

Bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime!

Timeline of “The Story”

Enclosed in this week’s bulletin is a timeline, which will add some chronological insight to the Bible. Enjoy!

2013 Giving Envelopes

Please take a minute and pick up your 2013 giving envelopes on the tables by the north entrance doors in the Narthex.

Address change

If you have changed your address, phone or e-mail, please send changes to Diane at the church office at diane@gloriadeionline.com or call 276-1700.

Tiny Treasures

Tiny Treasures registration for the 2012-2013 school year will be available to Gloria Dei families on Saturday, Jan. 5. For more information, go to the Tiny Treasures page on our Web site.

January Start Ups

We have lots of opportunities for women, men, youth and children. So, take some time to review the following pages and find one that will meet your needs and schedule.

Outreaches

It’s hard to keep God’s love to ourselves, isn’t it? So we have lots of avenues to give. See page 3 for more details.



God’s Condemnation

“Hear the word of the Lord, you Israelites, because the Lord has a charge to bring against you who live in the land:” Hosea 4:1a

The Dark Days: God’s Messengers

Before Christmas, we left the people of God in an unpleasant place, they were a divided kingdom far away from God. This week, we will see God’s relentless pursuit of calling his people back into a relationship with him through the words (harsh at times) of the prophets.

We will see some of our familiar stories, such as Elijah and Elisha. We will also read the unusual assignment of Hosea and how he was to marry a prostitute named Gomer (interesting name, don’t you think?). As the story unfolds, Gomer is unfaithful to Hosea, but this does not sway Hosea’s love.

In fact, God tells Hosea to demonstrate his love to her. Hosea schedules a time to be with his wife through one of her unscrupulous “friends.” When she enters the room expecting her next customer, she comes face-to-face with her husband. It is then Hosea tells her he loves her and wants her to come back home.

A clear message from God. Unfaithful? He still wants you. Sinning? He still invites you back home. Compromised morals? He extends his hand. Lost? His persistent grace has found you.

As we begin a new year, let’s listen to the heart of God in this story. He wants his people to come home. Home—wrapped in his security. Home—swaddled tightly in his love. Since his love is greater than our sordid and ugly past, he is calling us into a relationship with him. So, let’s receive the words of the ancient prophets, and dwell in his presence.

“The Story” Resources

As we begin a new year and return to “The Story,” here are a few suggestions that may expand your boundaries and enrich your life.

Video of Message: Want to hear the message again? Check our Web site to watch the weekend message, which will be posted by Sunday evening.

Books: Books can be purchased in the Narthex and Family Life Center for \$6, or during office hours M-F from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Weekly E-mail Inspiration: Need a pick-me-up during the week? These short devotions are aimed at encouraging you. If you do not receive this short devotion and would like to, please contact Karen Kennedy at karen@gloriadeionline.com.

Online Study: If you have never participated in the online Bible Study, you may wish to do it now in this new year. On Friday you will receive, via e-mail, from Pastor Robarge a review of the events covered in the current week’s chapter of “The Story” with suggestions for additional in-depth study. You can participate at your own pace and interest level.

Perspectives and Blog: We have a gamut of resources written by several of our members and staff that will give you more insight to the weekly readings. So, check us out by clicking on the “Week 15” link on our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.



Discovery: New to the Lutheran Faith or Transferring?

Thursdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31 at 6:30 p.m. & Sunday, Feb. 10 at 5:30 p.m.

This class is for those who desire to join Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, whether new to the Lutheran faith or transferring from another Lutheran church. We will revisit the basics of our beliefs and be encouraged to grow in our faith in God and service to others. Contact Pastor Robarge for additional information or questions regarding the class at 278-5544, ext. 224 or probarge@gloriadeionline.com. Register online today.

LEAD Gloria Dei

Wednesday, Jan. 9 from 6-7 p.m.

LEAD Gloria Dei is a five-week course, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 9 from 6-7 p.m. It is designed to help future leaders of Gloria Dei understand how Gloria Dei functions as a church, as well as to understand the blessings, challenges and opportunities that exist in a church our size. The topics include the vision of Gloria Dei, understanding church life and the Synod, the demographics of our community and policy-based governance. If you are interested, please contact Laura Rath, Assistant to the Senior Pastor, at laura@gloriadeionline.com or 278-5544, ext. 200.

33 The Series: Volume 1: A Man & His Design

Starts Wednesday, Jan. 23 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. @ Okoboji

Starts Saturday, Jan. 26 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. @ Gloria Dei

Join us for a six-week study. Every man must understand and come to grips with the defining moments and key relationships that have shaped his unique story. Suggested donation for the book is \$20. Contact Bill Clark at BillClark@mchsi.com.



