

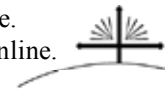
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Jan. 8 and 9, 2011 | First Sunday After the Epiphany

The journey's view from above

by Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion

Bringing
Jesus Christ
to people for
the first time
and
for a lifetime.

Mixed emotions surface at the brink of any journey. There is the last minute rush to ensure that everything is in place. Is everything packed? Did we bring our passports? Is the dog taken care of? How about the mail?



A thousand details swarm our heads as we step out the door into the new adventure. Similar thoughts flooded through my mind when I was preparing for a week long mountain climbing adventure sponsored by a faith-based organization in New Mexico during my college years. The list of supplies was long. The correct boots, rain wear and food supplies were paramount to the success of the trip and to the team that I would be joining. For several weeks, we spent time training and learning about the terrain and even the perils of the stark New Mexico landscape that we were determined to conquer and enjoy. Even with all the preparation, I was completely intimidated because I knew the pending wildlife experience was completely outside my normal get-away adventures. After all, we would be without electricity, modern conveniences and stores for seven days, as well as the reality of my fear of heights, insects and snakes.

As I approached the bus with all my gear, the other teammates cheerfully conversed about the possibilities of our expedition. The guide quietly listened to our bantering before commenting, "It's good to get out of your normal routine because God can finally get your undivided attention."

My heart raced with these words, not for their wisdom, but for the reality that God would be traveling with me during the seven days. In other words, in my hurry to leave town, I didn't forget to pack him and he certainly never left me!

Those words would prove to be a great comfort for this wilderness novice especially during one of the most difficult climbs affectionately known as "The Chimney." It's name aptly described the climb—two parallel rock formations that stood upright for approximately 80 feet with a three-foot span between the rock surfaces.

"And you want me to climb this rock?" I asked.

"The view will be worth the climb," replied our guide.

To this day, I am not sure how I maneuvered up that rock so quickly. I do remember contorting my body in every possible way to shimmy up the chimney. Using the last of my arm strength, I finally pulled myself over the edge of the chimney to the top of the mountain. The beauty that now surrounded my panoramic view was unfamiliar but completely astounding as the distant trees and rocks created a sharp contrast against the blue sky. It was worth the climb to see the view.

This week, we ask you to leave your cares at home and embark on a 16-week journey with us as we travel through the Bible in a message series entitled "Destination-Resurrection: Where am I in God's plan?" Thankfully, you will not be required to physically climb or combat any harsh situations, but you will be in a position to see a view that you have never seen before. So, step into today's adventure and see life from God's beautiful perspective. The view will be spectacular.

Jan.
15-16 **Hint**

Next week's destination

Take a shot, be brave and publicly post your educated guess on next week's destination on facebook.com/GloriaDeionline.

Hint:

We easily blame and judge them, but would we have done anything different?

What's New?

Educational times

All educational times resume:
Jan. 8-9 and
Jan. 12

Financial Peace University

Tuesday, Jan. 11 from
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Learn the tools on how to manage your resources in this class that has taught thousands to achieve their financial goals in a godly manner. Check out page 4 for more details.

Tiny Treasures

Tiny Treasures is gearing up for the 2011/12 school year. Registration information can be found on page 5.

Kindermusik

We have a great avenue for children to learn about music this winter. Check out page 5.

Welcome Center updates

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace...1 Peter 4:8-10

Each weekend a lot of assistance is needed from greeting those coming through our doors to helping folks find a seat to collecting the offering to assisting with the sacraments. In the near future you will have an opportunity to share your gifts during the worship service that you normally attend. We need each of you to join one of the hospitality teams that greets, invites, ushers, and shares the joy of membership at Gloria Dei with visitors and other members. Since each worship service will have its own hospitality team, we desire each member of the congregation to offer his/her talents on a monthly basis to those worshipping around you (i.e. greet the first Sunday of every month during the worship service that you normally attend). This ministry is vital to the growth of Gloria Dei as we work together to meet the needs of and assist those who are new to Gloria Dei and to be a continued presence for existing members. Do you have a passion for making others feel welcome and bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime? Please take some time to review the responsibilities of each hospitality team and then sign-up today in the narthex and the Family Life Center!

