

WEEKLY WORD

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

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June 4-5, 2011 | Seventh Sunday of Easter

Be prepared to impact our culture

Throughout June, we will look at how the first-century church impacted its culture by adhering to the teachings of Jesus. The fervor for God's power and grace was first seen in the Apostles' lives. Soon the fire escalated when thousands of individuals saw God's power manifested through many signs and wonders. As a result, they humbly lived the upside-down teachings of Jesus and then boldly proclaimed the Gospel in a culture which was plagued with a strong anti-Jesus sentiment.

June 4-5 - Preparation

The disciples were busy preparing their minds through prayer and spending time in God's Word in Jerusalem while waiting to receive the Holy Spirit. Can we learn something from their preparation? Scripture: Acts 1:12-26 and Luke 24:36-53

June 11-12 - Passion

The passion of the first century church is evident by how they lived, declared the Gospel and prayed. Imagine an entire room shaking after prayer. Scripture: Acts 4:23-31 and Luke 19:45-48

June 18-19 - Purpose

Jesus clearly instructs us to proclaim his name to all people. If our true purpose is to bring Jesus Christ to people for the first time and a lifetime, should our lives more accurately reflect his purpose? Scripture: Acts 5:17-42 and Luke 24:36-49

June 25-26 - Power

God gave the Apostles the Holy Spirit. Is it any wonder that the first-century Christian church became the talk of the day when people saw many signs and wonders from a powerful and magnificent God. God's power did not die with the Apostles, Scripture states he desires to equip each of us with his Holy Spirit. Scripture: Acts 1:4-8, 2:1-12 and Luke 24:46-53

Today's activities

Multi-site updates and survey

This week at the end of each worship service, Pastor Burcham will share additional updates concerning multi-site ministry. He will also ask the congregation to fill out an online survey that will be used by the Governing Board to determine if Gloria Dei is to pursue multi-site ministry. The online survey can be accessed from June 4-15 at www.gloriadeionline.com; written surveys can also be obtained at the Welcome Center.

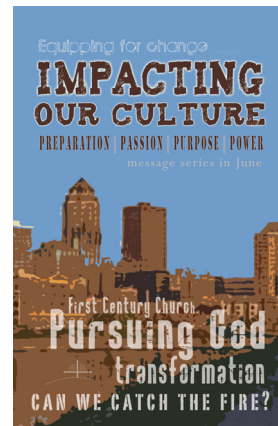
Annual meeting

Annual Meeting - Sunday, June 5 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary: Join us at the Annual Meeting where the proposed budget will be voted on and Governing Board members will be elected. Members and non-members are invited to the meeting, but only members who are 18 and older will be able to vote. Information about this year's candidates can be found on page 4.

Discovery 201: Welcome to Gloria Dei

Sunday, June 5 from 3 to 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

If you are transferring from another Lutheran church or have taken the Discovery 101 class, please join us for this 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.



Patriotic Concert

Sunday, June 26 at 6 p.m.
Living History Farms

Mark your calendar to attend the concert, which pays tribute to our military.

For more information, check our Web site.

Financial Peace University

Tuesday, June 7-August 30, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Financial Peace University will begin this Tuesday. It is not too late to register.

See page 2 for more details.

Grace Place

Join us for summer Grace Place starting this Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Two new ministry opportunities

We have two new ministry opportunities launching in June.

See page 2 for details.

Summer Fun

Camps, reading club, Grace Place, Children's Patriotic Choir and Summer Grace Place are all in the sizzlin' summer lineup.

See page 5.

2011 Dining Together

Gloria Dei has five services over the weekend with an average of 1,000 people coming through the door. We stress relationships are important, but it can be very difficult to get to know people. Well, now is your chance to try something new. A new ministry initiative, Dining Together, begins June 24-26 for anyone interested in meeting new people at Gloria Dei by simply going out to dinner. Our hope is you will meet new people and enjoy each other's company.

How does "Dining Together" work?

