



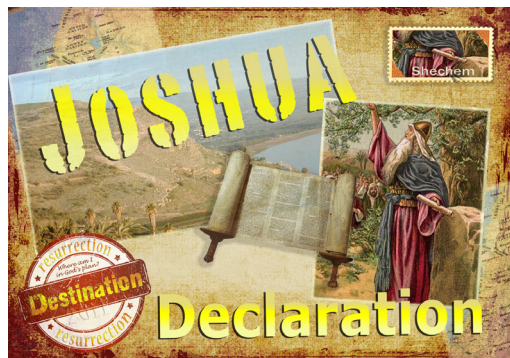
WEEKLY WORD

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Feb. 26 and 27, 2011 | Eighth Sunday After the Epiphany

Declaration of God's faithfulness

As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15b



Have you ever gone against the popular trend of a group and publicly proclaimed your convictions? If you have, it can be intimidating. You may have desired to blend in and not make waves, but instead you have created a tsunami in the room as all eyes and ears focus on you. An uncomfortable place for most of us to be in, wouldn't you agree?

Today, we meet a man named Joshua, who broke the status quo of the nice life found in the Promised Land by

declaring a concise historical account of God's faithfulness to a large group of elders, leaders, judges and officials. Joshua, who led the Israelites into the Promised Land after Moses had died, was now over 100 years old. Under his leadership, the Israelites experienced great success as they served the one true God and followed his directives to conquer the inhabitants and occupy the territory. Throughout Joshua's life, he reminded them: "Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it." Joshua 1:8

In today's message, we will see Joshua's last plea to the Israelites as he encourages them to declare their allegiance to the one true God by throwing away their foreign gods and yielding their hearts to the one true Lord, the God of Israel.

Upcoming events you do not want to miss

Breakfast is served at "The Quest for Authentic Manhood"

Tuesday, March 1 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. For more information, contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com.



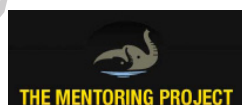
China and Tibet Presentation

Wednesday, March 2 from 6-7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come and learn about the Shining City Foundation's work in the remote parts of China and Tibet. Please note: this presentation will begin at the Faith Alive opening. After the children are dismissed, adults are invited to stay for the remaining presentation.



The Mentoring Project

Saturday, March 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Waukee Family YMCA. Attend training for the Mentoring Project whose goal is to reach out to fatherless youth to show Christ's love. For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.



Mar. 5-6 **Hint**

Next week's destination

Hint:

With 300 men, God delivered Midian to the Israelites. It is the Lord's work, not ours.

Write your answer here.

Hospitality Update

Starting next weekend, March 5-6, the new hospitality teams will be hosting each worship service.

We are thankful for the ministry partners who have served in the past as elders and ushers. We pray God has blessed their loving service to our church.

If you would still like to join a hospitality team, please contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com.

Lenten Services

Our Lenten Services begin on Wednesday, March 9 at 12:15 and 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. For more information, see page 3.

Thrivent Choice Grant Program

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

Information can be found at the Welcome Centers.

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.

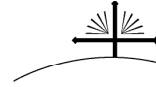
Strategic Plan History: The approved Strategic Plan called for relocation of our church, and ministry action teams have spent the last three years searching for suitable land and determining long-term facility needs. Despite the recession, owners were generally unwilling to sell or divide land or negotiate 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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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.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, Feb. 27 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



E Essence Teresa Ripperger born on Jan. 23, 2005 to Joseph and Chrissi (nee Noftsger) Ripperger. Essence's spiritual sponsors are Kyle and Danielle Schoenebeck.



T Tayvian Ivan Ripperger born on Dec. 21, 2009 to Joseph and Chrissi (nee Noftsger) Ripperger. Tayvian's spiritual sponsors are Kyle and Danielle Schoenebeck.

Lent: What is it? Why is it?

Lent is a 40-day season of preparation for Easter, the day our Lord rose from the dead. The 40 days of preparation symbolize the time Jesus fasted and was tempted in the wilderness for 40 days. Lent, then, is a time of fasting, prayer, and repentance for Christians. Lent is not required anywhere in scriptures, but it has been a custom, which we have practiced for years. Lent always begins on a Wednesday, called Ash Wednesday. At Gloria Dei, we offer special Lenten services to help direct our minds and hearts to the sacrifice of our Lord. This year, we will offer Lenten services at 12:15 and 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary starting Wednesday, March 9. We hope you will join us as we take time to reflect on all the events leading up to Easter.

Wednesday, March 9: "Were You There? When He Was Betrayed"

Wednesday, March 16: "Were You There? When He Was Denied"

Wednesday, March 23: "Were You There? When He was Accused"

Wednesday, March 30: "Were You There? When He was Condemned"

Wednesday, April 6: "Were You There? When He was Crowned with Thorns"

Wednesday, April 13: "Were You There? When He Was Crucified"

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. Ron Burcham

Preacher:
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:
Kathy Stange

Acolytes:
7:45 a.m.
(Sanctuary):
Beth Wilson

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Peyton Swift

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

Elders:
Ken Meythaler
Gary Wasko
Devin Wren

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 Reading:
Joshua 24:14-18 (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
- Brandon Smith
- Leona Geerdes
- Jolene Norviel
- Lee Norviel
- Gene Osby

And for:

- Bryan and Traci Flanigan and their family on the loss of Traci's father, William Eining, Sr.
- 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 Wennndt 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

The quilters are meeting a week early this month, so it's a great opportunity to finish any projects you may have started in February. We're planning on another bargain shopping trip to Waukee (Sue's garage) on April 16, so there will be time to make another quilt or two for our mission projects with any new fabric. Contact: Karen Hoff at Karenhoff@hotmail.com.

