



Holiday Sale or Christmas Promise?

If you haven't noticed, there are lots of ads this time of year guaranteeing the fulfillment of many promises: "Buy this necklace, and she will love you forever." "This toy will make your child happy for many years." If you stop to analyze these promises, their fallacy becomes evident.

That is not the case with the promises of God, is it? Even though some of the biblical promises seem as unlikely as these ads, God's promises always come true. Take for example, Gabriel's declarations to Mary concerning conceiving and bringing forth God's only begotten Son. Sounds completely outlandish, doesn't it? But God's promises are always faithful and larger than any of our expectations. So today, let's look at the true Christmas promises and rest assured that the same God continues to fulfill his promises to his people.



Family meeting

At the end of each worship service, Pastor Burcham will talk about the importance of praying and being informed before casting your vote next weekend. All the information concerning the vote is on the Comprehensive Plan DVD and magazine. Both can be found on our Web site or at the Welcome Centers. Be informed and pray!

The vote

Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011 from 4-8 p.m. • Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011 from 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Multi-site Ministry Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Sites

- Improvements to the Aurora campus.
- Purchase and renovation of the property at 9060 Hickman Road.
- A total project cost not to exceed \$5 million according to the Financial Model in the Comprehensive Plan.

Celebrating the coming of Christ



Christmas program

Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary

You don't want to miss this one. Experience Christmas through the eyes of children.

Christmas caroling

Saturday, Dec. 17 from 2-5 p.m.

Spread the joy. See page 4 for more details.

Advent worship

Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 12:15-12:45 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.

Let's continue to prepare our hearts.

2012 giving envelopes

Take a minute and pick up your 2012 giving envelopes on the tables by the north doors outside the Narthex.

It's been an awesome week at Gloria Dei. Multi-generational families worshipped at one of our Advent services, families enjoyed the creativity of creating Gingerbread masterpieces, individuals experienced the beauty of Christmas through music at the Cantata, and women enjoyed an evening preparing their hearts for Christ's coming during Advent by Candlelight.

And there is more to come! This Sunday, children will show us the pure wonder of Christ's birth during the "Sights and Sounds" Christmas program at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Congregational vote

Seek God’s direction this week. We firmly believe in the collective voice of God’s people, so read about the proposed plan and pray before casting your vote. Always keep in mind that your vote is vital in the process.

Requirements: All members 18 years of age by December 17, 2011 are eligible to vote. Voting stations will be located in rooms 131/133, located in the west education wing. Members will sign in and receive a paper ballot. The completed ballot will be placed in a secured container. An eight-member team comprised of members of the Governing Board (3), and congregants (5) has been established and will oversee the voting process.

The Governing Board has decided not to move forward with anything less than a 2/3 majority or 67 percent approval of those members who voted.

Absentee ballots: The deadline to request an absentee ballot was Friday, December 9, 2011. Absentee ballots returned to the church office by U.S. mail must be postmarked by Monday, December 12, 2011, or can be hand delivered to the church office by noon on Friday, December 16. If your plans change, and you will be at the church during the voting hours listed, you may place your absentee ballot in the secured ballot container located in rooms 131/133. Please note that you must bring your absentee ballot with you (another ballot will not be given to you).

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Multi-site Ministry Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Sites
Voter Ballot December 2011

This voter ballot is for a voting member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church to express their approval or non-approval of Gloria Dei’s Multi-site Ministry Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Sites, dated November 2011. Indicate your vote at the bottom of this ballot.

According to the Gloria Dei Constitution (Article V, Section B) and the By-Laws (Article II, Section Four), matters of acquiring property and incurring indebtedness shall be by majority vote of those members who voted. Therefore, a majority vote would authorize the Governing Board to move ahead with the project, but for such an important decision as this, the Board has decided that it will not move forward with anything less than a 2/3 majority (67% approval) of ballots cast.

Therefore to pass, this vote requires that 2/3 majority (67% approval) of those who voted will have voted in favor of the Multi-site Ministry Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Sites.

The direction provided by the congregation will be either “YES”- purchase and renovate the property at 9060 Hickman Road, Clive, and make improvements at the Aurora campus, as explained in the Multi-site Ministry Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Sites, or “NO” - non-approval of the purchase and renovation of the property at 9060 Hickman Road, Clive, nor making improvements at the Aurora campus, as explained in the Multi-site Ministry Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Sites.