There will be Dining Together sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center in the narthex. The deadline for signing up is June 19 for the June 24-26 outings. You will have the option to sign up for a multi-generational group or an adult group.

After the sign-up deadline has passed, participants will be divided into groups of six to eight people. A group leader will contact the other participants to assist in deciding when to meet and if the group will meet in a restaurant or in someone's home. You can choose to dine together for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

If you have any questions about the Dining Together activity, contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com or 276-1700, ext. 224.



Prayer Ministry

For the last eighteen months, Pastor Burcham has been very intentional in stressing to the staff of Gloria Dei their need for individual devotion time. As leaders in the church, it is important for the staff to be nurturing and building their relationship with God, thus strengthening the work that they do.

In this same vein, we are also taking a very intentional approach to prayer for the ministry at Gloria Dei. As a growing congregation, we continue to ask for his guidance as we make decisions about the overall ministry, as well as the individual ministry areas within our church.

We have many members who ask how they can help support our ministry at Gloria Dei, but simply can't make the time commitment that many of our activities require. This is an invitation for you to pray for specific ministries at Gloria Dei. As prayer needs arise, a staff member will contact you concerning specific prayer requests. Through this interaction our hope is that our ministry is strengthened, connections are made and relationships are built with the power of prayer at the center. If you are interested in making a prayer commitment, please sign-up at the Welcome Centers.

Financial Peace University

Tuesday, June 7 to August 30, 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. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, increasing your ability to give and much more. The cost for the course is \$90 and includes CDs, a book and a budget-envelope system. To register go to the adult page on our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.



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Women's Bible studies

Don't forget about the two women's Bible studies beginning this week:

An online Bible study - "What Happens When Women Say Yes to God" by Lysa TerKeurst will run from June 5-July 2. Laura Rath will lead the study by posting thoughts relevant to the book twice a week at www.laurarath.blogspot.com.

Bible study at church - This study based upon Beth Moore's book, "Stepping Up, A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent," will run Monday, June 6 through Monday, July 25 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. in rooms 136-38. For more information, contact Lisa Scherer at 490-4108 or scherer_family@q.com.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, June 5 are provided by Doug and Patty Wright in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Welcome Children's ministry intern



Jennette Morrison joins us this summer.

Jennette Morrison has joined the Children's Ministry team for the summer working with DeAnn McCue and Alice Burress. Jennette recently graduated from Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska and this fall will attend Fort Wayne Theological Seminary for her master's in the Diaconess program. Jennette brings enthusiasm and joy for serving Jesus through interaction with children and their parents, and will bless us with her musical talents when she plays the organ for worship. Please welcome Jennette when you see her this summer!

Fill a backpack and help a child

Freedom for Youth Ministries is working in conjunction with Polk County Health Dept. to continue the back-to-school health fair for inner-city children at North High School on August 3. The students will receive school physicals, medical screenings, including dental and vision, and a backpack full of school supplies.

A total of 3,000 backpacks will be provided by Freedom for Youth Ministries, to which Gloria Dei has pledged to fill 200 backpacks with the necessary school supplies. Other churches in the Des Moines area have also committed to this project.

We ask that you grab a backpack in the narthex or outside the Family Life Center next week, fill it with items on the list and then return the backpack filled with school supplies by July 10. We also request prayers from you for those receiving the backpacks.

If you have any questions or would like to help with the health fair, please contact Lori Martin at 979-5907 or Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

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:
Lynn Hays

Acolytes:
9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Amy Hoellein

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Maddie Burcham

Scripture Readings:
Luke 24:36-53 and
Acts 1:12-26 (NIV)

Hospitality Teams
Northwind (FLC)
Team Two

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Two

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Four

9 a.m. (FLC)
Craig and Karen Van
Thournout and family

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Two

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 Bill and Sue Jesse celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on June 19
- For Doug and Patty Wright celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on June 7
- For Chad and Jessica Cronk celebrating their 16th wedding anniversary on June 3

Prayers

For the health of:

- Addison Blythe
- Gene Osby
- Jolene Norviel
- Lucas Eubanks
- Marjorie, Penny and Patricia Peters
- Sarah Fries
- Jennifer Dehnert
- Matthew Stavish
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Judy Lind

And for:

- Capt. David Granzow
- All of our military and workers serving in 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.

