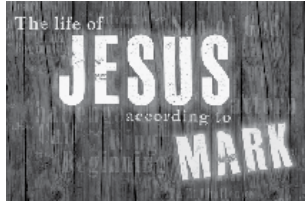


A week leading up to Easter

Today, traditionally known as Palm Sunday, we see Jesus riding into Jerusalem as a king. However, he does not ride on a powerful horse as one would think a king should, instead he rides on a donkey. Jesus doesn't fit into the world's categories of kingship. In Jesus, we find infinite majesty yet complete humility, perfect justice yet boundless grace, and absolute sovereignty yet utter submission.



Continue this week on Jesus' journey as we follow the last few days of his life on earth by joining us for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services.

Maundy Thursday with Communion, April 5

- Traditional worship at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Traditional worship at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Contemporary-blend worship at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Good Friday Services, April 6

- Traditional worship at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- H3 family worship at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center
- Traditional worship at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Contemporary-blend worship at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter at Gloria Dei

On Easter weekend, we will finish reading the Gospel of Mark. As we read the final verses of the final chapter, we could conclude, "this is it, the ending, the conclusion." But we would be wrong. Jesus' resurrection is not the end of the story, it is the beginning. The resurrection marks the beginning of a new life, a redeemed life, which has been won for us on the cross. Please join in the celebration of the new beginning that has been given to us through the resurrection of Jesus. Make sure to invite your friends and neighbors, so they can share in the celebration and the new life that has been given.

Easter Worship, Saturday, April 7

- Contemporary worship at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center
- Contemporary-blend worship at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Worship, Sunday, April 8

- Traditional worship at 8 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Contemporary worship at 9 a.m. in the FLC
- Traditional worship at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- H3 worship at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center
- Contemporary worship at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary



Shuttle Service for Easter

Help us graciously host our guests on Easter by parking at the Urbandale Middle School. A shuttle will be available to take you and your family from the Urbandale Middle School to the front entrance of the church on Easter Sunday from 6:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.

A commitment to read Mark

In order to prepare for the upcoming Holy Week and Easter, Pastor Burcham has challenged us to read three chapters of Mark each day starting this Monday.

Are you in? If so, feel free to post your thoughts on Facebook or Twitter.

Join in the conversation. Pastor Burcham and others will share their thoughts each day on YouTube. So read, post your thoughts, and check out the daily videos starting Monday.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

All educational times for children, youth and adults will not be held:

- Wednesday, April 4
- Saturday, April 7
- Sunday, April 8

Last day of Faith Alive: April 25

Dinner Theater

"Every Little Crook and Nanny" tickets can be purchased this week.

Show times:

- Friday, April 13
- Saturday, April 14
- Saturday, April 21
- Sunday, April 22

For more information, see page 2.

Youth prepares for dinner theaters

“Every Little Crook and Nanny” Purchase your tickets before and after worship services or during the weekdays in the youth office by contacting Tim Kightlinger or Lisa Gibson. Ticket prices are \$10 adults; \$7 for children under 10 years old and \$7 for adults over 55. Free childcare is available.

Performance times:

Friday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m.
(doors open at 6 p.m.)

Saturday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m.
(doors open at 6 p.m.)

Saturday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m.
(doors open at 6 p.m.)

Sunday, April 22 at 12 p.m.
(doors open at 11:30 a.m.)



Bibles, Bibles and Bibles

by Pastor Burcham There is a new trend at Gloria Dei worship services that was quite unplanned, but is turning into a great blessing for many. It started a few weeks back when Pastor Robarge invited the congregation to open up their Bibles or mobile devices and read along with him during the message. It was almost like the flood gates had opened up. I found it so helpful and effective that I issued the same invitation the next week; thus the new trend began. Unplanned by us, God is turning it into a great blessing. Each of the pastors has received numerous affirmations from members and guests alike that the message seems more concrete when they are in the Bible along with the preacher.

