



# WEEKLY WORD

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April 30 and May 1, 2011 | Second Sunday of Easter

## Congratulations to the 2011 Confirmation Class



We are thankful for these youth as they publicly announce their faith during the Confirmation service on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Please take time to congratulate them on this exciting time in their lives. *Photo by Drake Photography.*

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| Noah Betten    | Kendall Hays    | Ross Kromminga   | Alison Soelberg  |
| Hannah Brunsen | Tyler Hughes    | Harrison Kruse   | Morgan Spring    |
| Noah Egger     | Shuda Jarboe    | Natalie Larimer  | Eddie Steinfeldt |
| Dylan Elder    | Krysta Johnson  | Jessica Martens  | Ciera Swackhamer |
| Nate Evans     | Mark Johnson    | Ross Miller      | Bailey Swift     |
| Eric Fluegge   | Emma Jordan     | Jacob Nichols    | Matthew Tanner   |
| Ryan Foreman   | Jared Jorgenson | Maddie Pals      | Sophia Vogeler   |
| Myles Glandorf | Tyler Junge     | Nikia Pope       | Betheny Wilson   |
| Sam Hainline   | Carly Kinning   | Hannah Riedinger | Zoe Wissler      |
| Kassidy Hays   | Allison Klein   | Michael Schmidt  | Danielle Wright  |



### “Upside Down Thinking” message series begins today

There are teachings in Scripture that just defy common thinking, they seem upside down. Jesus says you must die to live, the last shall be first, and love your enemies. Today we will look at the paradox of our Lord’s words when he proclaimed that as we lose our lives for him, we will gain our lives. Upside-down thinking, don’t you think?

## Strategic Plan

A few weeks ago, Pastor Burcham spoke to the congregation about multi-site ministry. If you were not present during his talk, the video can be seen on our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) by clicking the “Strategic Plan” link in the left column. Question and answer sessions were then held with Pastor Burcham and the Governing Board to answer questions concerning becoming a multi-site ministry. The following are a few questions which reoccurred throughout the sessions:

### When will we know more about multi-site ministry?

The four MATs are working diligently to gather more information to bring to the congregation. Here is a timeline of what you can expect in the next few months:

- **Late May:** Every member will receive the Annual Report in the mail along with an updated multi-site ministry handout outlining the progress.
- **June:** Pastor Burcham will again address the congregation after each worship service with additional information that has been gathered. After that, we will ask each member to give their feedback on multi-site ministry through an online survey.
- **July:** The Governing Board (including both incoming and outgoing members) will meet to analyze the online congregational survey results. If it looks like the congregation is in favor of pursuing multi-site ministry, the Board will form a comprehensive plan to bring to the congregation. At that important juncture, we believe that a final decision has to emanate from the entire family at Gloria Dei—it has to be a family decision.

### Will current members be asked to attend another site initially?

As we have done in the past when launching a new worship service, we will ask members to consider and pray about being a missionary for the new campus. Their participation in worship will create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for new worshippers as well as current members.

Please keep in mind that no one will be required to attend a particular worship service or campus. Multi-site ministry allows people who want to stay here to stay, and those who would like to attend worship at a different campus to do so. It allows us to grow our ministry in multiple locations.

### How would we determine where sites would be?

Since we currently have space issues, our first site has to be geographically close. In doing so, we can offer additional elements at a campus close to our Aurora campus that would relieve some of our space issues and be a short commute for our members. A new location would enhance our current facility by offering a coffee shop and additional meeting rooms. It is important to realize that the new site will be a fully functional campus, meaning it will have at least one worship service, as well as weekend educational times for children, youth and adults. To alleviate space issues, our midweek educational times for youth would be offered at the new campus.

A third campus is also being considered in the not-so-distant future. This campus would be more of a mission site with a pioneer/missionary mindset in an area where a cluster of our members live, such as the Johnston/Grimes area, where 23% of our members live.

