



WEEKLY WORD

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April 9 and 10, 2011 | Fifth Sunday in Lent

His sacrifice and mediation

At this, some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he is saying." John 16:17-18



Today we land in the midst of a developing controversy in Jerusalem as the disciples wrestle with Jesus' words. They begin to banter among themselves: What is Jesus actually saying? We won't see him? And then we will see him? Makes no sense. Besides, define in real time, what a little while is? Is it a month, a day or tomorrow?

Jesus understood their confusion. He further explained the reason behind his impending death—he was to give his life as a sacrifice, so that he could appear in God's presence for them—all the time and in every situation throughout eternity.

The book of Hebrews gives us more insight into what this entails. In the Old Testament priests interceded for the people, but the High Priest would go into the Holy of Holies and be in the presence of God to offer sacrifices for the people. Jesus is our High Priest, who offered his own body, obtaining eternal redemption for mankind. His sacrifice was once and for all, and he now intercedes to the Father for us. His perfect sacrifice ushers us into direct access to the Father. A great place to be, wouldn't you agree?

In today's message, we will further examine how Jesus mediates for us as a High Priest and how it applies to our lives.

Multi-site update

This week at the end of each worship service, Pastor Burcham will share what it means to be a multi-site congregation and how that would look at Gloria Dei as we seek to bring Jesus to people for the first time and for a lifetime. It is our prayer that his talk will help all of us gain a glimpse into the specific aspects of multi-site ministry. You will also receive an informational sheet from an usher that further explains multi-site ministry and how it relates to our Strategic Plan.

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.

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

We strongly desire your feedback, so we have a separate response sheet for you to fill out, and return to the Welcome Center, the church office, or to the Governing Board today or throughout the week. We appreciate your attention, prayers, and thoughts as we look to bring Jesus to people for the first time and a lifetime.

April
16-17 **Hint**

Next week's destination

Hint:

**An eternal kingdom...
the battlefield a hill...
the weapon a cross.**

Write your answer here.

Easter

We are excited about our Easter worship services.

Invite a friend or a neighbor to come along with you.

For more details, see page 4.

Lenten Worship

Join us Wednesday, April 13 at 12:15 and 6 p.m.

"Were You There? When He was Crucified"

All worshippers are invited to our midweek meal (deli night) 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.

Tiny Treasures' Consignment Sale

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

If you have never been to the Consignment Sale, you must go to this one. Not only are there great deals, but the proceeds help to fund our beloved preschool.

Third Quarter Financial Update

The following update conveys our financial standing for our third quarter ending March 31, 2011.

Giving offering compared to prior year

Offering income shows an increase of \$6,825 or 1.84% compared to the third quarter of 2010.

Jul '09 - Jun '10	Jul '10 - Jun '11	DIFFERENCE +/-	% Incr/-Decr
370,941	377,766	6,825	1.84%

Budgeted giving offering

Offering income shows a decrease of \$18,234 or 4.60% of our estimated budget.

Jul '10 - Jun '11	BUDGETED	OVER/(UNDER)	% Incr/-Decr
377,766	396,000	(18,234)	-4.60%

Total income compared to prior year

Total income, which includes giving, preschool tuition, building usage fees and other small revenue items, shows an increase of \$9,253 or 2.18% compared to the third quarter of 2010.

Jul '09 - Jun '10	Jul '10 - Jun '11	DIFFERENCE +/-	% Incr/-Decr
425,096	434,349	9,253	2.18%

Budgeted total income

Total income shows a decrease of \$24,538 or 5.35% of our estimated budget.

Jul '10 - Jun '11	BUDGETED	OVER/(UNDER)	% Incr/-Decr
434,349	458,887	(24,538)	-5.35%

Expenses compared to prior year

Expenses show a decrease of \$7,076 or 1.53% compared to last year.

Jul '09 - Jun '10	Jul '10 - Jun '11	DIFFERENCE +/-	% Incr/-Decr
463,493	456,417	(7,076)	-1.53%

Budgeted expenses

Expenses shows a decrease of \$25,217 or 5.24% of our estimated budget.

Jul '10 - Jun '11	BUDGETED	OVER/(UNDER)	% Incr/-Decr
456,417	481,634	(25,217)	-5.24%

Additional information

Of the total expenses, we were able to allocate \$12,500 to our Strategic Plan savings and \$35,000 back into the church's savings account, which was borrowed to cover first quarter expenses. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Jesse, Executive Director at 278-5544, ext. 217.



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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.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, April 10 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



C Charles Dean Godfrey born on Oct. 15, 2010 to Chad and Amanda (nee Gates) Godfrey. Charles' spiritual sponsor is Rachel Gates.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, April 10 are provided by Jim and Janet Tysse in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren and by Arlyn and Alice Hesse celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary on April 8.

Thank you from Family Camp

We would like to thank everyone who joined us for our "Family Camp" dinner theater. We were able to raise more than \$5,000. Not only did we raise these funds, everyone had a great meal and laughed a lot. We appreciate your support not only



financially, but through your encouraging words, prayers and participation. We'd like to thank everyone who helped put this event on, without you none of this would have been possible: Elaine Klinefelter, Shane Love and their kitchen crew; Dick Larimer and Nicole Gathercole with stage decoration; Lisa Gibson, Beth Corell and Diane Schmidt with programs, ticket sales and

background items; and the many others who worked hard to ensure the dinner theatre was a huge success. We look forward to sharing with the congregation all the spiritual events we will be able to participate in because of the funds raised. God will be praised and is praised in all we do.

