

# WEEKLY WORD

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Jan. 29 and 30, 2011 | Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

## Protection can be seen during bleak times

by Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion



This weekend we land in the midst of a familiar story—Joseph and his brothers. As you may recall, Joseph's brothers connived against him and for 20 shekels of silver sold him to the Ishmaelites.

To make matters worse, the brothers covered up their dastardly act by dipping Joseph's robe in the blood of a slaughtered goat before presenting the brutal "facts" of Joseph's demise to their father, Jacob. Being overwhelmed by grief, Jacob cries out "in mourning will I go down to the grave to my son."

Two innocent victims emerge from the hands of these jealous brothers. What is a brother or father to do when life deals an unfair hand? Did questions arise in their minds? Why me Lord? What have I done to deserve this treatment? Where are you, Lord?

We know from scripture that God is present even when we walk through the darkest valley. But if you have ever been in a murky situation in life, it may take some time to convince your mind that God has not left your side and has your best interest at heart.

According to history books, Corrie Ten Boom found herself in a bleak and unfair situation. In 1940, the Ten Boom's house was used as a hiding place for refugees trying to seek shelter from the hideous claws of the Nazis. Four years later, an informant notified the authorities, which resulted in the entire Ten Boom family being incarcerated. Ten days after their capture, her father died. A few months later, Corrie witnessed the death of her sister, Betsie, who declared these words before she died, "There is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still."

Similar words are found in Psalms.

*He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.*  
Psalm 18:19

*You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.* Psalm 32:7

*Do not withhold your mercy from me, Lord; may your love and faithfulness always protect me.* Psalm 40:11

The Bible makes it clear that no matter what situation we find ourselves in, God is bigger than the situation; his protection is in place even if we do not visibly see it. Today, we will further learn how Joseph rose above his bleak situation to declare God's protection and faithfulness:

*You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of lives.* Genesis 50:20

## Town Hall Meetings

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

**Your voice counts, attend one of the Town Hall meetings.** We encourage everyone to attend one of our Town Hall meetings this week. We will hear about the research of the two task force teams, ask questions to ensure that every facet has been researched and then discuss the information. It is important that we hear your thoughts, so mark your calendar to be there!

Feb. 5-6 **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](http://facebook.com/GloriaDeionline).

**Hint:**

**Through Moses,  
God told an entire  
nation to pack up and  
leave!**

### Spring break VBS

**Monday, March 14 -  
Thursday, March 17  
9-11:30 a.m.**

Consider being a leader and helper for spring break VBS. It's fun and rewarding! For more details or to sign up, call DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

### Women of Faith

**Friday, May 13  
Saturday, May 14**

We have discounted tickets for \$89 until March 3 that can be purchased at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).

For more information, pick up a brochure at the Welcome Centers.

### Discovery 201

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

See page 2 for details on how to become a member of our church family.

## Worship Etiquette

We offer the following guidelines to these two often-asked questions:

### When is it appropriate to leave and re-enter the Sanctuary during worship?

If you find it necessary to leave during a worship service, it is better not to return to your seat during the quieter times of the service, such as the confession and absolution, special choir music, the Scripture readings, the prayers and the benediction. Wait for a time for congregational singing to re-enter the service. If you must leave and re-enter during the sermon, please be considerate to those worshipping with you.

### Is it okay to bring my small children into worship?

Absolutely yes! We encourage the entire family to worship together. However, if your children become a distraction to those worshipping around you, please excuse yourself and go to the cry room, located outside the Sanctuary. The cry room is equipped with comfortable seats and toys for you and your child to enjoy while still being able to listen and participate in worship.

## Honduras

**Join the team from June 25 - July 2.** Have you ever thought about helping the poor in a foreign country? Well, why not explore the possibilities? For more information contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.

**Items needed.** Please drop off hydrocortisone, antifungal, diaper rash, vaginal and hemorrhoidal creams to the Honduras bin in the narthex. Thank you for your support, it helps to improve the health of the children and women in Honduras.

## 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.

## Prayer at Capitol



Pastor Robarge was asked to deliver opening prayer in the House and Senate at the Capitol. Pictured from left to right are Heather, Tyson, Philip, and Kaitlyn Robarge and Rep. Scott Raecker (R-Urbandale).



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Web site at: [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)

## Valentine's Dinner and Dance

Spirit Midwest Ministries is hosting a Valentine Dinner and Dance, Sunday, Feb. 13 from 6-10 p.m. at the ballroom at the Holiday Inn and Suites on Mills Civic Parkway in West Des Moines. Dinner will be formally served by Johnny's Italian Steakhouse and will include a mixed-green salad, bread, chicken en crouete with a rich brown sauce, smoked dauphinoise potatoes and vegetables. The evening will include a candlelit dinner, professional ballroom dance instruction, contemporary music played by a disc jockey and piano music played by Tim Cooper.

