



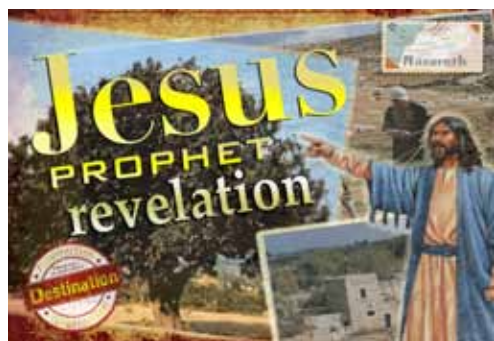
WEEKLY WORD

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April 2 and 3, 2011 | Fourth Sunday in Lent

A prophet speaks

After 12 weeks of traveling in the Old Testament, we will now visit the New Testament and land in Nazareth. If you recall, Nazareth is where Jesus was raised as a child. And now as an adult, he traveled back to the synagogue, unrolled the scroll of the prophet



Isaiah and boldly read:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Luke 4:18-19

Amazing words. And even more amazing are his words that followed: “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Jesus was the fulfillment of all that is in the Old Testament. As we will see today and in the next few weeks, Jesus is the prophet, the priest and the king. As the prophet, he would speak for God and reveal his will for his people. However, a prophet is not always honored in his hometown as we will see by the response of the people after Jesus spoke in the synagogue. In fact, the people in the synagogue were so disgruntled that they drove Jesus out of town to throw him off a cliff.

In today’s message, we will look at the reality of God speaking and people not listening. A harsh and ever-present reality in the Bible and in our lives. Are there times when God speaks to us and we do not heed his instruction? What are some signs that we are closing our ears and heart to God? Can we change our deaf-ear tendency and acutely listen to our Savior’s words?

Multi-site update

In February, we held Town Hall meetings to present and to discuss multi-site ministry and the current space issues. This information along with the feedback from the congregation at the Town Hall meetings defined a clearer direction for our ministry. With this information at hand, four new Ministry Action Teams were formed to examine the benefits, the details and the cost of a multi-site ministry at Gloria Dei.

Next week, at the end of each worship service, Pastor Burcham will share the progress that has been made toward the possibilities of becoming a multi-site ministry. Following each worship service, Pastor Burcham and members of the Governing Board will be available to answer questions and to receive your feedback concerning the direction of multi-site ministry. We desire your feedback and appreciate your prayers. We look forward to seeing you next week.

Saturday, April 9 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Sunday, April 10 from 8:45-10 a.m. in room 128

Sunday, April 10 from 10 a.m. to noon in Family Life Center

April 9-10 **Hint**

Next week’s destination

Hint:

Priests interceded for the people in the Old Testament. Jesus intercedes for us.

Write your answer here.

Dinner Theater

There is still time to join us for the dinner theater. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Saturday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Ticket prices: \$10 - adults; \$8 under 10 and over 55

Lenten Worship

Join us Wednesday, April 6 at 12:15 and 6 p.m.

“Were You There? When He was Crowned with Thorns”

All worshippers are invited to our midweek meal (walking tacos) from 5-5:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Adults eat for \$4 and children and youth eat for \$2. Children under 2 eat free.

30 Hour Famine

The youth will be collecting donations after worship services that will help feed and care for children in poverty-afflicted countries.

For more details, see page 5.

Worship survey results

As a large congregation, we are always trying to find ways to gather feedback and suggestions from our members. Since it is impossible to personally ask every member about what he or she is experiencing, from time to time we provide avenues where members can voice their thoughts, such as the worship survey that was conducted a few weeks ago. It is our belief that by obtaining a “pulse” of those worshipping at Gloria Dei, we can plan more effective ways to engage and minister to the congregation in our mission to bring Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime.

The 14-question worship survey was issued for the purpose of gathering feedback and data allowing worship ministry staff to evaluate the effectiveness of the services, to determine what are the major influences affecting attendance, to evaluate the elements in the services, including the messages, the study guides, and the overall feeling of the ability of the service to foster a relationship with God. Demographic information was also gathered to allow worship ministry staff to study data related to service preference, home location, and age.