“Together we can create a contagious, welcoming, environment at Gloria Dei. A place where we all desire to be.” ~ Pastor Robarge

Ushers- The primary duty of an usher is to maintain an atmosphere of reverent worship and respect during the entire worship service. Specific tasks include helping individuals find seats, distributing service handouts, handling offering, communion dismissal and assisting with individual needs that may arise during service.

Greeters- The primary duty of a greeter is to welcome everyone to Gloria Dei. This includes opening the external entry doors appropriate to each service, assisting the elderly, the handicapped or children being dropped off at a main entrance, and directing visitors to the worship location and Welcome Center.

Welcome Center/hospitality- The primary duty is to provide a welcoming environment for Gloria Dei attendees and to encourage fellowship among members and visitors alike. These individuals will be encouraged to be familiar with class locations within the church, the church calendar and be prepared to point individuals to specific information. Following a service, hospitality may work with other team members to provide impromptu tours for visitors.

**Sign up today in the Family Life Center or
in the narthex.**



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Lead Gloria Dei

A three-week Lead Gloria Dei course will run on Tuesday evenings, Jan. 18 to Feb. 1, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. It is designed to help future leaders of Gloria Dei understand how Gloria Dei functions as a church, as well as to understand the blessings, challenges and opportunities that exist in a church our size.

The topics include: the Vision of Gloria Dei, understanding church life and the Synod, the demographics of our community, policy-based governance and our Strategic Plan.

If you are interested in participating or if you would like more information, please contact Laura Rath, Assistant to the Senior Pastor, at 278-5544, ext. 200 or laura@gloriadeionline.com.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary Sunday, Jan. 9 are provided by Raymond and Myra Forman in celebration of the marriage of Kirk and Erica Heck in November 2010.

Town Hall Meetings

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 10 a.m. • Thursday, Feb. 3, 6:30 p.m. • Saturday, Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar to attend one of our Town Hall meetings in February to discuss and ask questions concerning the findings of the two task force teams that have been formed to research possible solutions to help address the immediate need for space and our long-term ministry opportunities.

Multi-site ministry task force – A relatively new way congregations are expanding their ministries is through multi-site ministry. This is where one church meets in multiple locations. There is one Governing Board, one budget, one staff, etc. The church just meets at various locations in addition to the original site.

Current space issues task force– The second task force will discuss the various options for our current space needs. One option might be to move the youth ministry to a new location, which could be on our own property or a building that is geographically close to our existing campus. It could also open up the original Sanctuary for medium-sized gatherings as well as a worship venue.

We encourage everyone to attend one of our Town Hall meetings. It is our desire to listen to the findings of the task force teams, ask questions to ensure that every facet has been researched and then discuss the information. Meanwhile, please keep the task force teams in your prayers as they research the possible avenues to fulfill our Strategic Plan that God has placed before us.

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):
Jessica Martens

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Jenna Krahn

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Cameron Mitchell

Elders:

Vic Kesse
Jim Miles
Terry Woolman

Ushers:

Northwind
Mike Mazza
Tim Mueller
Jim Riddle
Peg Riddle

7:45 a.m.

Bruce Amendt
Arlyn Hesse
Jim Johnson
Dick Mueller
Ken Wunsch

9 a.m.

Greg Haessler
Dan Johnson
Rich Johnson
Doug Kumm
Jim Miles
Jeff Monson
David Morrison
Chad Oehlert

10:30 a.m.