Tickets are \$35 per person. Seating is limited, so purchase your tickets in advance by calling Julie at 577-8035.

## 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, Front Desk Administrator, at 276-1700.

## 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.

## 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, Saturday, Feb. 19 and Monday, Feb. 21. Plan to attend one. More details will follow.

## Servers

### Officiant/

#### Liturgist:

5:30 p.m. (FLC):  
Rev. Phil Robarge

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. Phil Robarge

#### Preacher:

Rev. Phil Robarge

### Organist:

Sue Jesse

### Acolytes:

7:45 a.m.

(Sanctuary):

Krysta Johnson

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Sara Feldotto

10:30 a.m.

(Sanctuary):

Emma Vontalge

### Elders:

Ken Meythaler

Gary Wasko

Devin Wren

### 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

### 9 a.m. (FLC)

Dale and

Michelle

Cochran and

Family

### 10:30 a.m.

Dennis Appelhons

Doug Bass

Kevin Kelley

### Scripture Reading:

Genesis 50:15-21 (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
- Pastor David Johnson
- Tim Kehoe
- Delores Larson
- Marilyn Jenkins

### 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

## 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.

## 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.

**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.

## Fundraiser for a family in need

A family who has been connected to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ankeny needs our help. Jennifer

O'Connor, a single mother who has three children is undergoing chemo and radiation treatment five days a week in Iowa City for spinal cancer and is currently confined to a wheel chair. In order to help this family, the following fundraisers are being held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1100 SE Sharon Drive, Ankeny, Iowa. For further questions, call St. Paul at 964-1250.



*Jennifer O'Connor and family are facing hardships as Jennifer undergoes treatment for spinal cancer.*

**Spaghetti Dinner Benefit:** Sunday, Feb. 13 at 5:30 p.m. Cost: Free-will donation

**Trivia Night:** Sunday, March 6 at 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$10 person or \$70 for a team of eight

## IDW Deaf Ministry

God is so good! His Word of salvation is spreading mightily among the deaf in Iowa District West. Your prayers and support are so needed and appreciated. Please pray for our leaders as they share their faith in Jesus to the deaf who still don't know him as Lord and Savior. ~ Pat Monroe, missionary



*The Deaf Ministry Team (l to r) Pat Monroe, Deacon Patrick Sell and Rev. Dennis Konkel*

## Valentine open house

Emeritus at Urbandale, 8525 Urbandale Ave., invites the congregation to an open house on Sunday, Feb. 13 from 1 to 5 p.m.

## 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. 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.

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. 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 Karenrhoff@hotmail.com or at 278-6655.

## Book club

Join us in February and discuss a great Christian fiction. Meet in the cry room from 6:15-7:15 p.m. For more information, contact Heather Schmitz, 371-5875.

February 2 - "The Devil in Pew Number Seven" by Rebecca Alonzo



## 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. A \$150 deposit due upon sign-up. For those who already paid the \$50 deposit, a \$100 payment is due by Sunday, Jan. 30.

### 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 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. 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 all 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.

### Think Spring

**Monday through Thursday, Mar. 14-17 from 9-11:30 a.m.**

Think spring—spring break that is! Now's the time to plan for spring break VBS. We're in need of leaders and helpers! If you would like to help, please contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207. Over 60 ministry partners are needed to help VBS run smoothly.

## Midweek Meal

Join us for a hot 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. 2 -  
Sloppy Joes**

# Week of Jan. 29-Feb. 5, 2011

## Saturday, January 29

- 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 30

- 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
- 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

## Monday, January 31

- 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
- 3:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Game
- 6:30 p.m. Volleyball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training

## Tuesday, February 1

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
- 12:30 p.m. Staff Quarterly Planning 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, February 2

- 10:00 a.m. Town Hall Meeting
- 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
- 6:15 p.m. Book Club
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

## Thursday, February 3

- 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. Infusion Practice
- 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. Town Hall Meeting

## Friday, February 4

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines

## Saturday, February 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

Scripture Base 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 (Jan. 15-16)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	165	102
7:45 a.m.	147	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	316	
9 a.m. (FLC)	78	31
10:30 a.m.	292	
<b>Total</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>133</b>

Outpouring of Love (Jan.15-16)	
General Fund Offerings	\$18,144
3rd QTD Offering	\$113,868
3rd QTD Budget	\$123,000

## 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. Volleyball  
 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. 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, Feb. 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  
 6:00 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

<b>Children's Attendance</b>	<b>Saturday 5:50 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 9:20 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 10:50 a.m.</b>	<b>Wednesday 6:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Youth Attendance</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Wednesday 6:15 p.m.</b>
Preschool	6	22	13	20	Junior High	20	84
Elementary	25	55	35	85	Senior High	8	37
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>Total Youth</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>121</b>

# 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

### Genesis 50:15-21 (NIV)

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

## 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