We had 297 surveys returned, both hard copy and electronic versions. This would account for nearly 30 percent of the average weekly attendance at Gloria Dei. If we were to take into consideration nearly 200 children and youth are counted toward the average attendance but were not invited to respond, the percentage of completed surveys would rise to about 37 percent. The response to the survey will give us a great feel for what the congregation is thinking and feeling about the services at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

In the next few weeks, the worship ministry along with the pastoral staff will further analyze the data to evaluate what changes should occur based upon this survey.

From an overview we discovered:

1. Convenient time was the first influence on when people attend services while music style was the second influence.
2. If service times were changed on Sunday morning to 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m., 39 percent of the respondents indicated they liked the change; while 37 percent indicated it did not matter to them; 23 percent of the respondents did not like the potential change. When analyzing the responses from only the 10:30 a.m. service respondents, 50 percent did not like the move to 11 a.m.
3. An overwhelming majority of respondents (93.4 percent) to the survey experience a sense of God’s presence, gain knowledge of God, have opportunities for vulnerability, and interact with God in Word and deeds in every service and venue often or most of the time.
4. An overwhelming majority of respondents (97.7 percent) agree or strongly agree that the messages provide sound doctrine and are biblically accurate, applicable to personal life, are engaging and personally inspiring.
5. The three cities representing the largest concentration of respondents were Urbandale, Johnston, and West Des Moines. Des Moines and Clive rank as number four and five.

A series of articles in the Weekly Word detailing more of the results will be published in the near future. If you have any questions, contact Bill Jesse, at 278-5544, ext. 217.



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Stephen Ministry

Our Stephen Ministry, an extension of our Congregational Care Ministry, consists of trained caregivers who help our members navigate through difficult times. They minister to those who are experiencing loneliness, loss of a spouse, retirement changes, unemployment, childbirth, discouragement, hospitalization, divorce, grief and terminal illness. With a caring heart and a listening ear, they encourage people through their current situations.

Our third wave of Stephen Ministers will be commissioned Sunday, May 22 at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Karen Buchholz, Judy Bunz and Shirley Hoveland will join the 25 individuals who have been commissioned as Stephen Ministers.

If you or someone you know need extra support through a difficult time, please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204. All conversations are completely confidential.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, April 3 are provided by Andrew and Marilyn Varley in honor of Gloria Dei Chorale and all those celebrating April birthdays.

Tiny Treasures' Consignment Sale

Friday, April 15 from 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 16 from 7:30-11 a.m.



tiny treasures
lutheran preschool

Twice a year Tiny Treasures holds a consignment sale that sells gently-used items for children. This event is open to the public, so invite your friends and neighbors.

Sellers: Sellers can print a registration form online or pick up a form at one of the Welcome Centers.

Volunteers: Lots of volunteers are needed for the sale. If interested, sign up at the sheet posted on the window of the preschool office.

The Iowa Prayer Breakfast

The fiftieth annual Iowa Prayer Breakfast with state and community leaders will be held Thursday, April 21 from 7:15-8:45 a.m. at the Polk County Convention Complex, 501 Grand Ave., Des Moines. Brannon Howse will speak on "Put Your Beliefs to the Test." For breakfast registration information or questions call 515-223-1500 by April 13. Tickets cost \$10 for students and \$20 for adults.

Relief work for Japan

President Harrison announced that The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will send \$200,000 to two Japanese Lutheran church bodies. He also encourages every LCMS individual to respond by prayer and financial support. To donate, please go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com and click on the "to help" link.

Servers

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

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

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

9 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Phil Robarge

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

Preacher:
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:
Kathy Stange

Acolytes:
7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Joe Bryson

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Dylan Elder

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Emma Vontalge

Scripture Readings:
Hebrews 1:1-3 and
Luke 4:14-30 (NIV)

Hospitality Team
Northwind
Team One

7:45 a.m.
Team One

9 a.m.
Team Five

9 a.m. (FLC)
Chad and Dawn
Christensen and Family
and Shawn and Amy
Corbin and Family

10:30 a.m.
Team One

Let's pray!