But what is with the “mobile device” thing? While the overwhelming majority of the folks who have talked to us appreciate the fact that we have “given permission” to use their phone or tablet, some have questioned the practice. Here are some of my thoughts on the subject. For the majority of the Christian church’s history, God’s people did not have the written Word of God easily available to them. For centuries God’s Word was handed down orally, then on scrolls that had to be hand copied. It was not until the invention of the printing press that the Bible became readily available. Now a new means of passing down the Word of God has come on the scene—the rise of the use of digital books. There are thousands of electronic books and millions of applications (apps) for smart phones and tablets. One of the best books or apps that I think a person could have is the Bible. I may not always have my Bible with me, but in reality I always have my phone, iPad, or usually both.

This means no matter where I am I have the Word of God in my hands. The rise of smart phones and tablets has opened up a whole new world for people, and I like the fact that God’s Word is part of that world. I know for some it seems strange to see someone next to you pull out their phone or turn on a tablet when they are invited to delve into the scrip-



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tures with the preacher, but I ask for your understanding. I cannot think of a better way to use the new technology that is available today than to read the Bible.

Not everyone has a mobile device with the Bible, some simply prefer a bound book; therefore, we are taking steps to make more Bibles available. We have started putting stacks of Bibles at the entrances to the Family Life Center and we are replacing some of the missing Bibles in the Sanctuary pews.

Whether a bound or electronic Bible, I think it is great to see people in the Word of God during the messages.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, April 1 are provided by Andrew and Marilyn Varley in honor of their children and grandchildren.

Senior Adult ministry

The Senior Adult Ministry met March 17 at church for delicious food and great fellowship. A variety of games were played to complete the afternoon's activities.

Watch for information on upcoming events with this group. All senior adults are invited!

Thank you

Dear Friends, my sincere thanks for your prayers, food, flowers, cards and the list goes on. Your friendship, support and encouragement have made the time since my ankle surgery pass quickly and has made being housebound a memorable experience. I am making good progress and hope to be in church soon. ~ Hazel Schroedel

Address of one beloved member

Jim and Betty Wollslager, longtime members of Gloria Dei have moved to Texas to be near their son. Please feel free to contact them at:

Jim and Betty Wollslager
125 Hidden Fawn
Cibolo, Texas 78108
Phone: 210-314-1807

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

5:30 p.m. (FLC):
Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Tim Phillips

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

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

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organ

Kathy Brammeier

Acolytes

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Jade Van Thournout

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Noah Hoffman

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Grant Ganzer

Hospitality Teams

Northwind (FLC)
Team Four

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

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Two

10:30 a.m. (FLC)
TBD

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

Scripture reading:
Mark 11:1-11 (NIV)

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 our families

For the health of:

- Steve Crouthamel
- Randy Meyer
- Ellie McGee
- Molly Woodley and family
- Sue Anderson
- Jim Esslinger
- Brenda Barron
- Ed Mautz
- John Biondi
- Tom and Carol Beedle
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Rudy Petersen
- Stan Knapp
- Jennifer Ohrart
- Bruce Hill's mother

And for:

- Our Holy Week and Easter worship services

Prayer ministry

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

LWML

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, April 9 at 7 p.m. at the home of Mikki Kinning, 4532 49th Pl., Urbandale.

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, April 12 at 9 a.m. at the home of Lou Grotheer, 3808 Melanie Circle, Urbandale.

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, Westtown Pkwy., West Des Moines. They will be making blankets for Shining City, so please bring your fabric and scissors; no sewing is involved.

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Lois Applehons, 4519 96th Street, Urbandale.

Men's softball



Calling all men 16 years and older to play on Gloria Dei's softball team. The cost is \$25, and the games begin in April on Monday evenings. For more information, contact Tim Kightlinger at 278-5544, ext. 212.

Scrapbook fellowship

Friday, April 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Saturday, April 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Take advantage of this month's Scrapbook Fellowship to finish those special projects. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324. If you need childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, April 11 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

Gloria Dei Quilters

Saturday, April 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Whether you're making a quilt for someone special or donating it to a mission project, you'll be amazed at how much you can get done with friends. Contact: Karen Hoff at Karenrhoff@hotmail.com or at 278-6655.