~ God's blessings, TK (Tim Kightlinger) and the youth ministry

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:
5:30 p.m. (FLC):
Rev. Phil Robarge

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

Preacher:
Rev. Phil Robarge

Organist:
Sue Jesse

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

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Sarah Smith

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Allison Piper

Scripture Readings:
Hebrews 9:24-28 and
John 16:17-31 (NIV)

Hospitality Team

Northwind
Team Two

7:45 a.m.
Team Two

9 a.m.
Team One

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

10:30 a.m.
Team Two

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 Arlyn and Alice Hesse celebrating their wedding anniversary

Prayers

For the health of:

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

And for:

- 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)

Shuttle service for Easter

Help us to graciously host our guests at Easter by parking at the Urbandale Middle School. A shuttle will be available to take you and your family from Urbandale Middle school to the front entrance of the church on Easter Sunday from 6:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.

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 Karenhoff@hotmail.com.

Discovery 101

Tuesday, 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. If you would like to use the childcare services we offer, please indicate this when you register.

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.

Gloria Dei Youth Ministry



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 10 - "Attitude is Everything"

April 17 - "Helping Your Teen Grow Spiritually"

NAGU/Senior High Leadership Meeting

Sunday, April 17 from 5:30-7 p.m.

If you are interested in joining the NAGU leadership team, plan to attend the meeting and dinner.

Confirmation Rehearsal and Pictures

Wednesday, April 27 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Remember to bring your picture and CD order.

No jeans or tennis shoes for this event. Please be at church by 5:30 p.m.

Junior High Café 923 (Grades 6-8)

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

Junior high (6-8)

Castaway: Sunday from 9-10 a.m.

Spring/summer schedule: Castaway will not meet Sunday, April 24 - May 29, but will resume June 5.

Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m. Students in grades 6-7 will meet in small groups. Remember April 13 is our last night.

Senior high (8-12)

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

Spring/summer schedule:

The Point will not meet April 20, 27 and May 4, but will resume May 11 and run throughout the summer.

Senior High Bible Study:

Sunday from 9-10 a.m.

Spring/summer schedule:

We will not meet April 24 and throughout the summer; will resume in the fall.

The Wave

Grades 3-5: Sunday, April 17 from 2-3:30 p.m.

Participate in the "Amazing Race" based out of Gloria Dei. We will form six teams to travel to amazing places and do amazing things. We can't tell you all the activities, but we can tell you'll be put in zany situations with a group of your zany friends. So, be brave, be daring and join us. And feel free to invite your friends. **Help**

needed: We need an adult chaperone for each team; want to join the race? If so, call DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207 or show up.

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.

Eyeglasses - The Honduras team is also collecting eyeglasses to take with them. Place them in the "Honduras" bin in the narthex as soon as possible so the optometrist can determine their strength.

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. Please take a look at the available volunteer opportunities and sign up at: <http://gdmhabitat.volunteerlocal.com>. After selecting your opportunity, make sure to open your confirmation email. This is a critical step in the registration process.

For more information, contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.

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
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Multi-site Question and Answer Session
- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Piano Recital - Lisa Merfeld

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
- 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

Outpouring of Love (April 2-3)	
General Fund Offerings	\$24,480
4th QTD Offering	\$24,480
4th QTD Budget	\$28,000

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

Worship (April 2-3)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	158	
7:45 a.m.	129	101
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	343	244
9 a.m. (FLC)	91	
10:30 a.m.	296	193
Total	1017	538

Lenten Worship (April 6)	Attendance
12:15 p.m.	57
6 p.m.	214
Total	271

Week of April 16-24, 2011

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

Sunday, April 17

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. Lighthouse 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
 2:00 p.m. Chapel at Emeritus of Urbandale
 2:00 p.m. The Wave

Monday, April 18

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

Tuesday, April 19

6:30 a.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood
 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
 5:15 p.m. Carilloneurs
 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 20

10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
 5:30 p.m. Bell Ensemble
 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Ministry Partner Appreciation Dinner
 6:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
 7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers

Thursday, April 21

10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
 12:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday Midday Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion
 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion
 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Contemporary-blend Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion
 7:30 p.m. Worship Ministry Meeting

Friday, April 22

12:15 p.m. Good Friday Midday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
 4:30 p.m. Good Friday H3 Worship in the Family Life Center
 6:00 p.m. Good Friday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Contemporary-blend Worship in the Sanctuary

Saturday, April 23

8:00 a.m. Easter Worship Setup
 10:30 a.m. Easter Service Walk Through
 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
 5:30 p.m. Easter Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center
 7:00 p.m. Easter Contemporary-blend Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 24 - Easter

7:00 a.m. Easter Ministry Hospitality Meeting
 8:00 a.m. Easter Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m. Easter Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m. Easter H3 Worship in the Family Life Center
 10:30 a.m. Baptism Dinner - Schramm
 11:00 a.m. Easter Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary
 12:00 p.m. Baptism Dinner - Eckhoff

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday 6:15 p.m.
Preschool	9	19	15	17
Elementary	12	65	45	83
Total Children	21	84	60	100

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.

Weekly Bible Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28 (NIV)

For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

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.

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