

HE IS RISEN!

WEEKLY WORD



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Easter Sunday

Welcome!

Welcome to Gloria Dei! I am so glad that you have decided to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with us today. Throughout the world millions of people are shouting, "He is risen, He is risen indeed!" We join with them today as we celebrate the event that completely changed history, granted hope to generations of believers, and assured mankind of the reliability of Jesus' words and promises. He is to be trusted.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NIV)

Jesus rising from the grave is the pivotal point of the Christian faith. In the Bible it says; "If Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless, and you are still under condemnation for your sins. And if we have hope in Christ only for this life, we are the most miserable people in the world. But the fact is that Christ has been raised from the dead. He has become the first of a great harvest of those who will be raised to life again."

Because he is risen, we can now confidently go through life with the assurance that God is with us. We can erase doubts that may plague us: Does he love me? Does he care about the

details of my life? Does he forgive me? The resurrection of Jesus affirms his total love for us because he gave his life as payment for sin and God raised him from the dead. That my friends, gives us something to celebrate.

It is no wonder that for centuries people have hailed this day as the most important day of the year. They have shouted, "He is risen!" and have sung songs of praise to God. I pray that you will experience the joy of the resurrection with a song of praise on your lips and a deep confidence in your heart knowing our resurrected Lord. Let there be no doubt that Jesus, the son of God, lived among us, died for us, and rose back to life. He sacrificed everything for you and for me.

Whether you worship at Gloria Dei regularly, or if this is your first time with us, it is an honor to have you. I look forward to worshipping with you today and in the future as we join the others throughout the world proclaiming, "He is risen!"

Rev. Ronald Burcham

Director of Ministries
Senior Pastor



Welcome Visitors!

A warm welcome to all of our visitors this morning. We are glad you are here! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask an elder, an usher or call us during the week at 276-1700.

Reminder

Faith Alive will resume at its normal time on Wednesday, April 11.

Grace Place will not meet today, but will meet next week.

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

Visiting Today?

If you are visiting us today, we warmly welcome you. Please take time and check out all of our upcoming classes and activities. If you are interested, contact the church office at 276-1700. Here are two classes you won't want to miss!

Discovery 101: Wednesdays, starting April 11 at 6 p.m.

Discovery 101 is a four-week class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided.

Discovery 201: Sunday, May 20 from 3-7 p.m.

Discovery 201 is a four-hour event for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided.

Emergency Pastoral Care

We now have an option for the congregation to contact a pastor anytime in the event of an emergency. When the church office is closed, you can call the 276-1700, select option 5 for "pastoral care" and leave a message. A pastor will get back to you as soon as possible.

Breaking Down Barriers

God's Word says that he has great plans for us—he wants us to live a full and meaningful life. Unfortunately, if you are like many of us, you find that there are barriers holding you back from following those plans. You want to see God's promises, but huge roadblocks are in the way. Next week, we begin a series of messages entitled "Breaking Down Barriers," where we will focus on certain barriers and the ways that we can break them down.

We will examine:

- April 15 "Recognizing God's Presence in your Life"
- April 22 "Moving with God Out of your Comfort Zone"
- April 29 "Confronting Ungodly Prejudices"
- May 6 "Establishing God's Goals in Your Life"
- May 13 "Overcoming Criticism"
- May 20 "Empowering Everything You Do with Prayer"
- May 27 "Pentecost: God's Heart for the World"

Join us as we learn how to "throw off everything that hinders" (Hebrews 12:1) us from following God's plans and discover the joy of following God's plans for our lives.

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Governing Board
276-1700

Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are supplied by:

Name:

Jim and Betty Wollslager
 Donna Kusy
 Mary and Jared Walter
 Kelly, Terese and Amy Patterson
 Steve and Nancy Junge
 Michelle and Greg Haessler
 Connie and Ed Mautz
 Sue and Les Davis

In Honor/Memory of

Parents
 Husband, Bob
 Parents
 Mother
 Grandparents
 Parents
 Parents

Information Center

If you are visiting today, please stop by the Information Center, which is located outside the Sanctuary or in the back of the Family Life Center. We would love to get to know you and give you brochures on all of our activities and events throughout the year. See you there!