### Will more pastors and staff need to be hired?



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We are in the process of determining the specific staffing needs for a multi-site ministry. In the meantime, we need to train more ministry partners in all areas of ministry and encourage them to use their gifts and abilities.

### What does the District say about this?

Iowa District West is interested in multi-site ministry because they believe it might be a possible model for rural congregations. Looking at rural towns, some churches are remaining steady with membership, but there are financial challenges because the majority of congregations worship 100 or less. Their limited resources make it difficult to maintain a full-time minister and ministry.

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, May 1 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Family Life Center is for:



**C** Chloe Grace McMartin born on March 28, 2011 to Daniel and Sharon (nee Rowedder) McMartin. Chloe's spiritual sponsors are Larry and Nancy Rowedder and Grant McMartin (in absentia).

## Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary Sunday, May 1 are provided by Joe and Mikki Kinning in honor of the Confirmands.

## Discovery 101

**Thursday, May 5-May 26 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** This informal class is for all who are new to the Lutheran faith. You will learn the basics of our beliefs and be encouraged to develop your faith in God. To register, please go to our adult page on our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com). If you would like to use the childcare services we offer, please indicate this when you register.

## Address changes

If you have a new address, cell phone or e-mail, please notify us by e-mailing Diane Schmidt at [diane@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:diane@gloriadeionline.com) or by calling the church office at 276-1700. Thank you for helping us keep our records up to date!

## DivorceCare

We will host a summer session of Divorce Care on Thursday, June 2-August 25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. If interested, please go to the congregational care page of our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).

## Servers

### Officiant/Liturgist:

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

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Rev. Phil Robarge

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

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

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Rev. Phil Robarge

10:30 a.m. (FLC):  
Rev. Tim Phillips

### Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

### Organist:

Kathy Stange

### Acolytes:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Aaron Siems

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Alaina Lampe

10:30 a.m. (FLC):  
Anna Miller

### Scripture Readings:

Romans 6:1-7 and  
Mark 8:34-38 (NIV)

### Hospitality Teams

#### Northwind (FLC)

Team One

#### 7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Team One

#### 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Team Four

#### 9 a.m. (FLC)

Bob and Suzy Loch and  
Family

#### 10:30 a.m. (FLC)

Team One

#### 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Confirmation Team

## 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 Confirmands

## Prayers

### For the health of:

- Addison Blythe
- Gene Osby
- Janet Hasstedt
- Quinn Sanford
- Marjorie, Penny and Patricia Peters
- Sarah Fries

### And for:

- The people of Japan and Libya
- For those in Alabama and throughout the south who were devastated by a tornado
- 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](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com) with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

## Scrapbook fellowship

**Friday, May 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. • Saturday, May 14 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, May 11 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

## Gloria Dei quilters

**Friday, May 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. • Saturday, May 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. .**  
Come join us as we make quilts for the summer Honduras mission trip. We will be in rooms 130-134. For more information, contact Karen Hoff at Karenhoff@hotmail.com.

## LWML

**Mary Ester Circle** will meet Thursday, May 12 at 9 a.m. at the home of Hazel Schroedel, 5212 Cody Dr., West Des Moines.

**Miriam Circle** will meet Tuesday, May 10 at 7 p.m. at the home of Barb Koepp, 808 48th St., West Des Moines.

**Naomi Circle** will meet Thursday, May 12 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread on Westown Parkway in West Des Moines.

## Freedom for Youth seeks partners

Freedom for Youth, 2301 Hickman Road, Des Moines, is looking for skilled and semi-skilled retired/unemployed individuals, who would like to come to Freedom for Youth and help us one or more days a week with special projects.

We will be having a kick-off informational meeting Thursday, May 5 at 9 a.m. Mark Nelson will share the vision and direction for this group, as well as the needs of Freedom for Youth. If you are interested, please contact Denise Juhl or Mark McGrew at 282-4822 or djuhl@freedomforyouth.org.