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Need help?
Stephen Ministries
We have trained individuals to help you in every season of life. Contact Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

Don't Go Through Life Alone - Get Help and Support

Thursdays, January 10-March 14 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Our support groups are designed to help people who are facing difficult situations. We provide support for adults and children who are experiencing grief or divorce. The individual support groups meet at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 8 p.m. Childcare is provided.

DivorceCare is a 10-week program for those experiencing the pain of divorce. Register online. There is a \$20 donation for this program.

DC4K is a five-week program for children whose parents are divorcing. Register by contacting Pastor Phillips.

GriefShare, a 10-week program, helps those who have suffered the death of a close friend or relative. Suggested donation of \$20 covers the cost of a participant book. Register online.

Stepping Stones (GriefShare for Children)

Children need to process and understand the grieving process. This 5-week course will assist children who have lost a friend or relative. Register by contacting Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

Honduras Fundraiser

Purchase food items from Schwann's and help raise money for those who will be going to Honduras in June.

Pre-orders will be taken on Jan. 12, 13, 19 and 20 between church services. A check payment will be needed with all pre-orders. Pre-orders will ensure you get the items you want. Gift cards will also be available to purchase.

Schwann's trucks will be on site in the parking lot Sunday, Jan. 27 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. New orders can be placed, and pre-orders can be picked up during that time. If you can't get your pre-order on Jan. 27, please ask someone to pick it up for you. Thanks for your support. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Project 52 Bowl-a-Rama

Sunday, Jan 27 from 3-5 p.m. at Merle Hay Lanes in Urbandale

Project 52 would like to invite your entire family for an afternoon of fun for a great cause.

Here is how it works: Each bowler is to collect pledges for the event. We have space for 24 teams of 4-6 people. Each participant will be able to bowl two games (shoe rental included), enjoy pizza and drinks for free. Prizes will be awarded for most pledges collected, individual and team, high individual score and much more. If you are interested, there are sign-up sheets at the Welcome Centers. If you have any questions, contact Bill Clark at BillClark@mchsi.com.

Funds raised from the event will help build a baseball field in the remote village of Las Charcas, Dominican Republic. Since baseball is a popular sport, this new field will serve as an outreach to the youth. Please join us, and invite your friends. See you on the lanes!

Thank You

To our Gloria Dei Family: A very warm thank you to the pastors for their visits and prayers. And to the congregation for embracing us with prayers, visits, cards, Christmas Carolers, and chocolate chip cookies. ~ Our love, Don and Sandy Zimmerman

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 Stolley Schramm coming home

For the health of

- Stan Knapp
- Tanya Richards
- Greg Fitzgerald
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Carol Petersen, Peg Petersen-Riddle's sister
- Steve Crouthamel
- Christine Watson
- Lyle Lawson
- Fred Sturdevant

And for:

- Our Congress and Senate
- Our military

Prayer ministry

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

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:
5:30 p.m. (FLC)

Rev. Ron Burcham

8 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Tim Phillips

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Tim Phillips

10 a.m. (FLC)

Rev. Phil Robarge

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organ

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

8:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Connor Corbin

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Anna Miller

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Marisa Sullivan

Scripture verses:

Hosea 4:1-4 and

Hosea 14:1-3 (NIV)

Hospitality Teams

5:30 p.m. (FLC)

Team Three

8 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Team Three

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Team One

10 a.m. (FLC)

TBD

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

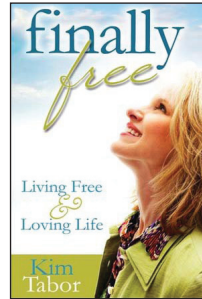
Team Three

Online Women's Bible Study

Study begins Jan. 6 and will run for 6 weeks.

Mark your 2013 calendar to join us for an online study on "Finally Free - Living Free & Loving Life" by Kim Tabor.

Book Overview: "God has given us freedom—freedom to live our lives in peace and joy. As believers we know about it, we sing about it, and we talk about it, but are we actually free? Just knowing we can be free doesn't make us free. Many continue to be bound by fear, anxiety, depression, addictions, or damaging emotions—perhaps you or someone you love." ~ TaborMinistries.org



For more information: Go to www.laurarath.blogspot.com.

What are the benefits of an online study?

An online study allows each participant the flexibility of reading and studying at a time that's best for her. There are no meetings to attend, so there are no scheduling conflicts.

To date, over 160 women have participated in one or more of the past six online studies, representing 32 states and 8 countries.

How do I participate?

