

# WEEKLY WORD



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The Day of Pentecost

## Soaking Up Power

by Karen Kennedy, staff

More than 6 million cubic feet of water spill over the rocky crestline of Niagara Falls every minute. Each day thousands of visitors marvel at its beauty and power as they stand watching the water gush downward, which eventually disperses to thousands of miles of tributaries, adding nutrients to any dry ground it touches.

In power and force beyond the strength of Niagara Falls, God poured out his Holy Spirit to a group of people in Acts 2. According to the account, the God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven were gathered in one place, and suddenly a sound filled the house and they became “filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” The occurrence caused quite a shock wave of conversations among the spectators. Questions ricocheted in the crowd: “Why are these Galileans speaking our language when we know for a fact that a few minutes ago, they could not speak our language? How can this happen? What does this mean?”

Even though the crowd was amazed at these spiritual happenings, they should not have been shocked to see God’s power. Historically and culturally speaking, this Jewish crowd would have been taught about the glorious power of God through the account of creation. “Let there be light and there was light.” Likewise, stories about their miraculous Red Sea escape, the daily provisions of manna in the wilderness, the angel of death passing over their infants, and the walls of Jericho crumbling down were passed down from generation to generation.

Besides, weeks before this event, they heard that a man named Jesus rose from the dead and was visibly seen talking to people. Before that time, the daily grapevine was filled with stories about the lame walking, the deaf hearing and the blind seeing. Not to mention, the recent words which were spoken by Jesus before his ascension that prophesied of the upcoming power.

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

Acts 1:8

Throughout history, God has lavishly poured out his power unto people. Most of the time, the people were in desperate need and powerless. In fact, the less qualified, the weaker, the better.

*But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.*

I Corinthians 1:27-29

On the day of Pentecost, God intentionally poured out his Spirit on all people. Although it surprised them, it shouldn’t have. He wanted mankind to understand that his power, a power stronger than Niagara Falls, trumped their weaknesses and that his care added more nutrients to their rocky hearts than all the water pouring over Niagara Falls.

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## SUMMER CAMPS

It’s not too late to think about an environment where fun, learning, and safety heat up for a sizzling summer blast. See page 8 for more details.

## Budget and Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for these two important meetings:

- The budget hearing will be Sunday, June 10 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- The annual congregational meeting will be Sunday, June 24 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

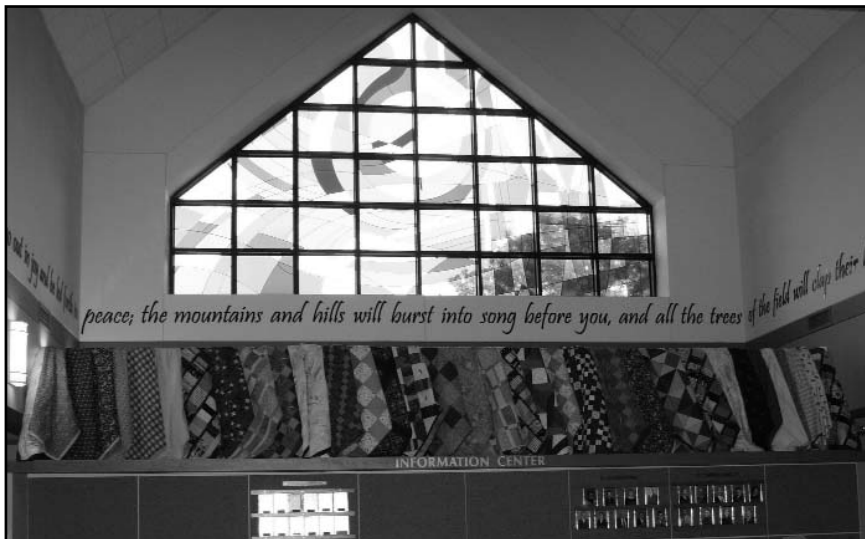
Members and non-members are invited to attend, but only members 18 years old and up will be able to vote. Childcare provided.

