

WEEKLY WORD

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Easter Sunday

Welcome!

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:1-6a

Welcome to the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave, the historical event that took place more than 2,000 years ago. The teaching and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth has left an indelible mark on history for all of mankind. One man, one event has forever changed the course of life—our entire perspective on God, life and eternity will never be the same.

God is not a supreme judge looking for an excuse to punish mankind; neither does he pass random judgment on our insidious behaviors. Rather, he loved the world so much that he gave his only Son to die for us. We who deserve death receive life because of Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection.

Because of him, our life will never be the same.

Easter declares that we will not live in despair, but in eternal glory. When Jesus walked out of his grave, he also released us from our earthly graves. Eternity is more than a nice idea; it is a great reality—something to anxiously await. Through the promise of Easter we know death cannot hold us, because we have been given eternal life in Christ!

It is a privilege for all of us to celebrate the day Jesus rose from the dead. If this is your first Easter celebration or if you have lost count of how many times you have celebrated this historical event, I pray God's love touches your heart in a profound way.

I invite you to come back next week as we begin to explore the further implications of Easter in our daily lives and how our perspectives completely change.

May God bless your worship experience with us today and may the good news of Jesus' resurrection forever change your life today and throughout eternity.

Pastor Ron Burcham

Rev. Ronald Burcham
Senior Pastor



Welcome Visitors!

A warm welcome to all of our visitors this weekend. 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 start resume Wednesday, March 26.

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

HE IS RISEN!

Visiting Today?

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

Discovery 101: Wednesdays, starting April 2 at 6 p.m.

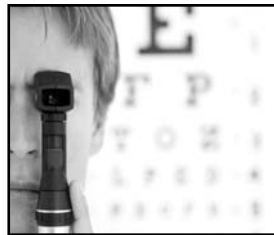
Discovery 101 is a four-week class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided.

Discovery 201: Sunday, May 18 from 3-7 p.m.

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

Radical Perspective Change

Because of Easter Sunday, we are forever changed. Our perspective, our priorities, our values change because we have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus. It is not a forced change, like diets or exercise programs, rather it is a change that occurs deep within our hearts.



He died, so we could live. We have been bought with a price; therefore, we are now God's masterpieces equipped to live a life that honors and glorifies him.

He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. Ephesians 2:17-22

Through a series of messages in the next few weeks, we will examine specific ways our lives have been changed due to the sacrifice of God's only Son:

- March 29-30 "I'll Never See Funerals the Same"
- April 5-6 "I'll Never See my Spouse the Same"
- April 12-13 "I'll Never See my Body the Same"
- April 19-20 "I'll Never See Money the Same"
- April 26-27 "I'll Never see Sunday the Same"

Join us as we continue to celebrate and embrace our Lord Jesus Christ and the transformation which occurs in our lives because of him.

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Need more information and resources? Check out our Web site for additional information and updates. We weekly post sermons, newsletters, information on our children, youth and adult programs, and much more.

Information Center

If you are visiting today, 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 provide brochures of our activities and events throughout the year. See you there!

Fun Night

Every family likes to have fun and we like to help them.

Join us Thursday, April 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center for fun, food and a silent auction. The cost is \$10 per family.

If you are interested, call Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool at 278-5544, ext. 305.



Servers

We are thankful for all the ministry partners who have helped us today and throughout the week with the Easter celebration. The following is a list of some of our ministry partners who are serving us today:

Elders:	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Vic Kesse	Bruce Grimm	Jim Miles	Jimmy Hanselman
Marvin Deer	Jamie Grimm	Randy Bamsey	Organist
Steve Junge	Wendell Dickey	Randy Dickey	Lynn Hays
Rodney Serbus	Alan Grunst	Mark Jobst	Shirley Roberts
Terry Woolman	Jeff Liittschwager	Paul Cook	Acolytes
Tim Mueller	Bill Kickbush	Dave Morrison	Kirsta Gerke
Tim Radig	Ken Meythaler		Brett McGinnis
			Cara Setsodi

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 our families
- For our guests
- For our community
- For our troops serving to protect us

Prayers

- For our college students: their studies and plans
- For families, who will be traveling during spring break
- For the health concerns of Kay Clark
- For Theresa Erpelding's health
- For Diane Metz, who is battling cancer
- For the continued healing of Richard Counley's daughter, Cheryl
- For the health of Diane Mahaffey
- For the continued health 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 and youth 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 Worship in Sanctuary
Communion first and third Sunday
- 9:00 a.m. Family-focused Worship in Family Life Center
Communion second and fourth Sunday
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary
Communion first and third Sunday