You only need the book, a Bible, and access to the web. The book has a few study questions and a prayer at the end of each chapter. You may also want a journal or notebook for recording your thoughts and points to remember. Each week there will be a suggested reading schedule and blog posts pertaining to the reading. Interaction with other participants in the study is through comments on the blog posts. Comments are encouraged, but not required.

How do I sign up?

To sign up, send an e-mail to: laurajrath@gmail.com with your name and e-mail address, as well as your city and state. By signing up you will receive the weekly reading schedule via e-mail.

Pre-marriage Class

Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Couples wishing to be married at Gloria Dei in the coming year must take the six-week pre-marriage class designed to help build strong marriages to last a lifetime. To register, go to the adult page on our Web site or call the church office at 276-1700.

Financial Peace University

Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a 9-week life-changing program that teaches how to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt and saving for the future. Cost is \$95. Register for this event by going to the adult page on our Web site.

Quilters

Saturday, Jan. 12, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

How are you doing on your quilts? Join us for a dose of inspiration in rooms 134/136/138. A lot of progress can be made by dedicating a few hours whether you're working on something easy or a more complicated pattern.

Scrapbook fellowship

Friday, Jan. 11, 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. &

Saturday, Jan. 12, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Come join the fun. For childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

Gloria Dei Book Club

Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 6:15 p.m.

Join us at the home of Darlene Klages as we discuss "Too Far to Say Far Enough" by Nancy Rue.

Women's Connections

Mondays, beginning Jan. 7 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 6:30-8 p.m.

We will study "Jesus, the One and Only" by Beth Moore. In "Jesus, the One and Only," Beth Moore introduces you to an intimate God in an up-close and personal portrait of the life of Jesus the Messiah. If you would like to join this study, please contact Lisa Scherer, 490-4108, to order a study guide.

Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Castaway

Sunday, January 6 at 9:50 & 11:20 a.m.
Join us in the Youth Center as we discuss "The Story."

Junior High Small Groups

Wednesday, Jan. 9 from 6:45-8 p.m.
You won't want to miss these small groups.

Junior High Café 923

Friday, Jan. 25 from 6-9 p.m.
Come hang out, have a good time, eat, play games and bring your friends. We will meet in the Youth Center and Family Life Center. Pizza \$1 per slice; soda \$.50 a can.

High School Bible Study

Sunday, Jan. 6 at 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Join us as we discuss "The Story."

The Point

Wednesday, Jan. 9 from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m.
Join us for our white elephant party. Bring a white elephant gift and a snack to share. We will have prizes, gifts and good times.

Dinner Theater

Mark your calendars for April 19, 20 and 21 as we host our annual dinner theater. Casting and rehearsals begin Sunday, Jan. 6 at 12:15 p.m. Casting is open to all junior and senior high youth as well as adults. Join us for the fun. If you have any questions, e-mail TK at tim@gloriadeionline.com.

Knead to Loaf

Saturday, January 26 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Come in and enhance your bread making and baking skills. You will have 4 loaves to take home along with some bread making tricks. This activity is recommended for individuals or families with kids at least 8 years old. Please register by stopping by the kitchen. Cost is \$40. Contact Elaine Klinefelter.

Mid-week Meal

Wednesdays from 5-6:15 p.m. | Jan. 9: Pancakes and Sausage

Enjoy a meal with the entire family of Gloria Dei on Wednesday evenings during the school year. The cost is \$5 per adult, and \$2.50 per child, children under 2 eat free.

Spring Break Camp

Monday-Friday, March 18-22 from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Each day we'll focus on a different theme: Get in the Game, Metropolitan Museum of Art, God's Amazing Creation, Walk of Fame, and I'm Bored!

Please register for this camp by clicking on the registration link on the right column of our Web site www.gloriadeionline.com. The cost is \$50 per child. Remember to bring your own lunch.

Spring Break Vacation Bible School

Monday-Friday, March 18-22 from 9-11:30 a.m.

This is a time of great fun and learning more about who God is! There will be singing, arts and crafts, Bible stories and games. Registration information will follow shortly.

Remembering My Baptism

**Sunday, Jan. 13
from 4-5:30 p.m.**

This event is designed for first graders and a parent. We'll build a faith chest to take home and talk about our baptism and be reminded of what it means to be "squeaky clean through Jesus Christ!" Please register for this event. Cost is \$40 per family. Register online.

GirlZ of Faith

**Sundays, Jan. 6 and 20
from 6-7:15 p.m.**

Girls in grades 4 and 5 are invited to a bimonthly meeting at the church. It will be a time for fellowship, Bible study, crafts, activities, snacks and tons of fun.

