

# WEEKLY WORD



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Feb. 5 and 6, 2011 | Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

## Placing yourself into the story

Today as we look at the time surrounding Israel's exodus from slavery, we catch a glimpse of Moses and Aaron as they receive the Passover instructions from God and the events that followed. As we look at the story, we, in retrospect, see how the story eventually played



out. After all, we know God parted the Red Sea so that the Israelites could safely leave Egypt. However, Moses and Aaron had no idea of what was about to happen to them as they received instructions about slaughtering a lamb, roasting the meat and sprinkling the blood on the doorframes. So, to place yourself in their shoes (or sandals) puts a different light onto the story. If you were Moses or Aaron, what would you have thought of God's unusual request? Would the Israelites obey

God's instructions? What would Pharaoh do as he witnessed his nation mourning the loss of their firstborn children? Did they wonder how God was going to get them out of Egypt? As we place ourselves into their lives, we may begin to understand more of the faith and courage of Moses and Aaron, the plight of the Israelites, and God's incredible liberation plan.

## Thriving and surviving congregations

We thought that you might enjoy this narrative written by a church in the Des Moines area. Let's be the church that God has called us to be!

Thriving congregations always have a parking problem  
Surviving congregations don't.

Thriving congregations are constantly changing their methods.  
Surviving congregations always do what they've always done.

Thriving congregations have a lot of noisy kids.  
Surviving congregations are quiet.

Thriving congregations are constantly improving and planning for the future.  
Surviving congregations worship the past.

Thriving congregations grow so fast you forget people's names.  
Surviving congregations, you've known everyone's names for years.

Thriving congregations move forward and out in faith.  
Surviving congregations operate totally by sight.

Thriving congregations support community work heavily.  
Surviving congregations keep it all at home.

Thriving congregations are filled with healthy pledgers.  
Surviving congregations are filled with tippers.

Thriving congregations dream great dreams of beloved community.  
Surviving congregations relive nightmares.

Thriving congregations celebrate differences.  
Surviving congregations are homogeneous.

Thriving congregations minister to each other.  
Surviving congregations expect the minister to do it all.

Thriving congregations spread the word - they evangelize.  
Surviving congregations keep it all for themselves - they fossilize.

Feb.  
12-13 **Hint**

**Next week's destination**

*Hint:*

**Through the desert  
God was with them.  
He leads us through  
our desert times, too.**

*Write your answer here.*

## Town Hall Meetings

**Saturday, Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Feb. 9, 10 a.m.**

Plan to attend one of our Town Hall meetings where we will hear from the two task force teams on the possible ways to move our ministry forward.

**Please note new date.** Due to last week's inclement weather, we have rescheduled a Town Hall meeting to Feb. 9.

## Severe Weather

In the event of severe weather, all church activities are cancelled if Urbandale schools are cancelled.

During the weekend, please check our Web site or KCCI, WHO and WOI Web sites for cancellation notifications.

## Discovery 201

**Sunday, February 20 from  
3-6:30 p.m.**

See page 3 for details on how to become a member of our church family.

## Help rewrite the story for a fatherless youth – become a mentor

*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 collaborative between the Waukee Family YMCA, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa, and the local church community, which now includes Gloria Dei.



**Why is “fatherlessness” a big deal?** There are many reasons biblically why it is important that Christians look to fill this void. However, here are some statistics that speak to the impact “fatherlessness” has on youth.

- 70% of all youth in prisons are from fatherless homes
- 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes
- 71% of teenage pregnancies are from fatherless homes
- 75% of drug abusers are from fatherless homes
- 90% of homeless are from fatherless homes

**What is the format and time requirement for being a mentor?** Mentors will be asked to build relationships through one-on-one time with youth at least one hour per week, committing to at least one year of service. Mentoring often times will happen in schools or at the YMCA. As the relationship grows, opportunities to meet outside of the school or YMCA will be acceptable.

**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](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com) for more information. To register for the training, contact Eric Kress at [eric.kress@dmymca.org](mailto:eric.kress@dmymca.org) or 868-0502 by Feb. 26.