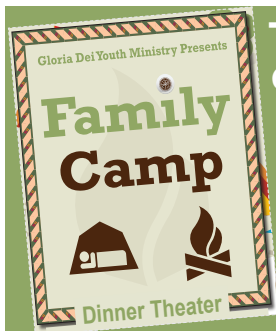
Women's Bible Study

It's not too late to join Monday's Bible Study 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. For more information, contact Lisa Scherer at 490-4108.

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



Tickets go on sale March 5.

The Youth Ministry dinner theater will transport us back to an old-school Christian camp-

ground where colorful characters and laughter abounds.

Tickets will be sold after services on the weekends of March 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20. Tickets will also be available at the office between the hours of 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 27 at 12 p.m.

Friday April 1 at 6:30 p.m.

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

LWML

Mary Ester Circle will meet Thursday, Mar. 10 at 9 a.m. at the home of Joan Kickbush, 13942 Oak Brook Dr., Urbandale.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Mar. 8 at 7 p.m. at the church.

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Mar. 10 at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Mar. 10 at 7 p.m. at the home of Peg Riddle, 1661 NW 96th St., Clive.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Mar. 14 at 7 p.m. at the home of Elaine Mueller, 3205 Mary Lynn Dr., Urbandale.

Comfort Foods Ministry

Have you ever had someone drop off a tasty meal when you really needed it? Maybe you had your hands full with a new baby or had just moved into your house. Maybe you were recovering from surgery and found it difficult to go shopping or prepare a meal. We are beginning an organized ministry to provide meals to those who are in such a circumstance. If you would like to be part of the team, please contact Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com or call the church office at 276-1700. If you would like to prepare a meal, stop by the display in the narthex and pick up a small casserole pan with instructions.



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

30 Hour Famine

Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9

We are excited to host another 30 Hour Famine where we learn firsthand about the pain of hunger.

Registration forms and checks are due by March 13.

Dinner Theater - "Family Camp"

March 26-27 and April 1-2

Dinner theater practices will be held Sunday, Feb. 27 from 12-2 p.m.

Don't forget to buy your tickets starting March 5-6.

Sacraments Retreat

Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5

Meet at Gloria Dei at 5 p.m. to leave for the 4-H camp near Madrid. We will eat dinner at the camp. Parents, meet your youth Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Elm Lodge at the 4-H Camp.

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.

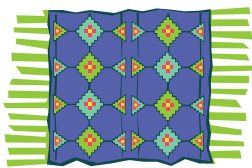
Senior high (9-12)

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.

Living on the fringe

We need your help as we prepare to make blankets for the homeless during spring break VBS. Please pick up the fabric in the Narthex, cut strips around the edges, and return it by March 6. Directions will be in the fabric package.



Snack bags

Children will have the opportunity to reach out to other children by decorating snack bags and filling them with non-perishable items to be given to the Urbandale Food Pantry.

We are collecting non-perishable nutritional snacks, such as fruit cups, granola bars, cheese and cracker packs, etc. Please have your children drop them off in the "Children's Ministry" bin in the narthex.

Midweek Meal

Wednesday, Mar. 2 from 5-5:45 p.m. - Pizza Pockets

Adults eat for \$4 and children and youth eat for \$2.

Children under 2 eat free.

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. 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. Lighthouse 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. Girl Scout Troop #659
- 4:00 p.m. Boy Scout Pack 206 Awards Night
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Dessert
- 8:00 p.m. Shining City Rehearsal

Monday, Feb. 28

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 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

Tuesday, Mar. 1 (continued)

- 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

Scripture Based on Giving:

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." Malachi 3:10-11

Worship (Feb. 19-20)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	134	
7:45 a.m.	117	103
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	310	210
9 a.m. (FLC)	87	
10:30 a.m.	276	180
Total	924	493

Outpouring of Love (Feb. 19-20)	
General Fund Offerings	\$18,824
3rd QTD Offering	\$225,212
3rd QTD Budget	\$240,000

Week of Mar. 5-12, 2011

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

Sunday, Mar. 6

- 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. Lighthouse 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
- 5:00 p.m. Jr. High Café 923

Monday, Mar. 7

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - morning
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 3:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study - evening

Tuesday, Mar. 8

- 6:30 a.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood
- 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. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:05 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:40 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That

Tuesday, Mar. 8 (Continued)

- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle Meeting

Wednesday, Mar. 9

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 12:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Midday Worship with Communion
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Bell Ensemble
- 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

Thursday, Mar. 10

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

Friday, Mar. 11

No scheduled events

Saturday, Mar. 12

- 10:00 a.m. Baby Shower
- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion

Lost and Found

If you have lost an item at church, please check the lost and found shelf above the coat racks east of the narthex. All unclaimed items will be given to a local charity on March 10.

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	9	18	16	20	Junior High	25	87
Elementary	19	57	22	80	Senior High	15	31
Total Children	28	75	38	100	Total Youth	40	118

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.

Weekly Bible Reading

Joshua 24:14-18 (NIV)

Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.”

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