Servers

Elders One	Tom Junge	Dave Graaf	10:30 a.m.
Gary Wasko	Sandy Junge	Rob Steuber	Jim Kellenberg
Tim Radig	7:30 a.m.	Dean Kleckner	Organist
Devin Wren	Wendell Dickey	9 a.m. (FLC)	Lynn Hays
Tim Mueller	Morey Juhlin	Mark Pierson	Processional
Vic Kesse	Scott Ammann	Bruce Bjurstrom	Lauren Snyder
Elders Two	Bruce Grimm	10:30 a.m.	Grace Kammeyer
Vic Kesse	Marv Deer	Shawn Woolman	Acolytes
Steve Junge	Tom Westby	Bill Clark	Konnor Plagge
Tom Westby	Ken Meythaler	Leslie Clark	Sarah Mueller
Terry Woolman	9 a.m.	Clayton Linquist	Alex Meyer
Ushers:	Tom Feldotto	Brent Handel	
5:30 p.m.	Randy Fleming	Jorden Handel	
Brad Gerke	Doug Pals	Justin Handel	
	Kevin Kelley	Steve Brush	

God's People in Prayer

Blue prayer request cards are beneath 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 or Joan Kickbush after 5 p.m. at 987-4864 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For the truth of our risen Lord
- For our families

Prayers

- For Betty Wollslager, who recently broke her arm and hip
- For Brian Blaylock and family as they grieve the loss of Brian's mother, Mercees Ijams
- For Tom Maurath's continued recovery from a motorcycle accident
- For Mike and Kate Hughes, who are grieving the loss of Mike's father, George
- For the healing of Diane Mahaffey
- For Doug Cohrs, nephew of Dale and Kay Readinger
- For Beth Corell, who is going to visit her sick mother
- For Norma Willems, mother of Rachel Onsrud
- For the healing of John McKeighan

Prayer Ministry Team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

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

Welcome to Gloria Dei!

This is Gloria Dei!

Gloria Dei seeks to be a place where people can come and discover God's perspective on life, a place where they can find real answers to today's questions.

Mission Statement

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, as an effective and innovative mission center, brings Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime.

At the core of all we do at Gloria Dei is Jesus Christ. The salvation that he won for us through his death on the cross, the life everlasting that he guaranteed with his resurrection from the grave, and his abiding presence with us daily, is the central truth of all that we do. It is our privilege, responsibility, and our mission to share the "good news" of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with everyone.



Vision Statement

It is our vision that Gloria Dei will be a place of abundant grace.

Gloria Dei will be a growing, relationship-centered church, serving as a beacon to our community, courageous in sharing the love of God with all people and equipping them to deal with the challenges of life and become leaders in the kingdom of God.

Growing

We will be a place of spiritual growth through dynamic worship, excellent teaching and countless other opportunities.

Relationship-Centered

We will develop personal relationships, life-long friendships and a sense of belonging.

A Beacon to our Community

We will be a welcoming neighbor with genuine concern about the world in which we live.

Courageous

We will be courageous in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Equipping

We will be an equipping center, a place where God's relevant word is applied to daily life and leaders are trained.



Saturdays

Saturday worship

Northwind, our “come as you are” service, starts at 5:30 p.m. with families worshipping together until children ages 3 to grade 5 leave at 5:50 p.m. for an educational time called Grace Place. Adults remain in the Family Life Center to hear the message and then enjoy fellowship over a hot cup of coffee or tea. Communion will be served the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

Sundays

Sunday worship

Since people vary in their worship style, we offer the following services:

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
Communion first and third Sunday
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship in Sanctuary
Communion first and third Sunday
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship in Family Life Center
Communion second and fourth Sunday
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship in Sanctuary
Communion first and third Sunday

Sunday school – Grace Place

Grace Place, an educational time for children and youth, meets at 9:20 and 10:20 a.m. Sunday mornings during the school year.

Wednesdays

Faith Alive, Music Alive and midweek meal meets Wednesday evenings during the school year for children ages 3 through high school.

Nursery Care

Located below the narthex, the nursery is professionally staffed during all worship services, and midweek classes for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.



Bulletin Board

- **Discovery 101**
Wednesday, April 11
- **Youth Dinner Theater**
“Mayhem in Mayville”
April 13-14
- **Consignment Sale**
April 20 and 21
- **Last Day of Faith Alive**
Wednesday, April 25
- **Last Day of Sunday’s**
Grace Place at 10:20 a.m.
April 29
- **Last Day of Saturday’s**
Grace Place
May 5
- **Last Day of Sunday’s**
Grace Place at 9:20 a.m.
May 6
- **Confirmation**
Sunday, May 6
- **Tiny Treasures**
Family Fun Night
Thursday, May 3
- **Pancake Breakfast**
Sunday, May 20
- **Discovery 201**
Sunday, May 20

Ministries at Gloria Dei

There are many seasons in life; therefore, we offer ministries to help every age live a faith-filled life. Take some time today and review all the different ministries that are available at Gloria Dei.

Congregational Care

Discovery 101

This four-week class held four times during the year covers our basic beliefs for those coming from a non-Lutheran background.