Dennis Appelhons
Doug Bass
Kevin Kelley

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 1:1-2, 26-31; Psalm 139:1-4, 13-16 (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
- For Paul Lussman

Prayers

For the health of:

- Addison Blythe
- Gene Osby
- Don Steuber
- Janet Tysee
- Judy Bunz
- Charlene Stewart
- Darcy Bowers

And for:

- For family and friends of Shirley Nuzum who died on Jan. 2
- Paul and Stacy Sams, who are in the process of adopting a child
- Sarah Bennum and family
- 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.

Winter opportunities

Yes, there is life after Christmas! And we are excited to offer opportunities that will keep us growing and warm in the cold of winter. Here are a few:

CareNight

Thursday, Jan. 13 from 6-8 p.m. The evening will begin with a fellowship meal before heading to the following groups: GriefShare, Stepping Stones, DivorceCare and DivorceCare4Kids. Register on our Web site.

Financial Peace University

Tuesday, Jan. 11 to Apr. 12, 2011 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Financial Peace University (FPU) is a 13-week life-changing program that empowers and teaches how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's plan for your life. Register today on our Web site.

Pre-marriage Class

Tuesday, January 18 to February 22, 2011 from 6:30-8 p.m. Couples wishing to be married at Gloria Dei in the upcoming year must take a six-week pre-marriage class. For more information, please call 276-1700 during office hours M-F 8-4 p.m.

Discovery 101

Thursday, Jan. 13 to Feb. 3, 2011 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Join us for the winter session of Discovery 101 on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This informal four-week class is for all who are new to the Lutheran Faith. If you would like to use the childcare services we offer, please indicate this when you register.

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.

**For more information about these events, or to register, visit:
www.gloriadeionline.com or call the church office at 276-1700.**

Scrapbook fellowship

**Friday, Jan. 14
from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.**

**Saturday, Jan 15
from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in
rooms 131/133**

Make a 2011 resolution to work on your scrapbook! Join us for conversation, inspiration and room to spread out! For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324

Gloria Dei Quilters

**Friday, Jan. 14
from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.**

**Saturday, Jan. 15
from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
in rooms 130/132/134**

With the holidays behind us, the quilters are back at work. This year's quilts are being donated to Honduras and to children of military members deployed out of Camp Dodge, but you are also welcome to work on a project of your own. Contact: Karen Hoff at Karenhoff@hotmail.com or at 278-6655.

LWML

Mary Ester Circle will meet Thursday, Jan. 13 at the home of Sandy Rinderknecht, 3204 Vine St., West Des Moines.

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Jan. 13 at 9:30 a.m. at church for their meeting in rooms 131-133. Please remember to bring your fleece for the project.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. at the home of Myra Willms, 3835 38th St., Des Moines.

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Jan 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Shirley Daib, 205 N. Circle Dr., Grimes.



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

All youth mark your calendars for the "30 Hour Famine" kick-off meeting to be held Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011 at 6 p.m.

Dinner Theatre

Casting and rehearsal will be held Sunday, Jan. 9 from 12-2 p.m.
Dinner theater practices will be held Sundays in the month of January 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 starting Jan. 9.

Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m.: See you Wednesday, Jan. 12.

Apostles' Creed Confirmation Retreat: Friday, Jan. 21 - Saturday, Jan. 22

Meet at Gloria Dei at 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21. Parents are to meet the youth at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Elm Lodge at the 4-H Camp in Madrid.

Senior high (9-12)

The Point: Join us Wednesday, Jan. 12 for worship, large-group Bible study and small-group discussion.

Senior High Bible Study: Don't miss our Bible Study starting Sunday, Jan 9 at 9 a.m.

Tiny Treasures 2011 updates

Tiny Treasures Registration for 2011/2012 school year will begin for Gloria Dei families on Saturday, Jan. 8. Registration is as easy as 1-2-3! Simply go to our Web site at: www.gloriadeionline.com and click on the Tiny Treasures' link.