## Worship Changes

### Service Change

In order to reorganize our summer efforts, the Board of Elders has decided to move the 10 a.m. contemporary service from the Family Life Center to the 10:30 a.m. contemporary service in the Sanctuary starting today. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 276-1700.

## Quilt Recognition



The quilts displayed in the narthex were made from the recent Gloria Quilters class. The quilters will be recognized at the 9 a.m. service; the quilts will be sent to Honduras in June.

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## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, May 27 at the 7:45 a.m. service is for:



**K**ennah Emorie Romano born February 19, 2007 to Ryan and Sonja (nee Selvig) Romano.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, May 27 at the 9 a.m. service is for:



**M**ax Edgar Linberg born November 2, 2006 to Nick and Kristel (nee Collett) Lindberg. Max's spiritual sponsors are Shane and Jennifer Peitscher.

## S.H.A.P.E. Class

The S.H.A.P.E. class, designed to help people find their God-given gifts, so that they can utilize them for God's glory will meet Sunday, June 3 and June 10 at 10:30 a.m. in rooms 135/37. To register, call Marsha at 276-1700.

## New Members

New members who have completed the Discovery 201 class on Sunday, May 20 will be received into membership on Saturday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m. and at the 9 a.m. service on Sunday, June 3. Please feel free to attend one or both services.

## Servers

### Officiant/Liturgist:

Rev. Timothy Phillips

### Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

### Organist:

Kathy Stange

### Acolytes:

Kaytlin Rice

Emma Wenndt

Justin Nicolet

### Elders:

Devin Wren

Ken Meythaler

Gary Wasko

### Ushers:

**Northwind**

Brad Gerke

Brett Hosch

### 7:45 a.m.

Gordon Dahlby

Rick Johnson

Bob Kollmorgen

Merle Knuth

### 9 a.m.

Dennis Appelhons

Bryan Flanigan

Eric Hoffman

Jason Hoffman

Bill Kramer

Shane Love

Doug Mertz

Keith Nicolet

Dave Schramm

### 10:30 a.m.

Ed Mautz

## 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 military and their service to our country
- For completion of a great pre-school year
- For all the students completing their school year

## Prayers

- For Marilyn Gerstenkorn's health
- Millie Obrecht, who is recovering
- For Sheryl Woolman's friend Bonnie Yetley, who has been diagnosed with cancer
- For the grieving family of Terry Steinke, who lost her father
- For Rhonda Deer's mother, Jane Heintz, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer
- For Mike Marten's brother-in-law, David Redd and his family
- For the healing of Diane Mahafey
- 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](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com) with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

# Welcome to Gloria Dei

## Welcome

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! We seek to be a place where people can come and discover God's perspective on life, a place where you can find real answers to today's questions. Please take some time to get to know us. We have lots of programs and activities for you and your family. If you have any questions, please call the office at 276-1700.



## 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.

## 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 becoming leaders in the kingdom of God.

## Membership

If you are interested in becoming a member, please join us for Discovery 101, a four-week class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church; and Discovery 201, a four-hour event for everyone joining Gloria Dei. If you have questions, contact the church office at 276-1700.

## Stop by the 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!

## A Snippet of Gloria Dei for the Entire Family

### Nursery

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.

### Preschool Children

During the summer, we encourage children to worship with their parents. We offer a summer reading program and story time for our preschool children. In the fall, we offer educational times and a preschool.

### Elementary Children

Children are welcome to worship with their families during the summer months. During the week, check out our summer camps designed for all of our elementary children.

### Youth

We have lots of activities for our youth throughout the week. See page 9 for more details.

### Adults

Lots of small groups, Bible studies, fellowship opportunities and support groups are available throughout the week for adults.

### Interested in Learning More?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information. See you there!

## Upcoming Small Groups

### Women's Connections Summer Edition

**Women's Connections will not meet on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28.**

Please join the fun at Women's Connections summer edition on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the board room. We will explore Beth Moore's "A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place." This summer edition will be shorter in time; no specific worship or fellowship times will be offered, only the Bible study from 6:30-7:30 p.m. In addition, it will require little outside work because the emphasis will be on watching and discussing the video, not the daily reading assignments. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.



