



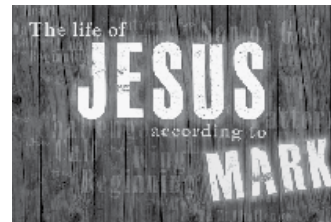
## Lessons from Mark

In today's message, we will look at two different accounts in Mark, which teach us a lot about how to deal with challenges.

The first revolves around a causal walk with Jesus and the disciples gathering grain in a field. Not an issue on most days; however, since it was the Sabbath, the Pharisees aggressively disputed their simple meal plan.

The second hinges upon a man's hand being completely restored in front of lots of people in the synagogue. Jesus singles out the man and asks him to "stand up in front of everyone." The Pharisee once again demanded an explanation of Jesus working on the Sabbath.

Now let's look at these two accounts more closely: The disciples were hungry. The man needed healing. Jesus leaned *toward* both needs, while the Pharisees leaned *against* Jesus' endeavors. The divine ramifications of the disciples being fed or a man being healed was of little consequence to these Pharisaical law-keepers for keeping the law was more important than helping people.



It's also interesting to note Jesus' response to both of their assaults: He silenced them by asking a heavenly question in the midst of their self-appointed righteous indignation.

*Have you never read.....?*

*Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil...?*

Of course, Jesus' deafening questions are followed by a declaration of the truth that the Sabbath was indeed created to restore the diminished, revitalize the weary and strengthen the weak. In fact, Jesus did not break the Sabbath, he was fulfilling it.

Interesting twist, don't you think? Are there areas of your life, where you feel drained, tired, exhausted? And you keep on trying, working harder, but you land on the same lonely road? Or are there times when you serve and love the people around you, and your neighbor accusingly says, "You should not be helping those people because..."

Take heart, you are not alone, Jesus dealt with both extremes in these two accounts. So, let's hit the pause button from life's busyness and listen to what the Lord is teaching us in Mark.

## Let's get ready for Lenten services

**Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary - Feb. 22 at 12:15 and 6 p.m.**

(Please note: Mid-week meal, Faith Alive and junior and senior high ministry will not meet.)

**Wednesday Lenten Worship in the Sanctuary - Feb. 29, March 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 12:15 & 6 p.m.**

"Shaped by the Cross - How does the cross shape you?" Each year during Lent, we hear something about the aspects of Christ's death—the cross, palm branch, bag of money, crown of thorns, the casting of lots, sponge, bread and wine and nails. During our midweek Lenten worship, we'll dive into how these components show us the character of Jesus and how God uses them to tell us a story about how we should live. The services will embrace historical tradition of Lenten worship, while sharing the messages in contemporary ways. The 12:15 p.m. service will be organ-led and shorter, allowing people time to pick up a sack lunch before leaving. The 6 p.m. service will present blended music with a variety of instrumentation and a rich, family worship environment; children will be dismissed for Faith Alive halfway through the service. Also, for your personal devotion time, Lenten devotions are available in the Narthex and outside the east entrance of the Family Life Center.



## Heavenly VBS arrives in March

**March 19-21  
9-11:30 a.m.**

Children ages 3-11 are invited to spring break VBS. There will be lots of hands-on learning and fun.

To be able to provide this impactful time, we need lots of adults.

And that's you.

The commitment is light—1-3 hours per day. For more details, contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

## Dominican Republic trip

Please pray for the those traveling to the Dominican Republic to dedicate Project 52 Treye Blythe Gymnasium and to work on other projects.

## The Wave

**Sunday, Feb. 19 from  
3-4:30 p.m.**

Grades 3-5 are bowling at Merle Hay Lanes inside Merle Hay Mall.

Plans are to bowl a couple of games, eat pizza and have a blast. Cost is \$7 per person to bowl and rent shoes.

## Behind the scenes with our accounting manager

If you have ever been responsible to oversee the financial needs of your family or a business, you soon realize the great amount of skill, knowledge, confidentiality and attention to detail that surrounds the task.

As Gloria Dei grew, it became prudent to hire an accounting manager who would oversee all of its finances. Three years ago, Shari Smith was hired to help manage the day-to-day financial transactions of the church. Gloria Dei not only wanted to find someone capable but to find a faith-filled person who exhibited trust, confidentiality and accuracy.



*Shari Smith, accounting manager, works diligently in her office overseeing the finances of the church.*

Shari's experience in the corporate world has been an incredible asset to the church. With a bachelor's degree in accounting, 10 years experience in banking and 7 years in accounting, she is more than qualified to handle the financial details of a growing congregation. Her responsibilities include paying bills; recording the offering and assisting the six offering teams; producing financial reports; analyzing past data and forecasting future data in preparation for the yearly budget; preparing payroll and assisting with some human resource tasks; and examining a variety of contracts.