## Hospitality team update

Thank you to those who signed up to be on a hospitality team. We are excited to see how this change will affect the future of our ministry as we become more intentional on welcoming each person to worship. To help get us started, we have a list outlining some of the responsibilities of the team. If you have not received your list, please pick one up at the Welcome Centers. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

In addition, there will be training times offered Tuesday, Feb. 15 from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19 from 10-11 a.m. and Monday, Feb. 21 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Plan to attend one.



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## Lutheran Hour Ministries

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) partners with individuals worldwide to provide resources for the Lutheran Hour radio programs, witnessing training, men’s ministry events and international partnerships. If you want to support this ministry, please write a check with “Lutheran Hour Ministries” written on the memo line and place it in the offering. For more information, pick up a LHM information sheet at the Welcome Centers.

## Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Feb. 6 are provided by Dan and Jill Schultz in celebration of their son, Andrew's 19th birthday on Feb. 11.

## Discovery 201

**Sunday, February 20, 2011 from 3-6:30 p.m.** If you are transferring from another Lutheran church or have taken the Discovery 101 class, please join us for an interactive event. You'll meet the staff, get an overview of our ministry, meet and talk to each other and enjoy a delicious meal. Childcare is provided. If you would like to use our childcare services, please indicate this when you register at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com). If you have any questions, call Diane Schmidt at 276-1700.

## China and Tibet Presentation

*Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. ~ Matt 25:40*

**Wednesday, March 2 from 6-7 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

Gloria Dei has supported Shining City Foundation's vision to develop initiatives in remote parts of China and Tibet that enhance the health and general welfare of the under-served people living there. 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. See you there!



## 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:**  
Kathy Stange

**Acolytes:**  
7:45 a.m.  
(Sanctuary):  
Mark Johnson

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Dylan Elder  
10:30 a.m.  
(Sanctuary):  
Krysta Johnson

**Elders:**  
Vic Kesse  
Jim Miles  
Terry Woolman

**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)**  
Dan and Sharon  
McMartin and  
Family

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

**Scripture Reading:**

Exodus 12:1-13 and Ephesians 4:17-25 (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:**

- Addison Blythe
- Charlene Stewart
- Delores Larson
- Marilyn Jenkins
- Delina Nagel
- Leona Geerdes
- Jolene Norviel

**And for:**

- 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
- Egypt and the Middle East

## Prayer team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail Pastor Phillips at [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com) with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

## The Quest for Authentic Manhood

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.

## LWML

**Mary Ester Circle** will meet Thursday, Feb. 10 at 9 a.m. at the home of Melva Wenndt, 3601 Western Hills Dr., West Des Moines.

**Miriam Circle** will meet Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. at the home of Alice Wegner, 3916 79th Street, Urbandale.

**Naomi Circle** will meet Thursday, Feb. 10 at 9:30 a.m. at church in rooms 131/133. Please bring a pair of scissors.

**Rebekah Circle** will meet Thursday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. at the home of Rosalie Petersen, 109 N. Jacob, Grimes.

**Ruth Circle** will meet Monday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. at the home of Kay Readinger, 4210 132nd. St., Urbandale.

**A note to all Circles:** Please be thinking of mission projects to be supported by the 2011 Arts & Crafts Show. Projects will be voted on at the April meetings.

## 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. If you have not experienced a Women of Faith conference, take a step and call Lisa Scherer at 490-4108 to inquire if this conference would be a good match for you.



Discounted tickets for \$89 will be available until March 3 at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com). For more information, pick up a brochure at the Welcome Centers.

## Scrapbook fellowship

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

Saturday, Feb. 12  
from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Take advantage of this month's Scrapbook Fellowship to finish those special valentines or make a gift of memories for a special person in your life. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324. If you need childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

## Gloria Dei Quilters

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

Saturday, Feb. 12  
from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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](mailto:Karenhoff@hotmail.com) or at 278-6655.

## Items needed

**Urbandale Food Pantry** - In the winter, Urbandale Food Pantry needs increase as they reach out to families in need. 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. Thank you for your support.



## Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

### 30 Hour Famine

Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9  
Registration forms **and** checks are due by March 13.