### Couples with Young Children Group

If you are interested in joining a small group that supports couples with young children, please call Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

### Men's Bible Study

Please join the Thursday evening Bible study as they begin a study on 1st Corinthians at 6:30 p.m. in rooms 130-132. The study will compare the issues that confronted the Corinthians to the issues that confront us. Likewise, solutions will be examined and discussed. If you have any questions, contact Fred Spath at 254-2561 or spathfamily@msn.com.

## Sign Up to Smile

Sign up for a photo session for the pictorial directory today in the Narthex. You can also register at Gloria Dei's Web site, [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com). If you have any questions, please e-mail Deb Timmons at [ameskids@mchsi.com](mailto:ameskids@mchsi.com).

## Softball Schedule

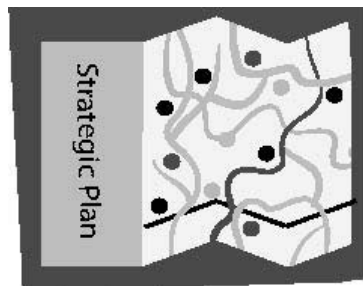
Date	Time	Visitor	Home
Tuesday, May 29	7:15 p.m.	CA	GDLC
Monday, June 4	8:15 p.m.	MDRC	GDLC
Monday, June 4	9:15 p.m.	LCOH	GDLC

## 30-Hour Famine Update

Recently the youth participated in a 30-Hour Famine at Gloria Dei sponsored by World Vision, in which they collected \$10,728. Last year the youth collected \$8,300, which was the highest amount raised in the state of Iowa for this cause. Thank you for your generous support.

## Free Concert

David Bush and Jaime Jamgochian, Contemporary Christian music artists, will present a free concert on Friday, June 1 at 7 p.m. at First Federated Church, 4801 Franklin Avenue in Des Moines. An offering will be taken. For more information, call 515-555-2122.



## Did you know?

The Strategic Planning Committee has been gathering facts about how to best plan for Gloria Dei's future.

### Fact 1:

The number of households in the Urbandale area is estimated to grow by 11 percent over the next five years.

## Craft Fair

The annual craft fair sponsored by LWML (Women on a Mission) will be held Saturday, October 13 from 8:30 a.m to 2:30 p.m. For more information, go to our Web site and click the Craft Fair 2007 link on the left side.

## Snacks Needed

We are looking for ministry partners who can bring snacks for the Saturday night's Northwind service. If you are interested, please call Trina Mazza at 270-2105.

Sunday, July 1 • 2 p.m. • Lions Park • Urbandale

## A Salute to American Liberty

paying tribute to all those who have served our country

### We need your talent!

We need musicians for a community concert at Lions Park, Sunday, July 1 at 2 p.m.

Everyone is invited.

- Vocalists
- Wind and String Players
- Children, Youth and Adults

Only six rehearsals:

Wednesdays, May 30, June, 6, 13, 20, 27

Children's Choir 6-7 p.m.

Choir 6-7 p.m.

Orchestra 7-8 p.m.

Praise Team TBD

Dress Rehearsal:

Saturday, June 30 from 8-10 a.m.

Sign up today in the narthex or call Julie Den Herder at 251-4632 or e-mail [jrdenherder@gmail.com](mailto:jrdenherder@gmail.com).

## Diana's Angels

Diana's Angels will meet Thursday, June 7 at 7 p.m. at Hope Lutheran, 3857 E. 42nd St., Des Moines. This will be their last meeting until August, so if you want packets handed out or picked up, please let us know. We are now supplying all four hospitals in Des Moines with baby outfits, blankets and booties. If you have questions, contact Lois Cole at 288-1250. Thanks for your help in this wonderful outreach to grieving parents and family members.