With all her weekly tasks in mind, she has also been given the charge to produce and to ensure that an accurate portrayal of the church's tithes and offerings be reported to the congregation on a regular basis.

"I love being able to apply my spiritual life into my work life," says Shari.

Outside of the office, Shari enjoys spending time with her husband of 18 years, Doug, a Major in the U.S. Army; and their three children. Recently, they have had the blessing of her parents moving across the street. "It's a blessing to be able to have the additional regular guests at our dinner table," smiles Shari.

If you have any questions, please contact Shari at 278-5544, ext. 202, M-F from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Honduras mission trip meeting

**Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the church.** If you are thinking about experiencing a mission trip, then please attend this informational meeting concerning the summer's mission trip to Honduras. You will learn about the mission, things needed for the trip, including financial, passport and other necessary requirements. So come, check it out, ask questions to see if this trip is for you.

**Overview of trip - Saturday, June 30 - Saturday, July 7, 2012:** The team will help with evangelism, children's ministry, general medical, dentistry and pharmacy to the impoverished in Honduras. Work may also include optometry and chiropractic services.

**Deadline to get tickets booked is March 15.** For more information, contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.

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## Gloria Dei's Book Club

**Please note:** The March meeting has been rescheduled to April 4. Please plan to join us Wednesday, April 4 at 6:25 p.m. in the Cry Room to discuss "One Simple Act: Discovering the Power of Generosity," by Debbie Macomber.

**Summary:** Debbie Macomber knows the secret to making the world a better place. She has witnessed how one simple act of generosity can yield unforeseen miracles.

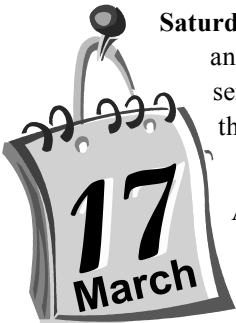
## Notes from the Governing Board

The Governing Board would like to sincerely thank all the members that completed the Congregational Survey related to the recent vote on the Comprehensive Plan. We had 351 members participate in the survey, providing us over 2800 free-form comments and answers to analyze, in addition to the demographic information. The individual members of the Board have spent countless hours studying the raw data, and the Board as a whole has spent an evening interpreting the results. The Board plans to continue to analyze the survey data, and will provide the congregation a synopsis of the results in the coming weeks.

## Help needed

In January, Urbandale Community Action Network (UCAN) launched a tutoring program on Tuesday afternoons from 3:15-5 p.m. Since its inception, more teens have attended than what was anticipated, creating a need for additional tutors. Please consider helping our community through a one-on-one tutoring session with a child. Find out how to help by calling Tim Kightlinger at 278-5544, ext. 212.

## Seniors-save the date



**Saturday, March 17 at noon** Think about it! Spring will almost be here, and the thought of going outside may even entice the most stay-at-home seniors. So, get your recipes out, plan to make something that will be the talk of the lunch.

**A-J - Salads      K-R - Casseroles/meal dish      S-Z - Dessert**

And the fun doesn't end there. After quickly clearing off the tables, board games will be the afternoon's activity. So bring your favorite board game and be prepared to laugh with (or at) each other.

### Servers

**Officiant/Liturgist:**  
5:30 p.m. (FLC):  
Rev. Phil Robarge

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Rev. Phil Robarge

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Rev. Phil Robarge

9 a.m. (FLC):  
Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (FLC):  
Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Rev. Phil Robarge

**Preacher**  
Rev. Phil Robarge

**Organ**  
Lynn Hays

**Acolytes**  
7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Grant Ganzer

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Sarah Gibson

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Jeremiah Steinfeldt

**Scripture reading:**  
Mark 2:23-3:6 (NIV)

**Hospitality Teams**  
**Northwind (FLC)**  
Team Two

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
Team Two

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
Team One

9 a.m. (FLC)  
TBD

10:30 a.m. (FLC)  
TBD

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
Team Two

## Let's pray!

Prayer requests can be made on the back of the "Welcome" card located in the pews. Please indicate your prayer request and place the card in the offering plate. We have both e-mail and phone prayer chains available. Call Pastor Phillips in the church office, 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 993-3870 with your request.

## Thanksgivings

- For Emma Anderson's doctor appointment

### For the health of:

- Steve Crouthamel
- Brenda Barron
- Ed Mautz
- Lori Martin
- John Biondi
- Marilyn Cervantes
- Tom and Carol Beedle
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Sue Anderson
- Rudy Petersen
- Stan Knapp
- Valerie Cook
- Jennifer Ohrart
- Bruce Hill's mother

### And for:

- Our military
- Our youth and their families

## Prayer ministry

To join the prayer ministry team, e-mail Pastor Phillips at: [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com), with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

## Diana's Angels

Diana's Angels will meet Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1100 SE Sharon, Ankeny. Patterns and kits will be available. Thank you for your help in making the blankets, booties and caps. There is a need for larger blankets at this time. Please come and enjoy the fun or stop by and pick up some yarn or a packet of material to complete. If you have any questions, contact Michele Banwart at 201-5174 or Ann Carrick at 789-9504.