## Habitat for Humanity

**Monday, May 2-Saturday, June 11, 2011:** Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity will build a home with our friends at Thrivent and members of the Lutheran community. Our 2011 Thrivent Lutheran building opportunity begins with a Raise the Roof week starting Monday, May 2, and we invite you to join the fun. Friday, May 6 is the day designated for Gloria Dei to help, but you can serve anytime during the week. For more information, contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.

## Diana's Angels

**Monday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m.**

Diana's Angels will meet at Christ the King, 600 1st Ave. N., Altoona. They will make patterns and assemble packets. Seamstresses are needed for baby clothes; knitters and crocheters are needed for booties, caps and blankets. If you have questions, contact Ann Carrick at 789-9504.

## Mapleton Update

The members of Gloria Dei donated \$3,530 to give to St. Matthew Lutheran, which is actively helping the community recover from the tornado that hit Mapleton on April 9. For up-to-date recovery information, please check our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).

## Items needed

**Urbandale Food Pantry** - Please consider donating shampoo in May to the "Food Pantry" bin in the narthex.

**Honduras Mission** - Additional items needed in May for the Honduras mission are children's ibuprophen (liquid and chewable for all ages). Please place items in the "Honduras" bin in the narthex.

**Eyeglasses** - The Honduras team is also collecting eyeglasses to take with them. Place them in the "Honduras" bin in the narthex.

## Ruth Harbor

Ruth Harbor is hosting its annual Walk for Life on May 7 at 9:30 a.m. For more information on participating in the walk or sponsoring a walker, go to [ruthharbor.org](http://ruthharbor.org).

## Book Study

**Wednesday, May 4 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Cry Room.**  
"The Lights of Tenth Street" by Shaunti Feldhahn. A great Christian fiction set in modern day Atlanta. The spiritual battle over a lost soul and a long-time church member are intertwined and could change the American culture.

## Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

### Ignite Welcome Event (Grades 8-12)

**Friday, May 13 at 6 p.m. to Saturday, May 14 at 1 p.m.** This event is to welcome 8th graders into the senior high youth group. The cost is \$25. Sign-up sheet is on the youth bulletin board. Sign up and payment deadline is Sunday, May 8.

### Habitat for Humanity

After the Ignite Welcome Event, the youth are invited to help with a service project by building a shed for Habitat for Humanity from 1-5 p.m.

### Summer mission trip meeting Sunday, May 15 from 10-10:30 a.m. in the Youth Center.

This required meeting for youth and parents will discuss all the details of this summer's mission trip.

If you have not registered, you can do so by attending the meeting. Both youth and parents need to attend.

## Junior high (6-8)

**Castaway: Sunday from 9-10 a.m.**  
Castaway will meet this Sunday.

### Spring/summer schedule:

May 8, 15, 22 and 29 - Castaway will not meet.  
June 5 - Castaway will resume.

## Senior high (8-12)

**The Point: Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m.**

### Spring/summer schedule:

The Point will not meet May 4, but will resume May 11 and run throughout the summer.

**Senior high Bible study: Sunday from 9-10 a.m.**

We will meet May 1 and run through May 23.

**Recognition dinner: Wednesday, May 4 at 6 p.m.**

Graduating seniors and their families are invited to a recognition dinner and program. RSVP required!

**Nagu/senior high leadership meeting**

**Wednesday, May 4 from 7-8:30 p.m.**

Contact TK if interested in joining the team.



## Children's ministry updates

This weekend wraps up our school year Grace Place. We are thankful for our children, teachers and assistants for their diligence and enthusiasm.

**Summer Grace Place:** We will offer a time where children can have fun and learn about God. We start June 4 at 5:50 p.m. and June 5 at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. and will run through the end of July.

**Summer Camps:** We have lots of camps, planned for this summer starting June 7. Want more information? Grab a Summer Camps booklet at the Welcome Centers or go online at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).