Spring studies not to be missed

Women's Bible Connections

Starts Monday, April 16 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 6:30-8 p.m.

"Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" by Joanna Weaver.

This 12-week study shows women how to blend intimacy with Jesus and service for him together. It's an invitation from Jesus to every woman who feels she isn't godly enough, good enough or struggles with the busyness of life. Jesus' invitation that he extended to the two sisters of Bethany applies to every woman.

If interested, contact Lisa Scherer at scherer_family@q.com or call 490-4108.



Men's study - 33 Series

Preview Wednesday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. at OverTime, 4810 86th Street, Urbandale.

Starts Wednesday, April 11 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at OverTime and Saturday, April 14 at 7:30 a.m. at the church.



The 33 Series is based on a DVD series that concentrates on the qualities of Jesus, who lived for 33 years. The DVD presentations as well as discussion will help to encourage men to live like Jesus to their families, work and community. Suggested donation for the book is \$15.

If interested, please contact Bill Clark at BillClark@mchsi.com or at 491-8543.

Women's online study

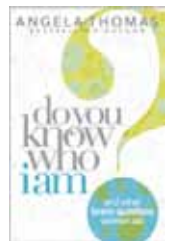
April 29-July 21

"Do You Know Who I Am?" by Angela Thomas.

This 12-week study will look at Angela Thomas' heart questions to God. In each chapter, she asks a different question, such as: Do you know I am afraid? Do you know I am lonely?

Angela's innate ability to connect with women on both an emotional and spiritual level reveals that the secret to being known and loved lies in an intimate understanding of who God is.

If interested, go to Laura Rath's blog at www.laurarath.blogspot.com.





Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger
tim@gloriadeionline.com

Senior high (9-12)

Bible Study Sunday at 9 a.m.

April 1: Join us for discussion on "Life of Jesus: The King."

April 8: Easter Sunday - no classes

The Point - Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

April 4: Sr. High The Point will not meet.

Junior high (6-8)

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

April 1: Join us for discussion on "Life of Jesus: The King."

April 8: Easter Sunday - no classes

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

April 4: No Jr. High Small Groups.

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.

To date, we have raised \$707.80.

Dinner Theater

Tickets will be available to purchase March 31-April 1 before and after worship services. They can also be purchased weekdays in the youth office by contacting TK or Lisa Gibson. Ticket Prices: \$10 adults; \$7 under 10 and over 55. Free childcare is available.

GirlZ of Faith

Thursday, April 19 at 6 pm.

GirlZ of Faith is a group just for girls in grades 4-5. Due to our Maundy Thursday worship service, GirlZ will not meet April 5; feel free to join us at worship though!

BoyZ of Faith

Sunday, April 1 and April 22 at 6 p.m.

If you are a boy in grades 4-5 and like to make friends, learn and have fun then you will want to join us on Sunday. See you there!

Parent workshop

Saturday, April 14 from 9-11 a.m.

Gloria Dei is hosting a free parent workshop called Smart Discipline.



Join us for the national acclaimed and practical Smart Discipline workshop.

Childcare is provided at no cost. This nationally acclaimed workshop will equip parents with the resources and teachings to raise their children in a God-pleasing and practical way. No registration is needed; feel free to invite your friends.

Honduras mission trip

The Honduras mission trip is looking for cash donations for items to be purchased in Honduras and for the purchase of Spanish Bibles. If you are interested, please put your cash donation or check in the offering plate with "Honduras" in the memo line. You can also donate online (www.gloriadeionline.com) by clicking on "To give online today" link. Thank you for your support!

Additional items needed in April for the Honduras mission are adult vitamins, calcium and Vitamin E. Please place items in the "Honduras" bin in the Narthex.

Serve Our Youth

Join the first annual spring 5K run/walk Saturday, April 21. Registration begins at 8 a.m.; race begins at 9 a.m. Registration fee is \$20 (children under 5 is free); t-shirt is included with registration. Register by April 6 by contacting shanev@serveouryouth.org.