Sunday school – Grace Place

Families gather to worship together at 9 and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Children ages 3 through grade 5 are then invited for an educational time called Grace Place at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. 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 2
- **Tiny Treasures**
Family Fun Night
Thursday, April 3
- **Missionary Presentation**
Saturday, April 12, 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 13, 7 p.m.
- **Youth Dinner Theater**
Uncle Phil's Diner 2
April 25-27
Tickets go on sale April 5
- **Last Day of Faith Alive**
Wednesday, April 30
- **Last Day of Saturday's**
Grace Place
May 3
- **Last Day of Sunday's**
Grace Place
May 4
- **Confirmation**
Sunday, May 4
- **Discovery 201**
Sunday, May 18
- **Summer Programs**
Summer programs begin June 2.
Pick up a brochure today!

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 to review all the different ministries that are available at Gloria Dei.

Congregational Care

Discovery 101

Wednesday, April 2 at 6 p.m. This four-week class held four times during the year covers our basic beliefs for those coming from a non-Lutheran background.



Discovery 201

Sunday, May 18 from 3-7 p.m. 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.

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.

Short-Term Mission Trips

Trips to Honduras and other areas in the world offer a powerful spiritual experience to participants as we use our gifts to communicate the love of God in a tangible way.



Support Groups

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

Congregational Care Contact Information:

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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 Monday, March 24 from 6:30-8 p.m. for a women's night to dive into Beth Moore's study, "Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent." Themes such as unity, joy, gratitude, redemption, repentance, the power of blessings, facing ridicule and more will be explored in detail.

LWML Circles

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

Educational Opportunities

Join us for seasonal opportunities that emphasize pertinent subjects relating to life.

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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 10:50 a.m.



Faith Alive and Music Alive

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

Kindermusik



Kindermusik is a music and movement class for newborns through 7 years old. Pick up a brochure to learn about the following summer classes: Peekaboo, I love you, Zoo Train, On the Road, Tell Me a Tale and Family Time.

Summer Programs

Gloria Dei offers several day camps and drop-in programs each summer for children ages 3 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 10:50 a.m.

Music Alive and Faith Alive

Wednesday evenings during the school year.

Summer Programs

Pick up a brochure today on all of our summer programs.

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.

Children's Ministry Contact Information:

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Director of Family Ministry

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Tiny Treasures Preschool

Enroll Now for Fall Classes

Since we opened our doors in 2005, we have been dedicated to bring Jesus Christ to preschoolers through an atmosphere that will nurture our tiniest treasures. We have morning classes for 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, and pre-Ks; afternoon classes are held for 4-year-olds and pre-Ks. 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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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.

Weekly

Sundays, 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

- Castaway for junior high students

Sundays, 9 a.m.

- Bible Study for high school students

Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

- The Point - Bible Study/Fellowship for senior high youth

Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m.

- Confirmation (grades 6-8)

Monthly

- Café 923 - A time for junior high youth to have fun.
Friday, April 4 from 6-9 p.m.
- Café 923 - A time for senior high youth to have fun.
Sunday, April 20 from 6-8:30 p.m.

Assorted Activities

- Dinner theatre
Uncle Phils Diner 2, April 25-27 at 6:30 p.m.
Tickets go on sale April 5.
- Youth gatherings
- Mission trips
- Fun activities, paint ball, concerts, etc.



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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



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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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Week of March 23-29

Sunday, March 23

Easter Sunday

- 7:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Family-focused Relive Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, March 24

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger (Starbucks)
- 6:00 p.m. Family Life Ministry Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections

Tuesday, March 25

- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Young Child
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders

Wednesday, March 26

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, March 27

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, March 28

- 11:45 a.m. Preschool Ballet Class
- 2:00 p.m. Urban Plunge
- 6:00 p.m. Abagayle Schwarz and Mark McMahon Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Homebuilders

Saturday, March 29

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 3:00 p.m. Abagayle Schwarz and Mark McMahon Wedding
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 4:45 p.m. Stepping Stones
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place



Week of March 30 - April 5

Sunday, March 30

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. High School Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight
- 10:20 a.m. Being an Effective Christian
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Uncle Phil's Diner Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, March 31

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger (Starbucks)
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections

Tuesday, April 1

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Machine Shed)
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Young Child

Wednesday, April 2

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That

- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:00 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, April 3

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 5:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Fun Night
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, April 4

- 9:00 a.m. MOM's Club of WDM
- 11:45 a.m. Preschool Ballet Class
- 6:00 p.m. Café 923
- 6:30 p.m. Homebuilders

Saturday, April 5

- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 Family-focused • 10:30 Contemporary
Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:50 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.