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 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For our families

Prayers

For the health of:

- Addison Blythe
- Brandon Smith
- Gene Osby
- Irene Holroyd
- Marjorie, Penny and Patricia Peters
- Sarah Fries

And for:

- For missionaries serving in troubled parts of the world
- For Ed and Connie Mautz and family as they help Connie's mother with health issues
- For the people of Japan and Libya
- All of our military and workers serving around the world specifically for Tom Kennedy, Nat Wunsch, Matt Price, Joe Phillips, Jeremy Strachan, Scott LeClair, Eric Lampe, Chad Stone, Craig Scott, Joshua Phillips and Trent Lumley

Prayer team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail Pastor Phillips at: tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address

2011 Holy Week and Easter services

Even though Easter is late in April, you may be thinking about making Easter plans with your family. The following information about Holy Week and Easter worship services may be helpful as you make plans with your friends and family.



Worship Services on Maundy Thursday, April 21

12:15 p.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)
6 p.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)
7:30 p.m. Contemporary-blend (Sanctuary)

Worship Services on Good Friday, April 22

12:15 p.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)
4:30 p.m. H3 (Family Life Center)
6 p.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)
7:30 p.m. Contemporary-blend (Sanctuary)

Easter Worship on Saturday, April 23

5:30 p.m. Contemporary (Family Life Center)
7 p.m. Contemporary-blend (Sanctuary)

Easter Worship on Sunday, April 24

8 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. H3 (Family Life Center)
11 a.m. Contemporary (Sanctuary)

LWML

Mary Ester Circle will meet Thursday, April 14 at 9 a.m. at the home of Lavonne Clark, 7309 Palm Dr., Urbandale.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Bonnie Scheideman, 731 34th Place, West Des Moines.

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, April 14 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread on Westown Parkway in West Des Moines.

Rebekah Circle will meet Wednesday, April 20 at 7 p.m. at the home of Shirley Daib, 205 N. Circle Drive, Grimes. Please remember to bring your items for YESS.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, April 11 at 7 p.m. at the home of Mikki Kinning, 4532 49th Pl., Des Moines.

Scrapbook fellowship

Friday, April 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. • Saturday, April 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come and go as you can; we love new faces. Join us in rooms 131-133. If you need childcare, contact Carol Wemndt by Wednesday, April 13 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

Gloria Dei quilters

Friday, April 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. • Saturday, April 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Gloria Dei quilters will be taking a shopping trip to Waukee Saturday, April 16 to look at fabric. Please be at church by 11 a.m. so we can drive out together. There's still time to get your new fabric sewn into quilts for Honduras and Camp Dodge. Rooms 130-134 will be available all day on Friday and Saturday so we'll have plenty of time for sewing too. Contact: Karen Hoff at Karenrhoff@hotmail.com.

Spring clean up

We are getting the campus ready for Easter. Join us Saturday, April 9 from 8 a.m. to noon as we rake and clean up our grounds. If we have extra people, we will move inside to clean pews and windows. For more details, contact Brandon Simpson at 710-5483.



LWML rally

Join the Des Moines West Zone Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Sunday, April 3 at 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3223 University Ave., Des Moines. Rev. Mark Gerken, Executive Assistant for Missions and Human Care, Iowa District West will speak. The cost is \$5; register by calling Kathryn Sprecher at 279-1123.



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

30 Hour Famine

Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9

The youth will be collecting donations after worship services April 2 and 3. Funds raised will help feed and care for children in poverty-afflicted countries around the globe and nationally.

Parents of Teens' Bible Study

Sunday, April 3, 10 and 17 from 9-10 a.m. in room 134

This Bible study is open to all parents of teens. Sessions will focus on learning to communicate with your teens to help them grow spiritually.

April 3 - "Communicating"

April 10 - "Attitude is Everything"

April 17 - "Helping Your Teen Grow Spiritually"

Junior High Café 923 (Grades 6-8)

Junior High Café 923 is a night to hang out, have a good time, eat, play games and bring your friends. We will meet Sunday, April 10 from 5-8 p.m.

Junior high (6-8)

Sunday: Castaway: Expect fun times at Castaway hour on Sundays from 9-10 a.m. The discussion topic will follow the "Destination - Resurrection" message series.

Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m. Students in grades 6-7 meet in small groups to discuss topics relevant to their lives.

Senior high (8-12)

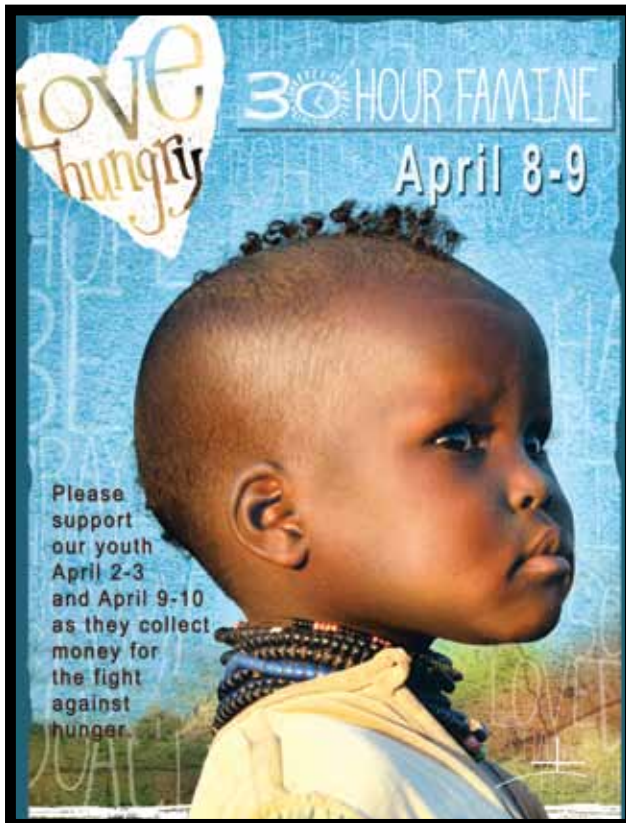
The Point: Join us this Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m. in the Youth Center for praise, large-group Bible study and small-group discussion for grades 8-12.

Senior High Bible Study: Join us for Bible study on Sunday morning from 9-10 a.m.

30 Hour Famine

The youth will collect donations after worship services next weekend. Funds raised will help feed and care for children in poverty-afflicted countries around the globe and nationally.

Please pray for our youth as they prepare for the famine.



Joppa homeless camp clean ups

Joppa ministry, coordinated with the Street Outreach Coalition and the local unsheltered homeless community, invites the congregation to help clean up homeless camps in Des Moines on Saturday, April 2 and 9 from 8:30 to noon. Please meet at the American Red Cross, 2116 Grand Ave., Des Moines; bring work gloves, boots and outdoor apparel. If you have any questions, call 577-7768.

Items needed

Urbandale Food Pantry - Please consider donating toothpaste in April to the "Food Pantry" bin in the narthex.

Honduras Mission - Please drop off adult vitamins, calcium and Vitamin E in April to the "Honduras" bin in the narthex.

Week of April 2-9, 2011

Saturday, April 2

- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theater

Sunday, April 3

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 7:45 a.m. H3 Worship Practice
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Castaway
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Parents of Teens Bible Study
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place

Monday, April 4

- 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - The Patriarchs
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision - afternoon
- 3:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study - The Patriarchs
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision - evening
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training
- 7:00 p.m. Bell Ensemble

Tuesday, April 5

- 6:30 a.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 4:50 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 5:00 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 5:15 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 5:30 p.m. Stephen Minister MAT
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:05 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:40 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 6

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 12:15 p.m. Midday Lenten Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers

Thursday, April 7

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Care Night
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care for Kids
- 6:30 p.m. Strategic Planning MAT Meetings
- 6:30 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, April 8

- 8:00 a.m. Urbandale Police Honor Guard Practice
- 10:00 a.m. Teachers' Conference Planning
- 5:00 p.m. 30 Hour Famine

