.



Palm Sunday, March 29
 Worship @ 8 & 10:30 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt, March 29
 Easter Egg Hunt @ 9:15 a.m.
Maundy Thursday, April 2
 Worship @ 6:30 p.m.
Good Friday, April 3
 Worship @ 12 @ St Paul’s
 Worship @ 6:30 pm @ GD
Easter Sunday, April 5
 Worship @ 8 & 10:30 a.m.



Last Call -- Elise Wedge is putting together a cookbook with recipes from church members who created dishes for brunches, soup suppers, coffee house, or any favorite recipe you have. Email the church office with your recipe or drop off your recipe in the basket in the office.

Church Council Spotlight on Dave Kraus this week:

My wife Laura and I have been members of Gloria Dei Church for over 25 years. I will be retiring May 1 and look forward to traveling and volunteering in the future. This is my first year on council, but I was on the maintenance committee in the past and I look forward to serving my 2 year term.

Call Committee: Leah Michaud, Valerie Gulke, Michelle Higgins, Darlene Bilstad, Steve Pfankuch, Christine Melbye

If you can help decorate the church for Easter, plan to be at church 6pm on Saturday, April 4. Any questions, contact Valerie Gulke.

If you donated a check for \$200 to Journey of Hope, please contact the church office so your giving records can be updated. Thanks.



On Maundy Thursday we will celebrate First Communion with Gloria Dei youth. Those who will be receiving their First Communion this year are:

Evan Thiel Jackson Tice Harrison Tice

2026 Lenten World Hunger Focus - Journey to Hope

Our Lenten giving theme this year is: JOURNEY TO HOPE. We hope to receive \$5,000 in gifts which will allow us to give in support of safe births for 6-7 children. Each safe birth within this project has an estimated cost of \$750. Our gifts will help disadvantaged women by connecting mothers with health care workers who provide early screenings before birth, education in disease prevention, and pre and postnatal care.

Donate financial gifts to this GD Lenten World Hunger Emphasis;

- **Pick up env at the 2026 Lent World Hunger display board and give by cash or check and put in offering.**
- **Give online at Online at <https://gloriadeilc.org/give/> under the “Lenten World Hunger” picture**
- **Text your gift to 1-877-952-9422 or scan the QR code.**



Heads Up is looking for volunteers to help at their community center. If you are interested in helping out at Heads Up please review the position description on the kiosk and contact Beth Weiler at 920-212-1474 if you are interested.

Upcoming Annual Meetings:

- * Crossways Special Meeting - Apr 12 @ St Marks - **Looking for 2 volunteers. Please contact the church office if you can attend.**
- * Linwood - Apr 25 @ 9am @ Linwood Commons - Reps from GD are Dale & Diane Haug.
- * Synod Assembly - June 4-6 @ Oshkosh Marriott Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center - Reps from GD are Valerie Gulke & Christine Olsen.

8th grade confirmation students: faith statements and bulletin information sheet is due to church office by April 12. Also don't forget to pick out a robe and sign up for flowers.

Endowment Fund Request Forms: Gloria Dei's Endowment Fund was set up to disburse monies to worthwhile causes within the church and surrounding community. Anyone can submit a form to request funds for something needed at church or for community needs. Forms available from the Endowment mailbox. **Requests Due 4/30**



Thrivent Choice Dollars - Just a reminder that if you have Thrivent products you may be eligible for Choice Dollars that can be directed to Gloria Dei. **NOTE: Your Choice Dollars will be lost for 2025 if you do NOT direct them by 3/31/26.**

Next Coffee House Ministry is April 9 from 3:15-4:15pm
104 kids & parents were served last week. Thank you to all you have brought treats or volunteered. If you would like to bake or purchase items (juice, granola bars, chips) for coffee house, please drop off your treats labelled in the big kitchen on counter. Thanks.

Mark your calendars
spring cleanup Gloria Dei spring cleanup will be April 18 from 8am-12noon. If bad weather, back up date is April 25. Please come and help. There will be inside and outside work. More details to come.



Gloria Dei Ministry: Reaching Out in Community - Hephatha Lutheran Church, Milwaukee: Hephatha began in 1913 and has remained a neighborhood congregation by going from a body of largely German congregants to a body of largely African American congregants. "Hephatha remains to this day in and of our neighborhood, a sign of how God's care for us is particular in nature and a sign of how God calls us to be part of the community on 18th and Locust." Gloria Dei has had a relationship with Hephatha for 40 years. In addition to providing a hot meal for the neighborhood once a year, Gloria Dei contributes needed items to Hephatha's Strong Baby Sanctuary program. For more information go to www.Hephatha100.com.

Early Learning Center is in need of some baby wipes. If you could donate a pack or two, please drop them off at the church office. Thanks. Nancy Youngberg

Palm Sunday Public Witness
Sunday, March 29th | 1PM-3PM | Houdini Plaza, Appleton
A movement of faith communities across the country
We will gather at the peaceful, nonviolent Palm Sunday Rally to show our shared belief that all deserve compassion, justice, and dignity.
We don't have to agree on everything to stand together in support of our neighbors.
JOIN US

WELCA Spring Event - April 25 at All Saints Lutheran Oshkosh. See flyer on kiosk for more information.

The Palm Sunday Path is anchored in the Matthew 25 values of feeding the hungry, healing the sick, welcoming the stranger, and visiting those in prison. It envisions actions by thousands of faith communities across multiple states on Palm Sunday afternoon. See kiosk for more info.

Synod youth bowling event on Sat, Apr 25 from 12 noon - 2:00pm. More details to come.

Upcoming Events at Gloria Dei:

- Neenah Election: April 7
- Confirmation Sunday: Sunday, April 26 - 10:30am
- Spring Clean up at GD: Saturday April 18 8am-noon
- Music Sunday: Sunday, May 17 - 9am
- Blood Drive: Monday, May 18 - 1pm-6pm
- Graduation Day Celebration: June 7 - 9am

		Acolyte	Ushers	Liturgy Assistant	Lector	Communion Assistant	Greeter	Coffee Host	Live Stream	Altar Guild
Mar 29	8:00	Ally Keck		Christine Olsen	Christine Olsen	Valerie Gulke	Johnson Family		Vincent Guardiola	Christine Olsen
	10:30		Don Reid	Christine Olsen	Christine Olsen	Jean Herman	Jean Herman			Christine Olsen
Apr 5	8:00		Scott Barkholtz		Deb Barkholtz	Jeaneen Schoessow Tom Riedasch				Marlene Marks
	10:30	Cayla Radtke	Don Reid			Becky Luett			Ryan Helms	Marlene Marks

Week at a Glance	29 SUNDAY	30 MONDAY	31 TUESDAY	1 WEDNESDAY	2 THURSDAY	3 FRIDAY	4 SATURDAY
	8:00 Worship Service- One Voice Sings (Live Streamed on YouTube) 9:00 Fellowship Hour 9:10 Sunday School 9:10 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Egg Hunt 10:30 Worship Service- One Voice Sings	7:30 Pilates	9:00 Zumba 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Swanson Card Group		7:30 Morning Bible Study 6:30 Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	7:30 Pilates 12:00 Good Friday Worship Service @ St Pauls 6:30 Good Friday Worship Service 7:00 Women w/Hope NA	6pm Help set up for Easter