A “Yes” vote indicates your approval of the Multi-site Ministry Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Sites and allows the Gloria Dei Governing Board to move forward with the purchase and renovation of the property at 9060 Hickman Road, Clive, and to make improvements at the Aurora campus, not to exceed a total project budget of \$5 million according to the Financial Model, as explained in the Multi-site Ministry Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Sites.

A “No” vote indicates your non-approval of the Multi-site Ministry Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Sites and does not allow the Gloria Dei Governing Board to move forward with the purchase and renovation of the property at 9060 Hickman Road, Clive, nor to make improvements at the Aurora campus.

VOTE FOR ONLY ONE **PLACE AN “X” IN THE DESIRED SPACE**

YES _____ (approval)

NO _____ (non-approval)

SAMPLE

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Saturday, Dec. 10 at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary is for:



A Adeline Paige Moberg born on November 6, 2009 to T.J. and Jackie (nee Rush) Moberg. Adeline's spiritual sponsors are Mike and Nicole Gathercole.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Saturday, Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary is for:



R Rhiannan Renee Gilster born on October 25, 2011 to Wes and Brenda (nee Lewis) Gilster. Rhiannan's spiritual sponsors are Nathan and Sarah Gilster, and Brad and Angie Lewis.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, Dec. 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary is for:



H Hannah Katheran Hanisch born on July 2, 2011 to James and Natasha (nee Helle) Hanisch. Hannah's spiritual sponsors are Taylor Young and Randy Bogaards, Jr. .



Z Zackary David Thompson born on September 21, 2011 to Jeremy and Shae (nee Sandel) Thompson. Zackary's spiritual sponsors are Nicole Umbarger, Jennifer Noto and Jessica Aschbrenner.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, Dec. 11 at 11:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary is for:



E Easton Miles Soppe born on September 19, 2011 to Corey and Anne (nee Stark) Soppe. Easton's spiritual sponsors are Susan Stark and Doug Soppe.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Dec. 11 are provided by Brad and Jacki Meyer celebrating their 10th anniversary on Dec. 9.

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. (FLC):
Rev. Phil Robarge

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

Preacher
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist

Kathy Brammeier

Acolytes

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Ryan Jackson

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Danny Kramer

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Natasha Canada

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 7:14;
Micah:5:1-2 and
Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)

Hospitality Teams

Northwind (FLC)
Team One

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team One

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team One

9 a.m. (FLC)
TBD

10:30 a.m. (FLC)
TBD

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team One

Let's pray!

Prayer requests can be made on the back of the "Welcome" card located in 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 Brad and Jacki Meyer celebrating their 10th anniversary

Prayers

For the health of:

- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Ed Mautz
- John Carstens
- Lyle Kramer
- Brenda Barron
- Addison Blythe
- Tom and Carol Beedle
- Roesella Kretschmer
- April Grimm
- Emma Anderson
- Katie Wollslager
- Sue Anderson
- Grace Phillips
- Dawn Pittmann
- Eli Horn
- Lynn Wampler
- Brenda Barron
- Shirley Disney

Prayer Ministry

To join the prayer ministry team, e-mail Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.



Join us Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services
Saturday, December 24

H3 (Young Family) Christmas Eve {Family Life Center}
| 4:00 |

Traditional Christmas Eve {Sanctuary}
| 3:00 | 4:30 | 6:00 | 7:30 |

Contemporary Christmas Eve {Family Life Center}
| 5:30 |

Christmas program

Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary



“Sights and Sounds of Christmas.” Come and experience Christmas through the eyes of children as they express the wonder of Christmas through what they see and hear.

LWML

Miriam Circle will meet for a Christmas luncheon Sunday, Dec. 11 at noon at the home of Norma Rohn, 9612 Tanglewood, Urbandale.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. at the home of Kay Readinger, 4210 132nd Street, Urbandale for its annual Christmas potluck and fellowship.

Comfort and Joy

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans invites you to an evening of piano music by local pianist, Pam Avaux of Urbandale, Sunday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at Lutheran Church of Hope, 925 Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines.