Governing Board candidates

The following candidates will be up for election at the Annual Meeting, June 5 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Marv Rohn is up for re-election to a second-term on the Board. Wendi Canada and Ann Zimmermann are candidates to fill the vacancies on the Board as first-term Board members. Bruce Amendt is up for election to fulfill the two remaining years of former board member Pamela Henkel's term, who resigned due to relocation.

Bruce Amendt



Bruce and Janna Amendt have two adult children, Jennifer and Kathryn. Bruce works at Johnston Community School District as an Executive Director of Academic Services. He enjoys reading and walking. Bruce has been a member of Gloria Dei since 2000 and has served in the music ministry, Katrina Relief MAT and on several nominating committees.

Wendi Canada



Wendi Canada is married to Leon and has four step-children, Akilah 17, Jordan, 15, Leon Jr., 13 and Natasha, 11. Wendi works at Horizon Elementary School in Johnston as an Elementary School Counselor and enjoys decorating her home for each season and holiday, reading and spending time with family and friends. She has been a member of Gloria Dei since 2006 and has served in the areas of hospitality, offering counter, usher and greeter.

Marv Rohn



Marv and Norma Rohn have four children, Doug, 48, Greg, 46, Kurt, 42 and Shonda, 40; and eight grandchildren. Marv is retired, but is a contract long-distance driver for Willis Auto. He enjoys traveling, fishing, NASCAR and spectator sports. He has been a member of Gloria Dei since 1989 and has served as a member and a treasurer of the Governing Board.

Ann Zimmermann



Ann and Kurt Zimmermann have three children, Tommy 22, Nina 22 and Sergei, 21. Ann works at Principal Financial Group as a Senior Client Relationship Coordinator in Retirement Investor Services and enjoys gardening, reading and decorating. She has been a member of Gloria Dei for 18 years and has been involved in midweek, the mission MAT, choir and the senior high youth gathering committee.

Gloria Dei quilters

Friday, June 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Saturday, June 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Be sure to look up and notice the colorful quilts displayed in the narthex this weekend. About half of the quilts will be packaged to accompany the mission team bound for Honduras later this month and the other half will be taken to Camp Dodge to be given to the young children of deployed military members.

The quilters aren't taking a break from their work though. Join them next weekend to learn how to make scrappy quilts. No pattern! Just bring your bags and baskets of scraps and get ready to sew them together randomly, then cut the results into blocks to create a unique design. For more information, contact Karen Hoff at karenrhoff@hotmail.com.

Scrapbook fellowship

Friday, June 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Come and go as you can; we love new faces. For childcare, contact Carol Wemndt by Wednesday, June 8 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

Thank you

Thank you for your generous gift to us. Your gift will be a blessing to many. God bless you! ~ St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

Iwant to let you know how much we appreciate the people of Gloria Dei. You afford Pastor Burcham time to serve and administer our Peace Officers Memorial Service; you've provided us the use of your facilities; and have taken a servant's role in making our vision of the Peace Officers Memorial Service exceed expectations.

From all of us at the Urbandale Police Department, we extend our sincere thanks. A special thanks to Lynn Hays and the GodZ GuyZ. ~ With gratitude, Ross McCarty, Chief of Urbandale Police Department

Gloria Dei Youth Ministry



Summer Mission Trip Meeting

Sunday, June 26 from 10-10:30 a.m. This is a required meeting for youth and parents.

Senior High/ Junior High events Paintball

Sunday, June 12: Meet at Gloria Dei at 11:30 a.m.; we will return around 4 p.m. Pay on the day of the event at Seven Oaks. Cost is \$32, which includes field fee, equipment rental, and 500 paintballs. Sign-up and deadline is Sunday, June 5.