## DivorceCare for Kids

Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m.

Children whose parents are going through a divorce are invited to DC4K (DivorceCare for Kids) from Feb. 23-March 29. They are also invited to join the Care Night meal at 6 p.m. Please register by calling the church office at 276-1700.

## Shrove Tuesday

The Urbandale Lions Club will host a Jambalya Dinner on Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 5-7 p.m. at the Urbandale Senior Center, 7305 Aurora Ave., Urbandale; \$7 per adult and \$5 per child (ages 5-12). For information, contact 278-8595.

## Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is a year-round camp, affiliated with the Iowa District East of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, offering lots of outdoor activities and camps for children. For further information, go to [www.campiodiseca.org](http://www.campiodiseca.org).

## Lutheran Hour Ministries

Please pray for God's continued blessing on the mission and work of Lutheran Hour Ministries as it reaches out into a world that needs to know Jesus. Please also prayerfully consider providing financial support to this important ministry. Envelopes are available at the Welcome Centers.

## Shining City Updates

Gloria Dei continues to support the work in China by helping Shining City Foundation (SCF). Shining City was founded by two Gloria Dei members, Scott Raecker and Brad Peyton who were introduced to the need in China through a Christian couple working with an orphanage in Yunnan province. Among many SCF's projects that enhance the health and general welfare of the under-served, is the construction of churches in the remote areas. The following is a recent report concerning the spiritual outcome from building the second church:

"We have had 43 people added to the church and baptized. Because more mountain people are becoming Christian, the practice of selling their daughters for work or marriage has decreased drastically.

"We just want to say how grateful we are first by your friendship and continued relationships, but also for your prayers and financial support over the years. Only the Lord knows how many lives you have affected for Christ and opened their hearts to his eternal opportunity. Bless you all for your prayers and open hearts to help Chinese and Tibetan people so far from your home. Because of your faithfulness and God's grace, we have been allowed many incredible opportunities to give the love of Christ away to those who have never heard his life-saving message." ~ God bless you all, Ray and Cindy, Tibet and China



*The local Christians gather. • A shy small child takes a moment to look at the camera. • A group of Christians eat a meal in a local church.*



## Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger  
tim@gloriadeionline.com

### Senior high (9-12)

**Bible Study Sunday at 9 a.m.**

**Feb 19:** Join us for discussion on "Life of Jesus: The Challenge."

**The Point - Wednesdays at 6 p.m.**

No Point, join us for worship on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22.

### Junior high (6-8)

**Castaway - Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m.**

**Feb. 19:** Join us for discussion on "Life of Jesus: The Challenge."

**Small Group - Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m.**

No small groups, join us for worship on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22.

**Confirmation Retreat - 10 Commandments - Feb. 24-25**

Dinner served at 5 p.m.; retreat ends at noon on Saturday.

### Life hurts...God heals (Grief support)

Meets on Sundays from 6-8 p.m. in Youth Center. Open to all teens in grades 8-12 and their friends who have lost someone close to them or are dealing with life pains and need God's healing.

### The Well

"Sacrifice a little, so someone can have a lot." The youth ministry students have been challenged to raise \$5,600 to build a well in Niger, Africa. If you would like to help, contact TK.

## The Wave

**Sunday, Feb. 19 from 3-4:30 p.m.**

Grades 3-5 are going bowling! We'll meet at Merle Hay Lanes inside Merle Hay Mall from 3-4:30 p.m. to bowl a couple of games, eat pizza and have a blast together. Cost is \$7 per person to bowl and rent shoes.

## Camp Okoboji 2012 programs

Camp Okoboji in Milford, Iowa was established in 1940 by a group of people who had a vision for outdoor ministry. The camp is owned by members of Iowa District West of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. In addition to youth and family camps, there are opportunities for families to reserve facilities for family reunions and church organizations. For more information and a list of their many camps, please visit their Web site at [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org).

Register at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)

Ages 3-11



No cost!

## Spring Break Vacation Bible School March 19-21 9-11:30 a.m.

**Double bonus!** Ministry partners are needed for 1-3 hours per day. The work is fun, plus we'll find a spot where you can use your talents and gifts to bless lots of children.

Contact DeAnn McCue today or [deann@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:deann@gloriadeionline.com).