Christmas weekend worship

Sunday, Dec. 25 at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Please note: Since Christmas falls on a Sunday, we will only have a Christmas Traditional Service at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary. All other worship services will not be held.

Christmas caroling

Saturday, Dec. 17 from 2-5 p.m.; meal at 4:30 p.m.

We will meet in the Narthex to go Christmas caroling to our shut-ins and nursing home members. Following the caroling we will return to church for chili and fellowship. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Tiny Treasures' Christmas program



Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 5:30 p.m.
(for 2 and 3-year-olds)

Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
(for 4/5-year-olds and PreKs)

The entire congregation is invited to the Tiny Treasures' Christmas program, “Follow the Star.” Watch the preschool children as they enact how the wise men proclaimed the newborn Christ child by declaring, “We have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him.”



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger
tim@gloriadeionline.com

Senior high (9-12)

Bible Study Sunday at 9 a.m.

Join us for discussion about holiday sale or Christmas promise.

The Point - Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Join us for a multi-sensory active learning time.

Dec. 14 - Advent worship and class

Training Ground, Sunday evenings

We start the evening with small groups (6-7:15 p.m.) and then enjoy games and hang-out time (7:15-8:30 p.m.).

Youth Christmas Party

Wednesday, Dec. 21 from 6-7:15 p.m.

The senior high youth are invited to join us. Bring a food dish to share and a white-elephant gift to exchange.

Dinner theater rehearsals

April 27, 28 and 29 - Dinner theater rehearsals start in January. All teens and adults are invited to participate. We are looking for actors, directors, set designers, etc. Contact TK today.

Junior high (6-8)

Castaway - Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m.

Join us as we discuss holiday sale or Christmas promise.

Small Group - Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m.

Students in grades 6-8 meet in small groups to discuss various topics.

Dec. 14 - Advent worship and class

Revolve Tour

April 21, 2012, Omaha, Neb.

Girls in grades 8-12 are invited to join an exciting, fun, girls-only celebration! Join a thousand other girls from around the area and celebrate the gifts God has given you. Cost is \$60. More information can be found on the bulletin board.

Want to be hospitable with us?

Keep on loving each other as brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2

The Hospitality ministry has been up and running for more than a year. They have had the awesome opportunity to meet and assist those who attend Gloria Dei's worship services. In addition, many of the people who have served on the hospitality teams have witnessed growth in their teams as well as in the relationships they have built with others.

There is always room for more to serve on these teams as it takes anywhere from 8-10 people to serve at each service. We invite you to join one of our teams in 2012. If you have questions or would like to join us in serving, please stop by one of the Welcome Centers, located in the Narthex and the Family Life Center, to talk with a member of the team or contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com.

Faith Alive meal

Wednesdays from 5-5:45 p.m. Enjoy a meal with the entire family of Gloria Dei. Cost: \$5 per adult, \$2.50 child or youth (2 years and under eat free). **Dec. 14: Chicken Noodle Soup**

Fundraiser

Monday, Dec. 19 from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Eli Horn, a friend of Wendy Kropf, is a 7-year-old boy who is fighting cancer for the third time. Currently his entire family is in New York for several months where he is receiving treatment. You can help the family out by eating at Bandanas Bar-B-Q, 301 East 1st Street, Ankeny and praying for Eli. Present the following ticket to Bandanas on Monday, Dec. 19.

Please invite your friends and families to our Ankeny Location

301 East 1st Street (515-964-9989)

Present this ticket to your server and Bandana's will donate a percent of the total proceeds to the

Eli Horn Family

Good for Dine-In & Carryout

Learn About Eli's Story at

www.elihorn.com or www.elisarmy.com

Week of December 10-17, 2011

Saturday, December 10

- 8:00 a.m. Giving Tree Pick-up
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 12:15 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsals
- 3:00 p.m. Senior Adult Christmas Party
(June Reed's home)
- 3:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the
Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:35 p.m. Extended Worship Time

Sunday, December 11

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in
Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in
Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Casual Contemporary Worship Service
in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Parenting Teenagers for Positive
Results
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lighthouse Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life
Center with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 2:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 659
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Brownies
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 806
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Program
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Training Ground

Monday, December 12

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 7:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club
- 7:00 p.m. Facilities MAT Meeting

Tuesday, December 13

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Study

Wednesday, December 14

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 12:15 p.m. Advent Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Advent Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point

Thursday, December 15

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Celebration Home School Choir
- 3:00 p.m. Next Step
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 6:00 p.m. Girlz of Faith
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Andrew Mayfield and Wendy Dennis
Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Ministry Meeting

Friday, December 16

- 4:00 p.m. Andrew Mayfield and Wendy Dennis
Wedding

Saturday, December 17

- 2:00 p.m. Setsodi Birthday Party
- 2:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling
- 3:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Congregational Vote
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the
Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Worship (Dec. 3 and 4)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	172	
7:45 a.m.	100	96
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	279	216
9 a.m. (FLC)	30	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	278	184
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	91	
Total	950	496

Outpouring of Love (Dec. 3 and 4)	
General Fund Offerings	\$31,217
2nd QTD Offering	\$306,690
2nd QTD Budget	\$325,000

Week of December 17-24, 2011

Saturday, December 17

- 2:00 p.m. Setsodi Birthday Party
- 2:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling
- 3:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Congregational Vote
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, December 18

- 7:00 a.m. Congregational Vote
- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Casual Contemporary 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 Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 2:00 p.m. Chapel at Emeritus
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Training Ground

Monday, December 19

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Tuesday, December 20

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Study

Wednesday, December 21

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Christmas Program
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Christmas Party
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Christmas Program

Thursday, December 22

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 3:00 p.m. Next Step
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Rehearsal

Friday, December 23

- 6:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Rehearsal

Saturday, December 24

- 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve H3 - Family Worship in Family Life Center
- 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Worship in Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Worship in Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Worship in Sanctuary

Items needed

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

Honduras Mission - Additional items needed in December for the Honduras mission are Adult Tylenol, Ibuprofen, and Naproxen. Please place items in the "Honduras" bin in the narthex.

Open house for Reverend Riggert

The congregation is invited to an open house celebrating the ministry of Rev. Bob Riggert, on Friday, Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the IDW's office, 409 Kenyon Road, Fort Dodge.

Advent (Dec. 7)	Attendance
12:15 p.m.	59
6 p.m.	337
Total	396

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:50 a.m.
Preschool	9	22	14
Elementary	30	43	63
Total Children	39	65	77

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

Families: We value families, so we encourage families to worship together. We will then invite the children to educational time on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.; and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Saturday Northwind Contemporary in the Family Life Center

Discover reflection and celebration at this casual Saturday evening worship service. Communion will be offered the second and fourth Saturdays of every month.

7:45 a.m. Sunday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

This worship service uses organ and piano-led hymns as well as responsive liturgy. Our special music groups also perform on a regular basis. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

9 a.m. Sunday Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary

This worship service uses organ and piano-led hymns and songs as well as responsive liturgy. Our special music groups also perform on a regular basis. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

9 a.m. Sunday Casual Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

Geared for those who are casual by nature, this service will offer a balance of high-energy and reflective worship. A pastor will lead the service, and the message will be a simulcast from Saturday night's service. Communion will be offered the second and fourth Sundays of every month

10:30 a.m. H3 Young Family Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

Our H3 (Worship with your Head, Heart and Hands) casual service offers an atmosphere in which families are encouraged to worship together. Expect lively praise music, puppets and themed family activities. A pastor will lead the service, and the message will be a simulcast from Saturday night's service. Communion is offered the second and fourth Sundays of every month.

10:30 a.m. Sunday Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

Join us in the Sanctuary for high-energy and reflective worship that is awe-inspiring. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of every month.

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 - Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:1-2 (NIV)

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Marshal your troops, O city of troops, for a siege is laid against us. They will strike Israel's ruler on the cheek with a rod.

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

If you have any questions, please ask one of our members or stop by the Welcome Centers.

Education times

Children (ages 2- grade 5)

Grace Place

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.
Sundays at 9:20 & 10:50 a.m.

Faith Alive

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Youth (grades 6-12)

Times vary, check page 5.

Adults

Times vary, check pages 6-7.

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.