## Needed: Bean-Bag Chairs

GriefShare is looking for 12 adult bean-bag chairs for their new children's support group. If you would like to donate gently-used bean-bag chairs, please contact Lynn Myer at 986-5653.



## Scrapbook Fellowship

Scrapbook Fellowship will meet Friday June 8 from 8:30 a.m - 11 p.m. in rooms 131-133. Come join us as your schedule allows; new scrappers are always welcome. For more information contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.



Let's get to know each other series:

## Life Transformed to Help Others.

What started out as a simple question about Kentucky mission work branched into a life that is now dedicated to mission work locally, nationally and internationally.

Bill Clark, member of Gloria Dei, originally wanted to join the Kentucky mission team in 2005, but could not because of a schedule conflict. Instead he opted to travel with a team from Gloria Dei to provide medical supplies to the people in Honduras. His life has never been the same since.

"I have never been out of the country, so I was very nervous. But the entire experience was very motivating and eye-opening," said Bill.

His first trip made such an impression that he decided to return the following year and plans to join Gloria Dei's Honduras team on June 23-30. In addition, Bill has begun training to become a team leader for Habitat for Humanity's work in third-world countries; his first assignment begins next Sunday in El Salvador.

Bill states that his experiences have made him more aware of the needs of others. "Even though I can't speak the language, it is amazing to see how people respond to the smallest things that we might give to them," said Bill. "I received more than I ever gave."



*Bill Clark enjoys spreading the love of Jesus to the children in Honduras.*

Bill recalls how he was able to share the love of Jesus to a woman who came in for a doctor's appointment. The next day the woman excitedly tugged at Bill's arm, because she had brought her children to meet him and to see the doctor.

Bill's perspective of living in America has also changed. "I am very lucky to have what I have," said Bill. "I sometimes ask myself: Why was I lucky to be born in the United States as compared to Honduras where I probably would have lived and slept on dirt floors?"

Without the support of his wife, Lesli; and his three children, Manda, 13, Sydney, 6, and Kelsey, 4; and the people from Gloria Dei, Bill would not be pursuing this newly-found passion. After the two summer trips, Bill plans to build and support teams internationally, nationally and locally.

"Five years ago I would have never thought about going on a trip like this, now I can't imagine not going," said Bill. "I think going on a mission trip is part of God's command to fulfill the great commission as spoken in Matthew 28:16-20. It has certainly changed my life in almost everything I do on a day-to-day basis. My goal is to now bring the same experience I have had to as many people as possible."

## Basketball

The summer can't stop us from shooting baskets on Monday evenings. Join us Mondays at 6:30 p.m. for basketball at its finest. If you have any questions, contact Dan Morton at 978-4504. Childcare provided.

## Lost and Found

Look in your closet to see if you are missing a coat, a set of keys or gloves. We have many items on the lost and found shelf behind the Information Center, which need to be collected. All items not claimed by Sunday, June 10 will be given away. If you have any questions, call Marsha at 276-1700.

## Summer Reading Program

### Join us Today!

The summer reading club will take a ride on the reading railroad! Register today. The summer reading club is open to all children ages 3 to grade 6.

In addition, volunteers are needed to help tally points earned in the summer reading club. If you can help this summer, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

# All Aboard!

## Summer Story Time

During June and July we will be reading stories to children in the library after the 7:45 and 9 a.m. services. Children can relax and enjoy a few stories while their parents enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation with each other. Children will be gathered in the narthex immediately following each service and can be picked up at the library.

We need ministry partners, who can read their favorite stories and gather the children. If you are interested in helping, please sign up on the sheet at the Information Center or call Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.



ages 3-13

# Summer Camps

- Fine Arts
- Little Girls in 'Her' Story
- Girls in 'Her' Story
- Preteen Wacky Wednesdays
- Kindermusik
- Preschool
- Drama
- Science

It is not too late to register!



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



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### **Eighth Grade & Senior High Lock-out**

Please join us for some summer fun for grades 8-12 as we get to know the new confirmands. Please feel free to invite your friends.