### Summer Mission Trip (Grades 8-12)

Ripley, Tennessee from July 10-16, 2011. Cost is \$650. We will join 400 other teens/adults from around the United States to form work groups to perform home repairs, and improvements on homes of the poor and elderly. If interested, please contact Tim.

### Des Moines Urban Plunge (Grades 6-12)

February 25-27. Cost is \$95. Sign-up sheets are on the youth bulletin board. Deadline for signing up, forms and payment is Sunday, February 13. Forms are located in the clear plastic pamphlet holder by the youth bulletin board.

### Dinner Theatre

"Family Camp" will be held March 26-27 and April 1-2. Dinner theater practices will be held Sundays in the month of February from 12-2 p.m.

### Jr. High Café 923 (Grades 6-8)

Join us for fun Sunday, Feb. 13 from 5-8 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.

## Children's Ministry Upcoming Events

### The Wave

**Sunday, Feb. 13 from 12:30-2 p.m.** We'll meet at Merle Hay Lanes inside Merle Hay Mall on Merle Hay Road in Des Moines. The cost is \$9 per person bowling which includes two games and shoe rental. Bring a friend! The Wave is open to children in grades 3-5 and their families.

### Family Game Night

**Wednesday, Feb. 16 from 6-7:15 p.m.** Get ready to have some family fun and play board games! Midweek meal will be served, but Faith Alive will not be held that evening. Junior and senior high groups will meet as usual.

### 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. 9 - Sloppy Joes**



### Spring Break VBS

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

Registration information will follow soon!

# Week of Feb. 5-12, 2011

## Saturday, Feb. 5

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Town Hall Meeting

## Sunday, Feb. 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. 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
- 12:30 p.m. Baby Shower

## Monday, Feb. 7

- 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision - afternoon
- 3:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Ministry Action Team
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision - evening
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training

## Tuesday, Feb. 8

- 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. Kindermusik Village
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board
- 6:05 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time

## Tuesday, Feb 8 (continued)

- 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. 9

- 10:00 a.m. Town Hall Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. Adult Small Group Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

## Thursday, Feb. 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle
- 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. Health and Fitness
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Friday, Feb. 11

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

## Saturday, Feb. 12

- 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 with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Hospitality Team Meeting

Scripture Based on Giving:

*Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10*

Worship (Jan. 29-30)	Attendance
Northwind	175
7:45 a.m.	152
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	282
9 a.m. (FLC)	67
10:30 a.m.	285
<b>Total</b>	<b>961</b>

Outpouring of Love (Jan. 29-30)	
General Fund Offerings	\$38,064
3rd QTD Offering	\$151,931
3rd QTD Budget	\$158,000

## Week of Feb. 12-19, 2011

### Saturday, Feb. 12

- 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 with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Hospitality Team Meeting

### Sunday, Feb. 13

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 7:45 a.m. H3 Worship Practice
- 8:45 a.m. Hospitality Team Meeting
- 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
- 10:00 a.m. Hospitality Team Meeting
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:30 a.m. Hospitality Team Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Practice
- 12:30 p.m. The Wave
- 1:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #659
- 2:30 p.m. Girl Scout Daisy Troop
- 5:00 p.m. Jr. High Café 923

### Monday, Feb. 14

- 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
- 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. Stephen Minister Training

### Tuesday, Feb. 15

- 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

### Tuesday, Feb 15 (continued)

- 5:30 p.m. Kindermusik Village
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:05 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Lead Gloria Dei
- 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. 16

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Family Game Night
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. Adult Small Group Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

### Thursday, Feb. 17

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 12:00 p.m. Urbandale Ministerial Meeting
- 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
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Ministry Meeting

### Friday, Feb. 18

No scheduled events

### Saturday, Feb. 19

- 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

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	8	20	18	Cancelled	Junior High	23	Cancelled
Elementary	20	18	37	due to	Senior High	15	due to
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>55</b>	weather.	<b>Total Youth</b>	<b>38</b>	weather

# 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.

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## Weekly Bible Reading

### Exodus 12:1-13 (NIV)

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover. On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.