Saturday, April 9

- 12:00 a.m. 30 Hour Famine Continues
- 8:00 a.m. Spring Clean Up
- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Multi-site Question and Answer Session

| Worship (March 26-27) | Attendance | Communion |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------|
| Northwind | 176 | 114 |
| 7:45 a.m. | 105 | |
| 9 a.m. (Sanctuary) | 372 | |
| 9 a.m. (FLC) | 102 | 42 |
| 10:30 a.m. | 313 | |
| Total | 1,068 | 156 |

| Outpouring of Love (March 26-27) | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| General Fund Offerings | \$34,049 |
| 3rd QTD Offering | \$387,233 |
| 3rd QTD Budget | \$396,000 |

| Lenten Worship (March 30) | Attendance |
|---------------------------|------------|
| 12:15 p.m. | 57 |
| 6 p.m. | 343 |
| Total | 400 |

Week of April 9-16, 2011

Saturday, April 9

12:00 a.m. 30 Hour Famine Continues
 8:00 a.m. Spring Clean Up
 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
 6:30 p.m. Multi-site Question and Answer Session

Sunday, April 10

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 7:45 a.m. H3 Worship Practice
 8:45 a.m. Multi-site Question and Answer Session
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
 9:00 a.m. Castaway
 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. Parents of Teens Bible Study
 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Multi-site Question and Answer Session
 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
 1:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #659
 1:30 p.m. Piano Recital- Lynn Hays
 2:30 p.m. Girl Scout Daisy Troop
 5:00 p.m. Junior High Café 923

Monday, April 11

9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - The Patriarchs
 3:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #806
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club
 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study - The Patriarchs
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training
 7:00 p.m. Bell Ensemble

Tuesday, April 12

6:30 a.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood
 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
 5:00 p.m. Health and Fitness

Tuesday, April 12 (continued)

5:15 p.m. Carilloneurs
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Dance Recital
 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
 6:40 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 13

10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
 12:15 p.m. Midday Lenten Worship Service
 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
 6:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service
 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
 7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
 7:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale Setup

Thursday, April 14

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures' Consignment Sale Setup
 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
 6:00 p.m. Infusion Practice
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
 6:30 p.m. Care Night
 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care for Kids
 6:30 p.m. Health and Fitness
 7:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert MAT

Friday, April 15

8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures' Consignment Sale
 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters

Saturday, April 16

7:30 a.m. Tiny Treasures' Consignment Sale
 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
 1:00 p.m. Baby Shower
 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

| Children's Attendance | Saturday 5:50 p.m. | Sunday 9:20 a.m. | Sunday 10:50 a.m. | Wednesday 6:15 p.m. |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Preschool | 8 | 25 | 15 | 20 |
| Elementary | 24 | 62 | 45 | 86 |
| Total Children | 32 | 87 | 60 | 106 |

| Youth Attendance | Sunday | Wednesday 6:15 p.m. |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Junior High | 18 | 79 |
| Senior High | 11 | 30 |
| Total Youth | 29 | 109 |

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

Welcome! Please take some time to get to know us. If you have any questions, ask any of our member or stop by the Welcome Center today!

Weekend Worship Services

Northwind Contemporary Worship Service: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center: This come-as-you-are service offers high-energy worship. Families are encourage to worship together; children will be invited to an educational time 20 minutes after the service begins.

Traditional Worship Service: Sunday at 7:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Join us in this classical Lutheran worship service that utilizes all the divine services and hymns from the new Lutheran Service Book.

Traditional Worship Service: Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Our classical Lutheran worship makes use of written and free-flow liturgy with traditional hymns. Families are encourage to worship together; children and youth will be invited to an educational time 20 minutes after the service begins.

H-3 Family Worship Service: Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center: Experience the wonder of a child in this casual and friendly-family atmosphere where families with young children worship together. Toe-tapping hymns, lively praise music and puppets will capture the heart of all family members. Families are encourage to worship together; children and youth will be invited to an educational time 20 minutes after the service begins.

Infusion-Contemporary Worship: Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary: This service offers high-energy worship using contemporary Christian songs and praise music. Families are encourage to worship together; children and youth will be invited to an educational time 20 minutes after the service begins.

Other Important Items

Nursery: Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level with access through the doors in the narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

Cry room: Located in the southwest corner of the narthex is a room with a full view of the Sanctuary for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying.

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.

Weekly Bible Reading

Hebrews 1:1-3 (NIV)

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary

Children's Educational Times: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon