

WEEKLY WORD

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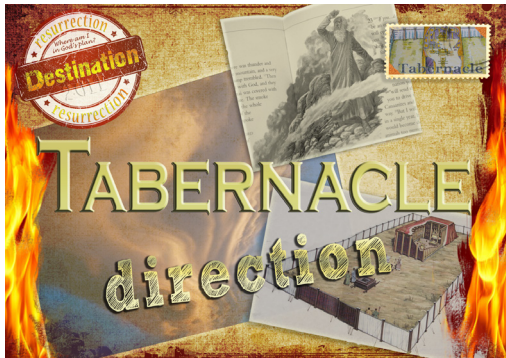


Feb. 19 and 20, 2011 | Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

We all need directions

by Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion

My entire family is “directionally-challenged.” At every family reunion, there is always at least one incident of a major turn around or a late-comer who apologetically confesses they got lost. It’s rather pathetic—even with Google maps and GPS devices, we have an uncanny way of getting turned around. It gets worse though, sometimes we forget about our natural inclination of quickly losing our bearings and think we are part of Amelia Earhart’s gene pool. Take, my brother’s response when his Lexus’ GPS alerted him that he was “off course.” He turned it off because it must have “malfunctioned.”



I used to think that we were the only family that exhibited such a magnetic pull toward getting lost until I realized that being lost was a quality common to mankind. Maybe we all are a bit directionally-challenged. As I look at the Israelites in the desert, my dear family’s penchant for getting lost makes sense. They wandered aimlessly, made wrong turns, and oftentimes didn’t know they were lost until clear directions were given. And even then, they sometimes did not follow the Lord’s instructions.

Sound familiar?

My people have been lost sheep; their shepherds have led them astray and caused them to roam on the mountains. They wandered over mountain and hill and forgot their own resting place. Jeremiah 50:6

Although getting lost is natural, helping people find their way is supernatural.

For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. Ezekiel 34:11-12

In today’s message, we will see how God helped the Israelites by providing a portable dwelling place to reveal his divine presence. And if that wasn’t enough, God created an additional road sign for the Israelites—a cloud covering the tabernacle. Its intent was to provide direction to the Israelites, when it lifted, they could move and did not have to second-guess the directive or their director, the Lord.

So, sit back today, turn off your cell phones with its GPS capabilities and receive further directions from the Lord, who specializes in searching for the lost by providing tangible sign posts. And if perchance, you forget God’s direction in the upcoming week and get lost, I am confident that you will not be alone—my family will be there first.

Discovery 201

Sunday, February 20, 2011 from 3-6:30 p.m. Don’t forget about this interactive event where you will meet the staff, get an overview of our ministry, talk to each other and enjoy a delicious meal. We are looking forward to meeting you. Childcare is provided.

Feb. 26-27 **Hint**

Next week’s destination

Hint:

Now is the time.

Choose who you will serve. Do we stand for what we believe today?

Write your answer here.

Hospitality Ministry

If you have not been to a hospitality training time, please attend Monday, Feb. 21 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Summer Fun

Information about summer camps and classes is available at the Welcome Centers or on our Web site.



Thrivent Choice Grant Program

Please consider taking the necessary steps in the Thrivent Choice Grant Program. (See insert.) It helps our ministry considerably.

Information Changes

If you have recently moved or decided to discontinue use of your landline phone and use only your cell phone as your primary number, please notify Diane Schmidt at diane@gloriadeionline.com.

Strategic Plan

More than 70 members gathered at the Town Hall meetings Feb. 3, 5 and 9 to learn more about the current efforts of the two Strategic Plan task force teams. Each meeting opened and closed with prayer. A brief overview history and movement of the Strategic Plan was presented along with the findings of the two task force teams that were formed to investigate multi-site and current space options. Each presentation concluded with time for questions and discussion.

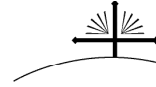
Strategic Plan History: The approved Strategic Plan called for relocation of our church, and ministry action teams have spent the last three years searching for suitable land and determining long-term facility needs. Despite the recession, owners were generally unwilling to sell or divide land or negotiate affordable rates. In the meantime, worship attendance remains steady, facility demands have grown, and our capacity for growth is limited.

As we consider the opportunities afforded by multi-site ministry, we remain committed to Gloria Dei's purpose statement: "To bring Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime." Guided by our vision of G.R.A.C.E., we are called to "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:18-20.

Multi-site task force: Gloria Dei staff and ministry partners have implemented creative short-term solutions to meet current demands on our facility, strengthen programs and care for congregants and the community. To carry out the Strategic Plan and explore alternative paths to meet long-term ministry and facility needs, a task force was created last fall to explore multi-site ministry. A multi-site ministry would allow us to keep one staff and one congregation, but in the framework of worshipping on different campuses. In 2010, 3,000 churches (10 percent of U.S. worshippers) were multi-site, including 52 LCMS congregations.

According to the focus group, multi-site ministry would allow us to conserve resources, duplicate our effective programming DNA, and reach more people, leveraging the resources of a large church while retaining the intimacy of a small/medium church. The task force is studying geographic clusters of our current membership to identify suitable locations and start-up costs (kept low with lease options). Iowa District West is interested in increased ministry in the Johnston-Grimes area, as well as developing new models for ministry to rural congregations. Our demographic studies indicate that 23 percent or 448 baptized members of Gloria Dei live in Johnston or Grimes.

Current space issues task force: This task force explored the feasibility of moving our junior/senior high youth ministries to a nearby location. Next to children's ministry, relocating the youth program frees up the most space in our building: nine classrooms and the Youth Center, which could be turned into a chapel and used for other purposes. Leased spaces could be used for other programs throughout the week. They estimated this plan would take 18-24 months to implement and requires an estimated 50-100 ministry partners working with existing staff and leaders. It complements our long-term Strategic Plan and Ministry Destination well, and is a smarter and more timely investment than other alternatives, such as adding onto or rebuilding on our current campus.



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Web site at: www.gloriadeionline.com

What's next? Since the main reason for the Town Hall meetings was to gather comments and questions from the congregation, the task force teams were encouraged by the insightful questions and reactions received from the members at Gloria Dei. Please note, no decision has been made. The Governing Board will now gather more information based upon the questions and comments that emerged from the Town Hall meetings. More information will be forthcoming. Meanwhile, please keep the entire process in your prayers as we look for viable avenues of bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime.

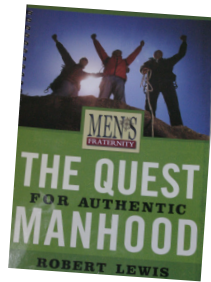
The Quest for Authentic Manhood

“One of my mentors really encouraged me to take Quest after some of the discussions we had over coffee. Quest is one of the studies that was presented in a way that made me feel...I get it! The “it” for me was revealed as my role as a man and how it relates to being a husband, dad, friend and mentor. After completing this study, I feel every man, no matter where they are in life, should have the opportunity to participate in Quest!”~ Bill Clark

Tuesday, March 1-August 9 from 6:30-7:30 a.m.

Join a group of men on Tuesday mornings as they explore the topic of manhood from God’s perspective. “The Quest for Authentic Manhood,” a 24-session DVD study will focus on a man’s core identity and basic manhood issues. It will help men deal with various identity issues by looking back at past wounds and other things that may have distorted their idea of biblical masculinity. Throughout the course of the study, men will learn how to clearly define manhood and will be able to give a succinct and passionate answer to the questions: “What is a man?” “What am I living to be?”

To gather more information about the Quest, a hearty breakfast and an introductory preview will be held Tuesday, March 1 at 6:30 a.m. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.



Preview breakfast! Tuesday, March 1 at 6:30 a.m.

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:
Lynn Hays

Acolytes:
7:45 a.m.
(Sanctuary):
Tim Dorn

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Myles Glandorf

10:30 a.m.
(Sanctuary):
Rachel Brush

Elders:
Marvin Deer
Rod Serbus
Tom Westby

Ushers:
Northwind
Jeff Eckhoff

7:45 a.m.
Ken Andresen
Bob Knief
Dean Mohr

9 a.m.
Bruce Brock
Eric Hoffman
Jason Hoffman
Rich Johnson
Kurt Kromminga
Bob Kuefner
Ron Oolman
Paul Rusch

9 a.m. (FLC)
Jeremy and Mandi
Holcomb and
Family
Ben and Tera
Heyer and Family

10:30 a.m.
Dennis Appelhons
Dan DeVries
Don Franzen
Gabe Nelson
Todd Schwartz

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 40:34-38 and John 1:1-14 (NIV)

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:

- Sarah Fries
- Addison Blythe
- Charlene Stewart
- Delores Larson
- Inez Even
- Leona Geerdes
- Jolene Norviel
- Lee Norviel
- Gene Osby

And for:

- For the Project 52 mission trip to the Dominican Republic
- 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 and phone number.

Women's Opportunities

Certain events are designed just for women—a time where women can hang out, laugh and enjoy each other. Below is a list of such activities: Enjoy!

Scrapbook fellowship

Friday, Mar. 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in rooms 131/133

Join us for conversation, inspiration and room to spread out!
For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324.

If you need childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, Mar. 2 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

Gloria Dei Quilters

Friday, Mar. 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in rooms 130/132/134

Whether you're making a quilt for someone special or donating it to a mission project, you'll be amazed at how much you can get done with friends. Contact: Karen Hoff at Karenhoff@hotmail.com or at 278-6655.

Women's Bible Study

Join this Women's Bible study on Mondays beginning Feb. 21 at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. The group will study the Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob by Beth Moore. Lisa Scherer will facilitate the group discussion. If you have questions, please contact Lisa at 490-4108.

Women of Faith

Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14

For years, Women of Faith has ministered to women in Des Moines by lively worship, inspiring personal stories and encouraging teachings. Discounted tickets for \$89 will be available until March 3 at www.gloriadeionline.com. For more information, pick up a brochure at the Welcome Centers.

The Mentoring Project

A few months ago, Pastor Phillips believed that God was nudging him to help the community more, specifically in the area of helping youth. After much prayer, and exploring a few options, he was excited to discover The Mentoring Project in central Iowa.

What is The Mentoring Project? The Mentoring Project's goal is to reach out to fatherless youth to show Christ's love, as well as to eliminate the "waiting list" for mentors many communities face. It is a 501(c)(3) non profit based out of Portland, Oregon. Locally, it is a collaboration between the Waukee Family YMCA, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa, and the local church community, which now includes Gloria Dei.



How do I get started? Attend a training on Saturday, March 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Waukee Family YMCA. Please contact Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com for more information. To register for the training, contact Eric Kress at eric.kress@dmymca.org or 868-0502 by Feb. 26.

Book Club

Wednesday, March 2 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the Cry Room - "The Devil in Pew Number Seven" by Rebecca N. Alonzo.

Summary: Rebecca Alonzo details her horrifying childhood story of a terror campaign intended to expel her family from their home and her father from his pulpit. The account covers more than a half-decade of living in fear of harassment, bombings, and shootings, as well as the family's unceasing prayers for protection. Rebecca's thrilling narrative, all the more chilling for its truth, is ultimately a message of reconciliation, mercy, and amazing forgiveness in the face of heartbreaking tragedy.

For more information, contact Heather Schmitz at 371-5875.



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

30 Hour Famine

Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9

Registration forms and checks are due by March 13.

Confirmation Parent Meeting

Wednesday, February 23 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. This is an informational meeting in the narthex for parents of 8th grade Confirmation students. We will be detailing the Confirmation process and the events leading up to Confirmation day.

Des Moines Urban Plunge (Grades 6-12)

February 25-27

Cost is \$95. Notify Tim Kightlinger if you are interested in attending. Sign-up sheets are on the youth bulletin board and forms are located in the clear plastic pamphlet holder by the youth bulletin board. Meet at Gloria Dei at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 25. We will return to Gloria Dei on Sunday, Feb. 27 around noon.

Dinner Theater - "Family Camp"

March 26-27 and April 1-2

Dinner theater practices will be held Sundays in the month of February from 12-2 p.m.

Junior high (6-8)

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

Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m. Students in grades 6-8 meet in small groups to discuss various topics relevant to their lives.

Senior high (9-12)

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.

Senior High Bible Study: Join us for Bible study on Sunday morning from 9-10 a.m. The discussion topic will follow the "Destination - Resurrection" message series.

Items needed

Urbandale Food Pantry - Please consider volunteering by calling 251-6688 or donating feminine hygiene products to the Food Pantry bin in the narthex.