Tiny Treasures Playgroup: Playgroup for 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 year olds will begin Feb. 1 and is offered on Tuesday or Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Safety Concerns: On school days from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. when preschoolers are present, please exercise great caution and care when entering or exiting the parking lot. The children must cross the parking lot to enter the playground. Orange cones are placed in the crosswalk as a reminder for drivers to slow down or stop. We need your help to assist us in protecting our little Tiny Treasures students. Thank you!

Midweek Meal

Wednesday, Jan. 12 - Walking Taco

Thursday, Jan. 13 - Baked Chicken

Winter Kindermusik

Winter Kindermusik classes begin on Jan. 18, 2011 and will be held on Tuesdays.

Young Child for ages 5-7 years meets Jan. 18 to Mar. 29 from 4:50-5:20 p.m.

Village for newborn to 18 months meets Jan. 18 to Mar. 8 from 5:30-6 p.m.

Our Time for ages 18 months to 3 years meets Jan. 18 to Mar. 29 from 6:05-6:35 p.m.

Imagine That for ages 3-4 years meets Jan. 18 to Mar. 29 from 6:40-7:10 p.m.

Children's Ministry updates

Join us for The Wave on Sunday, Jan. 9 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Week of Jan. 8-15, 2011

Saturday, January 8

- 4:00 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, January 9

- 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. Girl Scout Troop #659
- 2:00 p.m. The Wave
- 2:30 p.m. Girl Scout Daisy Troop
- 5:00 p.m. Jr. High Café 923

Monday, January 10

- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision - afternoon
- 3:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #806
- 6:00 p.m. Tiny Treasures Open House
- 6:30 p.m. Volleyball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Supervision - evening
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training

Tuesday, January 11

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community

Tuesday, January 11 (contunued)

- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 12

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
- 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, January 13

- 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. Care Night Meal
- 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. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, January 14

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 8:30 a.m. Quilters Group

Saturday, January 15

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 8:30 a.m. Quilters Group
- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Worship (Jan. 1-2)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	122	
7:45 a.m.	106	92
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	296	232
9 a.m. (FLC)	61	
10:30 a.m.	250	145
Total	835	469

Outpouring of Love (Jan.1-8)	
General Fund Offerings	\$33,891
3rd QTD Offering	\$33,891
3rd QTD Budget	\$33,000

2nd QTD Budget Summary	
2nd QTD Offering (Oct-Dec)	\$476,821
2nd QTD Budget (Oct-Dec)	\$519,000

YTD Budget Summary	
YTD Offering (July-Dec.)	\$831,090
YTD Budget (July-Dec)	\$882,000

Week of Jan. 15-22, 2011

Saturday, January 15

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 8:30 a.m. Quilters Group
- 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, January 16

- 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

Monday, January 17

- 3:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Volleyball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training

Tuesday, January 18

- 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
- 6:05 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, January 19

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 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, January 20

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Game
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Care Night
- 6:30 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Infusion Practice

Friday, January 21

- 9:00 a.m. Lutheran School Principals' Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Apostles' Creed Retreat

Saturday, January 22

- 4:00 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

Outreach Opportunities

Operation Barnabas

Operation Barnabas, a network of care and ministry to the Armed Forces, is holding a workshop on Saturday, Jan. 15 from 1-4 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1100 SE Sharon Dr., Ankeny. In this workshop, you will learn how to recruit volunteers from your church, learn how to initiate contact with local military population, and create a vital and popular outreach that will transform your congregation. To register, call Rev. Mark Baldwin at 515-964-1250 or e-mail pastorbaldwin@stpaulankeny.org.

Volunteers Needed

Karen Acres Healthcare Center is looking for volunteers to help with bingo on Mondays and Fridays at 2 p.m., manicures on Tuesday afternoons and leading Bible studies throughout the week. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Pastor Tim Phillips at 276-1700.

Luther Nordic Choir

The 64-member Luther College Nordic Choir will appear in concert Sunday, Jan. 16 at 4 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 10395 University Ave., Clive.

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

Genesis 1:1-2, 26-31 (NIV)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

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