#### **Friday, June 1**

**9 p.m.** Meet at Longview Golf Centre to hit golf balls, win prizes and get to know each other.

**10 p.m.** A bus will pick us up and take us to the Sportsplex West for rock climbing, soccer, batting cages and more.

#### **Saturday, June 2**

**1 a.m.** The bus will travel to Merle Hay Lanes for bowling.

**4:30 a.m.** The bus will take us to the Metro Ice Sports for ice skating fun.

Cost is \$30 per person, includes all the activities, transportation and pizza.

This event is based on written registration by May 27, so if you want to attend sign-up today. Sign-up sheets are on the Youth Center door.

### **Lincoln Urban Plunge**

**June 29-July 1**

Take the Lincoln Urban Plunge with Christ for the City International and experience nine different inner-city ministries in one weekend. Go to jail, feed the homeless, help sort and hand out clothes, and experience six other activities. Open to all current students in grades 8-12. The cost is \$25 for the weekend and covers your meals, lodging and guide. If you are interested, contact Tim Kightlinger today.

### **The Point**

**Wednesday, May 30 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Grades 8-12**

High school large group Bible study will be Wednesday, May 30 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center and will continue throughout the summer.

**June 6**

After the Point, we will meet for a fall-planning brainstorming session from 7:30-9p.m.

### **Wacky Wednesdays**

**Grades 6-7**

**Join us for the following wacky Wednesdays:**

June 27 Adventureland Park  
Departs from Gloria Dei at 9:30 a.m.  
Returns at 5:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$18.50 (doesn't include lunch)

July 18 Science Center of Iowa  
Departs from Gloria Dei at 12:30 p.m.  
Returns at 4 p.m.  
Cost: \$6

August 8 Iowa Cubs Game  
Departs from Gloria Dei at 11:30 a.m.  
Returns at 4 p.m.  
Cost: \$6

Register today by grabbing a registration form at the Youth Center door.

# Week of May 27- June 2

**Sunday, May 27**

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary

**Monday, May 28**

**Memorial Day - Offices Closed**

**Tuesday, May 29**

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Restorative Justice
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Near and Far

**Wednesday, May 30**

- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Creatures of the Ocean
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Children's Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Patriotic Orchestra

**Thursday, May 31**

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Restorative Justice
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections MAT

**Friday, June 1**

- 9:15 a.m. Moms Club of Des Moines Metro West
- 9:00 p.m. Eighth Grade Welcoming Lock-out

**Saturday, June 2**

- 12:00 a.m. Eighth Grade Welcoming Lock-out
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 6:30 p.m. New Member Reception

<b>Outpouring of Love</b>	
General Fund Offerings	\$16,379
YTD Offering	\$1,249,273
YTD Budget	\$1,233,260

<b>Last Week's Attendance</b>			
Northwind	127	<b>Communion</b>	
7:45 a.m.	158	7:45 a.m.	138
9 a.m.	346	9 a.m.	246
10:30 a.m.	358	10:30 a.m.	133
<b>Total</b>	989		

## Week of June 3- June 9

### Sunday, June 3

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. S.H.A.P.E. Class

### Monday, June 4

- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 7:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Meeting

### Tuesday, June 5

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Peakaboo, I Love You
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Zoo Train
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Around the World
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare Monthly Meeting

### Wednesday, June 6

- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Creatures of the Ocean
- 5:30 p.m. Strategic Planning MAT
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Children's Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Patriotic Orchestra

### Thursday, June 7

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

### Friday, June 8

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

### Saturday, June 9

- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion

## 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 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.

# Week in Review



Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool wrapped up the school year this past week with lots of fun, picnics and games.

Join the fun for the fall; registration for the preschool is being accepted by contacting Terry Steinke at 278-5544, ext. 305.

## Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

**Sunday Morning:** 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional-blend • 10:30 Contemporary-blend  
Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:20 a.m. (September-April) • Staffed Nursery from 8 a.m.-noon

**Saturday Evening:** 5:30 Contemporary  
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. (September-April) • Staffed Nursery from 5:15 p.m.