# Week of February 18-25, 2012

## Saturday, February 18

- 7:30 a.m. Courageous Living Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Klinefelter Small Group

## Sunday, February 19

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Courageous Living Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Casual Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 2:00 p.m. Chapel at Emeritus
- 3:00 p.m. The Wave

## Monday, February 20

- 6:30 a.m. Archery Practice
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections

## Tuesday, February 21

- 6:30 a.m. Archery Practice
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 5:00 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:45 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Study

## Wednesday, February 22

- 6:30 a.m. Archery Practice
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 12:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Midday Worship in Sanctuary with Communion
- 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Traditional Worship in Sanctuary with Communion
- 7:30 p.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

## Thursday, February 23

- 6:30 a.m. Archery Practice
- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitches
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare 4 Kids
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Friday, February 24

- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat

## Saturday, February 25

- 7:30 a.m. Courageous Living Men's Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Worship (Feb. 11-12)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	154	103
7:45 a.m.	105	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	335	
9 a.m. (FLC)	20	10
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	220	
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	89	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>149</b>

Outpouring of Love (Feb. 11-18)	
General Fund Offerings	\$39,859
3rd QTD Offering	\$201,278
3rd QTD Budget	\$222,000

# Week of February 25-March 3, 2012

## Saturday, February 25

- 7:30 a.m. Courageous Living Men's Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, February 26

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Courageous Living Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Casual Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 2:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 659

## Monday, February 27

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Police Awards Banquet
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

## Tuesday, February 28

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 5:00 p.m. Restorative Justice

## Tuesday, February 28 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:45 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Study

## Wednesday, February 29

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 12:15 p.m. Lenten Midday Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Blended Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:30 p.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

## Thursday, March 1

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitches
- 2:00 p.m. Celebration Home School Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Restorative Justice
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Girlz of Faith
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare 4 Kids
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Friday, March 2

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines

## Saturday, March 3

- 7:30 a.m. Courageous Living Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Easter Audio Seminar (Off site)
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Klinefelter Small Group

## Ways to help

**Urbandale Food Pantry** - Consider donating laundry detergent in February to the "Food Pantry" bin in the Narthex.

**Honduras Mission** - Additional items needed in February for the Honduras mission are hydrocortisone, antifungal, diaper-rash, vaginal and hemorrhoidal cream. Please place items in the "Honduras" bin in the Narthex.

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday 6:15 p.m.
Preschool	5	24	17	27
Elementary	15	52	44	86
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>113</b>

Youth Attendance	Wednesday 6:15 p.m.
Junior High	71
Senior High	30
<b>Total Youth</b>	<b>101</b>

# Welcome to Gloria Dei! We are glad you are here!

**Educational time.** We value families, so we encourage families to worship together. We will then invite the children to educational time on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.; and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

## **5:30 p.m. Saturday Northwind Contemporary in the Family Life Center**

Discover reflection and celebration at this casual Saturday evening worship service. Communion will be offered the second and fourth Saturdays of every month.

## **7:45 a.m. Sunday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**

This worship service uses organ and piano-led hymns as well as responsive liturgy. Our special music groups also perform on a regular basis. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

## **9 a.m. Sunday Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary**

This worship service uses organ and piano-led hymns and songs as well as responsive liturgy. Our special music groups also perform on a regular basis. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

## **9 a.m. Sunday Casual Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center**

Geared for those who are casual by nature, this service will offer a balance of high-energy and reflective worship. A pastor will lead the service, and the message will be a simulcast from Saturday night's service. Communion will be offered the second and fourth Sundays of every month

## **10:30 a.m. H3 Young Family Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center**

Our H3 (Worship with your Head, Heart and Hands) casual service offers an atmosphere in which families are encouraged to worship together. Expect lively praise music, puppets and themed family activities. A pastor will lead the service, and the message will be a simulcast from Saturday night's service. Communion is offered the second and fourth Sundays of every month.

## **10:30 a.m. Sunday Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary**

Join us in the Sanctuary for high-energy and reflective worship that is awe-inspiring. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of every month.

## **Other important items**

**Nursery:** Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level with access through the doors in the Narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

**Cry room:** Located in the southwest corner of the Narthex is a room with a full view of the Sanctuary for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying.

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## **Weekly Bible reading - Mark 2:23-28; 3:4-6 (NIV)**

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent. He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

## **Education times**

**Children** (ages 2- grade 5)

### **Grace Place**

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.  
Sundays at 9:20 & 10:50 a.m.

### **Faith Alive**

**(Will not meet Feb. 22)**  
Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

### **Youth** (grades 6-12)

Times vary, check page 5.

### **Adults**

Times vary, check pages 6-7.

## **Communion**

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays and Sundays during the services in the Family Life Center.

A note to our guests and visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, non-alcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine. In addition, gluten-free wafers are available, please alert the elders before the service if possible.