**Patriotic Concert Children's Choir:** Join the choir Wednesday, May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15 and 22 from 6-7 p.m. as we prepare for the Patriotic Concert to be held Sunday, June 26 at Living History Farms.

**Summer VBS:** We are preparing for our Wednesday evening VBS extravaganza starting July 6 through July 27.

## Consignment Sale

Tiny Treasures' Spring Consignment Sale was our best yet! We had 60 sellers, many wonderful volunteers and hundreds of customers. The preschool received \$4,350 from the sale. A huge thank you to all who participated and helped.

## Camp Okoboji 2011 programs

Camp Okoboji in Milford, Iowa was established in 1940 by a group of people who had a vision for outdoor ministry. The camp is owned by members of Iowa District West of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. In addition to youth and family camps, there are opportunities for families to reserve facilities for family reunions and church organizations. For more information and a list of their many camps, please visit their Web site at [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org).

# Week of April 30-May 7, 2011

## Saturday, April 30

- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 4:00 p.m. Brent Lueders and Jennifer Trenkamp Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, May 1 - Confirmation Sunday

- 7:45 a.m. H3 Worship Practice
- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 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. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:30 a.m. Wright Confirmation Party
- 4:30 p.m. Piano Recital - Angie Gage

## Monday, May 2

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - The Patriarchs
- 3:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study - The Patriarchs
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training

## Tuesday, May 3

- 6:30 a.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest)
- 11:30 p.m. Monthly Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Good Friday Services	Attendance
12:15 p.m. (Sanctuary)	87
4:30 p.m. (FLC)	95
6:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)	389
7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)	140
<b>Total</b>	<b>711</b>

## Tuesday, May 3 (Continued)

- 5:00 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 5:30 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Iowa Christian Academy Band Concert

## Wednesday, May 4

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. Bell Ensemble
- 6:00 p.m. Senior Recognition Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. Book Club
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

## Thursday, May 5

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 11:30 a.m. Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Friday, May 6

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines

## Saturday, May 7

- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion

Easter Worship Services	Attendance
5:30 p.m. (Family Life Center)	190
7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)	112
8:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)	435
9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	671
9:30 a.m. (Family Life Center)	183
11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)	383
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,974</b>

Outpouring of Love (April 23-24)	
General Fund Offerings	\$32,880
4th QTD Offering	\$128,526
4th QTD Budget	\$138,000

# Week of May 7-14, 2011

## Saturday, May 7

- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion

## Sunday, May 8

- 7:45 a.m. H3 Worship Practice
- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 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. Senior High Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #659

## Monday, May 9

- 8:00 a.m. Urbandale Police Honor Guard Practice
- 9:00 a.m. Quarterly Planning Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's 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
- 6:00 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 Supervision - evening

## Tuesday, May 10

- 6:30 a.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood
- 9:00 a.m. Staff Quarterly Planning Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 5:30 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

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## Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is a year-round camp, affiliated with the Iowa District East of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, offering lots of outdoor activities and camps for children. For further information, go to [www.campiodiseca.org](http://www.campiodiseca.org).

## Wednesday, May 11

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. Bell Ensemble
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

## Thursday, May 12

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Friday, May 13

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 5:00 p.m. Justin Nielsen and Safia Beshir Wedding Rehearsal

## Saturday, May 14

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 3:30 p.m. Justin Nielsen and Safia Beshir Wedding
- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center

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## Financial Peace University

Tuesday, June 7 to August 30, 2011 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a 13-week life-changing program that empowers and teaches how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's plan for your life. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, increasing your ability to give and much more. The cost for the course is \$90 and includes CDS, book and budget envelope system. To register go to the adult page on our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).

## Casting Crowns

Award-winning Christian artist Casting Crowns will perform with special guest Sanctus Real on Thursday, August 11 at the Iowa State Fair Grandstand. An exclusive pre-sale has begun by going online to [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

# 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 members 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

### Mark 8:34-38 (NIV)

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

## 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