Discovery 201

This interactive four-hour event introduces those considering membership to the mission and ministry of Gloria Dei and provides an opportunity to meet the staff and tour the facility. Dinner and childcare are provided.

SHAPE

The SHAPE class meets periodically throughout the year to help people discover their God-given gifts, so they can utilize them for God's glory.

Pre-marriage Classes

Since marriage is a lifetime commitment, we host a class that will help provide the needed keys for a strong marriage.

Visitation Ministry

This ministry visits the sick and homebound and invites other members to use their gifts of compassion to encourage others.



Support Groups

Life can have its struggles and valleys; therefore, we offer support to people who are grieving or are going through a divorce.

Short-Term Mission Trips

Trips to Appalachia, Louisiana, and Honduras offer a powerful spiritual experience to participants as they use their gifts to communicate the love of God in a tangible way.



Congregational Care Contact Information:

Pastor Tim Phillips,

Director of Congregational Care

Phone: 278-5544, ext. 204

E-mail: tphillips@gloriadeionline.com

Adult Ministry

Adult Ministry includes Bible classes, and small group studies on Sunday mornings and weekdays, and fellowship groups for men, women, singles, couples and seniors. Please contact Pastor Meyer for current classes and times.

Small Group Connections

We believe small groups are vital to our growth as individuals and as a church. We have a variety of groups, which meet at different times and locations.

Bible Studies

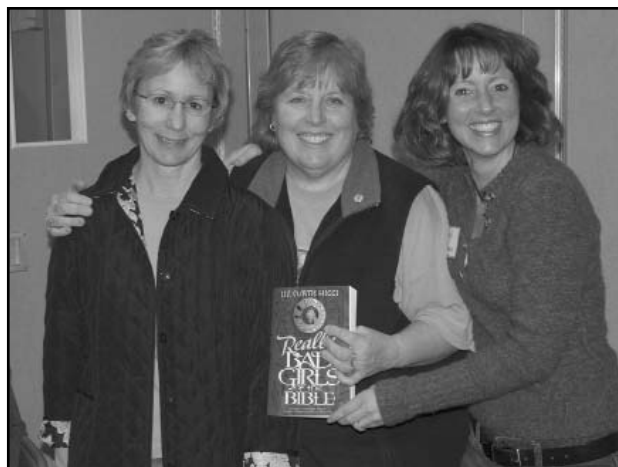
A variety of Bible studies covering a wide-range of subjects meet throughout the year.

Men's Bible Studies

Men meet at 6:30 a.m. Thursdays to study areas from the Bible that will help strengthen them.

Fellowship Opportunities

Throughout the year, we offer many opportunities to fellowship through learning new hobbies, such as basketball, volleyball, oil painting, photo editing, quilting and scrap-booking.



Women's Connections

Join us on Monday evenings for a women's night out during the school year. We will have a time of worship, study and fellowship.

LWML Circles

Enjoy fellowship and service projects in one of our Lutheran Women's Missionary League circles.

Educational Opportunities

Please join us for seasonal opportunities that emphasize pertinent subjects such as financial planning and health issues.

Adult Ministry Contact Information:

Pastor Kendall Meyer,
Director of Adult Ministry

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Children's Ministry

Elementary Children (Grades K-5)

Grace Place

We offer age-appropriate educational times throughout the school year for children in elementary school.

Saturday Grace Place

Saturday, 5:50 p.m.

Sunday Grace Place

9:20 a.m. and 10:20 a.m.

Faith Alive and Music Alive

Faith and Music Alive meets Wednesday evenings during the school year for grades K-5.



Kindermusik

Kindermusik is a music and movement opportunity for newborns through 7 years old. Pick up a brochure to learn about this summer's classes.

Vacation Bible School

We host a Vacation Bible School during Urbandale's spring break. Please join us next year!

Children's Ministry Contact Information:

DeAnn McCue,
Director of Family Ministry

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278-5544, ext. 207

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deann@gloriadeionline.com



Summer Day Camps

Gloria Dei offers several day camps and drop-in programs each summer for children ages 2 through grade 5.

For a complete schedule, please go to our Web site or grab a brochure at the Information Center.



Early Childhood (Birth to Preschool)

Most of the programs offered to our children in elementary school are also offered to our smallest ones in a setting that fosters safety and learning.

Saturday Grace Place

Saturday, 5:50 p.m.

Sunday Grace Place

9:20 a.m. and 10:20 a.m.

Music and Faith Alive

Wednesday evenings during the school year.

Vacation Bible School

Join us next year during spring break.

Kindermusik

Pick up a brochure for this summer's dates and times.

New Life Ministry

New baby in your family? Please contact the church office with all the details. We would love to visit you and your bundle of joy to offer support.



Tiny Treasures Preschool

Enroll Now for Fall Classes

Since we opened our doors in 2005, we have been dedicated to bringing Jesus Christ to preschoolers through an atmosphere that will nurture our tiniest treasures. Registration is now being accepted for next year's classes; pick up a brochure at the Information Center today.



Early Childhood Contact Information:

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Director of Early Childhood Ministry
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Youth Ministry

If you are a junior or senior high student, check us out. You'll meet some new friends while learning about God's love; besides, you may even laugh a lot. Call Tim to find out about all the upcoming fun events.

Events during the school year:

Saturdays, 5:30 p.m.

- Castaway for Junior High students

Sundays, 9:20 and 10:20 a.m.

- Castaway for Junior High students

Sundays, 10:20 a.m.

- Bible Study for High School students

Sundays, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

- the Island for Senior High students

Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m.

- Confirmation (grades 6-8)
- Senior High The Point - Bible Study/Fellowship

Monthly

- Cafe 923 - a time to have fun for Junior high youth
First Friday evening of every month

Assorted Activities

- Dinner Theatres
- Youth gatherings
- Mission trips
- Fun Activities, paint ball, Sleepy Hollow, etc.



Youth Contact Information:

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Director of Youth
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Worship Ministry

Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness! Psalm 115:1

We offer a variety of worship, musical, theatrical, and design opportunities. Please come and join us, you don't have to be perfect, you only need a desire to glorify God with your God-given gifts. Who knows? You may have a blast working on the teams.



Worship Teams:

- The Gloria Dei Chorale
- Gloria Dei's worship team for Sunday's 10:30 a.m. service
- The Alleluia Ringers
- Gloria Dei's Orchestra
- Saturday's Northwind Worship Team
- Drama team
- Liturgical movement team
- Decor architects

Worship

Contact Information:

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Director of Worship

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Media Ministry

United in our desire to glorify God, we seek to spread the gospel to unbelievers and to edify the Body of Christ by providing a praiseworthy service using a variety of multi-media methods. If you have a "techy" bone in you, please feel free to join one of our media teams.



Media Teams

- Audio
- Computer projection
- Video
- Proof reading
- Graphic design
- DVD/CD duplication
- Photography
- Network administration
- Equipment integration

Media Ministry

Contact Information:

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Director of Media Ministry

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Week of April 8-14

Sunday, April 8

Easter

- 7:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship in FLC
- 10:30 a.m. Blended Worship in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship in FLC

Monday, April 9

- 6:45 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, April 10

- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:45 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball

Wednesday, April 11

- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Strategic Planning MAT
- 6:00 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:15 p.m. Lord, I Want to Know You
- 6:15 p.m. The Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:15 p.m. The Point

- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

- 7:30 p.m. The Alleluia Ringers

Thursday, April 12

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir

Friday, April 13

- 6:00 p.m. Doors open for Dinner Theatre
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theatre

Saturday, April 14

- 6:00 a.m. Caring Corp Pancake Breakfast
- 3:30 p.m. Dance Class
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Team
- 4:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Infusion Worship Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:00 p.m. Doors open for Dinner Theatre
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theatre

Outpouring of Love (April 1)	
General Fund Offerings	\$33,267
YTD Offering	\$1,075,441
YTD Budget	\$1,045,590

Attendance for March 31 and April 1			
Northwind	131	Communion	
7:45 a.m.	187	7:45 a.m.	166
9 a.m.	481	9:00 a.m.	298
10 a.m.	91	10:30 a.m.	248
10:30 a.m.	282		
Total	1,172		

Week of April 15-21

Sunday, April 15

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place, Ages 2-Grade 5
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 10:20 a.m. Castaway
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place, Ages 2-Grade 5
- 10:20 a.m. Journey with Dr. Luke
- 10:20 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 11:45 a.m. Youth Ministry Adult Volunteer Training
- 5:30 p.m. The Island

Monday, April 16

- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections MAT

Tuesday, April 17

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting
- 6:45 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball

Wednesday, April 18

- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:00 p.m. Anavox Concert
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:15 p.m. Lord, I Want to Know You
- 6:15 p.m. The Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:15 p.m. The Point
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 7:30 p.m. The Alleluia Ringers

Thursday, April 19

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir

Friday, April 20

- 8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, April 21

- 8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale
- 3:30 p.m. Dance Class
- 4:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Infusion Worship Practice
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Team
- 5:30 p.m. Castaway
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional-Blend • 10:00 Contemporary • 10:30 Contemporary Blend
Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:20 a.m. • Staffed Nursery from 8 a.m.-noon

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Contemporary
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. • Staffed Nursery from 5:15 p.m.