Honduras Mission - Please drop off hydrocortisone, anti-fungal, diaper rash, vaginal and hemorrhoidal creams 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.

Midweek Meal

Join us for a midweek meal on Wednesday from 5-5:45 p.m. Adults eat for \$4 and children and youth eat for \$2. Children under 2 eat free.

Wednesday, Feb. 23 - Baked Spaghetti

Register today for VBS

Spring Break VBS

Think spring—spring break that is! Now's the time to plan for spring break VBS.

Week of Feb. 19-26, 2011

Saturday, Feb. 19

- 10:00 a.m. Hospitality Team Training
- 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, Feb. 20

- 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. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Castaway
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 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 in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Practice
- 2:00 p.m. Chapel at Emeritus of Urbandale
- 2:30 p.m. Girl Scout Daisy Troop
- 3:00 p.m. Discovery 201

Monday, Feb. 21

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - morning
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision - afternoon
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision - evening
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training
- 6:30 p.m. Hospitality Team Training
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study - evening

Tuesday, Feb. 22

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Restorative Justice
- 5:30 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 5:30 p.m. Kindermusik Village
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance

Tuesday, Feb 22 (continued)

- 6:05 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
- 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, Feb. 23

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Bell Ensemble
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

Thursday, Feb. 24

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 4:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball Game
- 5:00 p.m. Restorative Justice
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Care Night
- 6:30 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, Feb. 25

- 3:00 p.m. Des Moines Urban Plunge - Youth

Saturday, Feb. 26

- 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

Outpouring of Love (Feb. 5-6)	
General Fund Offerings	\$34,621
3rd QTD Offering	\$206,388
3rd QTD Budget	\$218,000

Worship (Feb. 5-6)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	154	
7:45 a.m.	110	95
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	302	208
9 a.m. (FLC)	90	
10:30 a.m.	221	147
Total	877	450

Worship (Feb. 12-13)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	157	104
7:45 a.m.	134	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	319	
9 a.m. (FLC)	100	38
10:30 a.m.	250	
Total	960	142

Week of Feb. 26-Mar. 5, 2011

Saturday, Feb. 26

- 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

Sunday, Feb. 27

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 7:45 a.m. H3 Worship Practice
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. Castaway
 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
 with Communion
 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
 in Sanctuary
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Practice
 1:00 p.m. Girls Scout Troop #659
 4:00 p.m. Boy Scout Pack 206 Awards Night
 5:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Dessert
 6:00 p.m. Shining City Rehearsal

Monday, Feb. 28

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - morning
 3:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training
 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study - evening

Tuesday, Mar. 1

- 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
 5:30 p.m. Carilloneurs
 5:30 p.m. Kindermusik Village
 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
 6:05 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
 6:30 p.m. Lead Gloria Dei
 6:40 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Mar. 2

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
 5:30 p.m. Bell Ensemble
 6:00 p.m. Shining City Presentation
 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
 6:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
 6:15 p.m. Book Club
 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

Thursday, Mar. 3

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
 4:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball Game
 6:00 p.m. Infusion Practice
 6:30 p.m. Care Night
 6:30 p.m. Health and Fitness
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, Mar. 4

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
 9:30 a.m. Mom's Club of West Des Moines
 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Sacraments Retreat

Saturday, Mar. 5

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
 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

Mission opportunities

Honduras 2011 Medical/Evangelism Trip

Saturday, June 25 -Saturday, July 2, 2011: Gloria Dei is once again forming a team to help with evangelism, children's ministry, general medical, dentistry, and pharmacy to the impoverished in Honduras. Work may also include optometry and chiropractic services if those medical professionals join the team. For more information, contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday 6:15 p.m.	Youth Attendance	Sunday	Wednesday 6:15 p.m.
Preschool	15	16	15	n/a	Junior High	13	80
Elementary	16	53	31	family	Senior High	9	33
Total Children	31	69	46	night	Total Youth	22	113

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

Children are encouraged to worship with their parents at each service before being invited to Grace Place: Saturday at 5:50 and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. For youth in grades 6-8, an invitation to Castaway will be extended on Sunday at 9:20 a.m.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Exodus 40:34-38 (NIV)

Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled upon it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out—until the day it lifted. So the cloud of the LORD was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel during all their travels.

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