January 5-12, 2013

Saturday, January 5

- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, January 6

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:15 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:50 a.m. Castaway
- 9:50 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Chuck Corell)
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:45 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway
- 12:15 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. GirlZ of Faith

Monday, January 7

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 10:30 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 3:30 p.m. Archery Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Tiny Treasures' Open House for Prospective Families
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, January 8

- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 3:30 p.m. Archery Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Wednesday, January 9

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Faith Alive Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. LEAD Gloria Dei
- 6:00 p.m. "The Story" Adult Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:45 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:45 p.m. Senior High - The Point

Thursday, January 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 3:30 p.m. Archery Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Share
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery - New Member Class
- 7:00 p.m. Operation Barnabas Meeting

Friday, January 11

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, January 12

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Worship (Dec. 29-30)	Attendance
5:30 p.m. (FLC)	120
8 a.m. (Sanctuary)	89
9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	262
10 a.m. (FLC)	55
11 a.m. (Sanctuary)	172
Total	698

Outpouring of Love (Dec. 22-31)	
Weekly General Fund Offerings	\$142,263
Weekly General Fund Offering Budget	\$146,000
2nd QTD Offering	\$572,846
2nd QTD Budget	\$595,000
YTD Offering Total	\$927,397
YTD Offering Budget	\$956,000

Week of January 12-19, 2013

Saturday, January 12

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, January 13

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:15 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:50 a.m. Castaway
- 9:50 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Chuck Corell)
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:45 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway
- 12:15 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Brownie 541
- 4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 407
- 4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 806
- 4:00 p.m. Remembering My Baptism

Monday, January 14

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 3:30 p.m. Archery Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections

Tuesday, January 15

- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 3:30 p.m. Archery Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Wednesday, January 16

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Faith Alive Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. LEAD Gloria Dei
- 6:00 p.m. "The Story" Adult Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:45 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:45 p.m. Senior High - The Point

Thursday, January 17

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 3:30 p.m. Archery Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Foundation
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Share
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery - New Member Class

Friday, January 18

No scheduled events

Saturday, January 19

- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

LWML

Mary-Esther Circle - will meet Thursday, Jan. 10 at 9 a.m. at the home of Sandy Rinderknecht, 3204 Vine, West Des Moines.

Ruth Circle - will meet Monday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. at the home of Myra Willms, 3835 38th St., Des Moines.

Items needed

Urbandale Food Pantry is requesting toothbrushes during the month of January. Please place your donation in the "Urbandale Food Pantry" bin that is located in the Narthex.

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

Please note: We encourage families to worship together before children (ages 3-grade 5) are invited to Grace Place on Saturday evenings at 5:50; Sunday mornings at 8:20, 9:50, 10:20 and 11:20. Junior high youth (grades 6-8) are invited to Castaway at 9:50 and 11:20 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Saturday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

This contemporary service offers a unique come-as-you-are worship experience on Saturday evening. A gathering of celebration will be led by our worship team and band in the Family Life Center, inviting worshippers to lift anthems to our God. There will be time for intimacy with God, reflection on his promises and the opportunity to grow as his Word is declared.

8:00 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

This worship service is based on traditional hymns and liturgy. The music is organ led with offerings of special music, offertories and communion hymns led by the piano. Our special music groups and choirs perform on a regular basis.

9:30 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary

This service offers a blend of instruments, from piano and organ to brass and percussion. Large group choirs as well as small group vocal and instrumental ensembles offer special music. The liturgy is specifically designed to enhance the life of the believer, by supporting the current study of God's Word at Gloria Dei.

10:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

This high-energy service offers a casual setting for those who enjoy a come-as-you-are contemporary environment. A gathering of celebration will be led by our worship team and band in the Family Life Center, inviting worshippers to lift anthems to our God. There will be time for intimacy with God, reflection on his promises and the opportunity to grow as his Word is declared via this video venue.

11:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

This contemporary service has a unique style of its own as we combine the present day sounds of contemporary music with a worship band in the awe inspiring setting of the Sanctuary. This service includes uplifting songs of celebration as people gather together responding to our God.

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.

Weekly Bible reading - Hosea 14:1-2 (NIV)

“Return, Israel, to the Lord your God.
Your sins have been your downfall!
Take words with you
and return to the Lord.
Say to him:
“Forgive all our sins
and receive us graciously,
that we may offer the fruit of our lips.”

Educational times

Children (ages 2- grade 5)

Grace Place

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.
Sundays at 8:20, 9:50,
10:20 & 11:20 a.m.

Faith Alive

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.