Week of March 31-April 7, 2012

Saturday, March 31

- 1:00 p.m. Langebartels Bridal Shower
- 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, April 1

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary 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 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. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 12:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 1:30 p.m. Lynn Hays Piano Recital
- 6:00 p.m. Boyz of Faith
- 6:00 p.m. Grief Support: Life Hurts...God Heals

Monday, April 2

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Tuesday, April 3

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Worship (March 17-18)	Attendance
Northwind	130
7:45 a.m.	97
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	241
10:30 a.m (Sanctuary)	175
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	78
Total	721

Outpouring of Love (March 17-24)

General Fund Offerings	\$22,661
3rd QTD Offering	\$343,698
3rd QTD Budget	\$373,000

Tuesday, April 3 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Study
- 7:00 p.m. Central Iowa Knitters

Wednesday, April 4

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. Book Club
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study - 33 Series (off-site)

Thursday, April 5

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 12:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday Traditional Worship in Sanctuary with Communion
- 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Traditional Worship in Sanctuary with Communion
- 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Contemporary-blend Worship in Sanctuary with Communion

Friday, April 6

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 12:15 p.m. Good Friday Midday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 4:30 p.m. Good Friday H3 Family Worship in the Family Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. Good Friday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Contemporary-blend Worship in the Sanctuary

Saturday, April 7

- 8:30 a.m. Bell Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Easter Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center
- 7:00 p.m. Easter Contemporary-blend Worship in the Sanctuary

Worship (March 24-25)	Attendance
Northwind	161
7:45 a.m.	110
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	289
10:30 a.m (Sanctuary)	233
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	97
Total	890

Outpouring of Love (March 24-29)

General Fund Offerings	\$22,798
3rd QTD Offering	\$366,495
3rd QTD Budget	\$400,000

Week of April 7-14, 2012

Saturday, April 7

- 8:30 a.m. Bell Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Easter Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center
- 6:30 p.m. Klinefelter Small Group
- 7:00 p.m. Easter Contemporary-blend Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 8 - Easter

- 8:00 a.m. Easter Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Easter Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:30 a.m. Easter Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Easter H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 11:00 a.m. Easter Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary

Monday, April 9

- Office Closed
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Tech Night

Tuesday, April 10

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Study

Wednesday, April 11

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies

Wednesday, April 11 (continued)

- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study - 33 Series (off-site)
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner Theater Dress Rehearsal

Thursday, April 12

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Celebration Home School Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, April 13

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theater

Saturday, April 14

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - 33 Series (off-site)
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. Smart Discipline Workshop
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theater

You're invited

Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m.

Michelle (Hoeppner) Cagnin serves the Lord through LCMS World Mission as the facilitator for human care in Asia and the area facilitator for Southeast Asia. In this role, Michelle works with missionaries and local leaders to explore new human care opportunities and oversees current human care ministries throughout the region. Michelle also works with LCMS World Mission personnel who serve in Southeast Asia to train local lay leaders, pastors and evangelists, serve people by meeting spiritual and physical needs and expanding Gospel outreach when God presents opportunities. You can hear Michelle on Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3223 University Ave., Des Moines. The event is hosted by Word and Walk women. For more information contact Kathryn at 279-1123.

Diana's Angels

A meeting will be held Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's, Ankeny. The address is 1100 S E Sharon. Kits will be assembled for a new chapter starting in Oklahoma. What a joy it is to help others in this wonderful project. Please come and enjoy the fun putting packet of material together. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Michele Banwart at 201-5174 or Ann Carrick at 789-9504.

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday March 21	Wednesday March 28
Preschool	10	16	16	9	19
Elementary	11	27	45	33	76
Total Children	21	43	61	42	95

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.

10:30 a.m. Sunday H3 Young Family 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.

Weekly Bible reading - Mark 11:1-11 (NIV)

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

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

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Youth (grades 6-12)

Times vary, check page 5.

(No educational times
on Wednesday, April 4,
Saturday, April 7 and
Sunday, April 8.)

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.

**If you have any questions, please ask one of our members
or stop by the Welcome Centers.**