Lutheran Day at Adventureland Amusement Park

Wednesday, June 22: Meet at Gloria Dei by 9 a.m. We will return to Gloria Dei by 6 p.m. Cost is \$20. Sign-up deadline and payment due date is Wednesday, June 15. Bring money to the event for food and games.

Junior high (6-8)

Castaway: Sunday from 9-10 a.m.

Spring/summer schedule:

June 5: Castaway will resume this Sunday. See you there!

Senior high (9-12)

The Point: Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m.

Join us for a Bible study and an activity.

June 8: Bowling

Bring money for bowling and snacks, \$1 for shoes and \$1 for games. Pick up will be at Merle Hay Lanes.

June 15: Miniature golfing

We will go to the Dome (Longview Golf in Grimes). Cost: \$5 per person per round of golf plus snack money. Pick-up will be at Longview. Sign-up sheet is on the youth bulletin board.

Sizzlin' summer fun

Summer Grace Place - June & July

Starts Saturday, June 4 at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday, June 5 at 9:20 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Join us for summer Grace Place today! We're meeting in room 113 in the east end of the building. All children ages 2 to completed fifth grade are welcome. **Help Needed for summer Grace Place:** Can you give us one hour this summer? All materials are ready for you when you help!

Summer reading club sign-up

Sign up today for the summer reading club. Read your way through the summer months and earn prizes along the way including a free roller skating party on Wednesday, August 3 from 5-6:30 p.m.

Summer VBS - Starts July 6 from 6-8 p.m.

Join us for summer VBS. More information to follow.

Summer Camps - June and July

There is still room in our summer programs! Sign up today!

Patriotic Concert

Come and join the Patriotic Children's Choir as we sing a special tribute song to honor those who are or have served in the military. Rehearsals will have a camp-like feel. **Rehearsal Dates:** Wednesday, June 8, 15 and 22 from 6-7 p.m. and Saturday morning, June 25.

**If you have questions,
call DeAnn at 278-5544,
ext. 207.**

Week of June 4-11, 2011

Saturday, June 4

- 8:00 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:00 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 1:00 p.m. Graduation Open House
- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Sunday, June 5

- 7:45 a.m. H3 Worship Practice
- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Summer Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 1:00 p.m. Annual Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Discovery 201

Monday, June 6

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Stepping Up
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Stepping Up
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Tuesday, June 7

- 6:30 a.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest)
- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 5:45 p.m. Beginning Tumbling
- 6:15 p.m. Intermediate Tumbling
- 6:30 p.m. Pastor Burcham's MAT Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:45 p.m. Dance Conditioning for Adults

Wednesday, June 8

- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High

Thursday, June 9

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, June 10

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 5:00 p.m. Tyler Kruse and Carrie Brannen Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, June 11

- 8:00 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 4:00 p.m. Tyler Kruse and Carrie Brannen Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

| Worship (May 28 and 29) | Attendance |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Northwind | 104 |
| 7:45 a.m. | 92 |
| 9 a.m. (Sanctuary) | 239 |
| 9 a.m. (FLC) | 66 |
| 10:30 a.m. (FLC) | 228 |
| Total | 729 |

| Outpouring of Love (May 28 and 29) | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| General Fund Offerings | \$27,102 |
| 4th QTD Offering | \$260,968 |
| 4th QTD Budget | \$296,305 |

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

Week of June 11-18, 2011

Saturday, June 11

- 8:00 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 4:00 p.m. Tyler Kruse and Carrie Brannen
Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the
Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Sunday, June 12

- 7:45 a.m. H3 Worship Practice
- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in
Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in
Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life
Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Summer Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service
in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place

Monday, June 13

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Stepping Up
- 1:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Stepping Up

Tuesday, June 14

- 6:30 a.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood
- 9:00 a.m. JumpBunch for Preschoolers
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 5:45 p.m. Beginning Tumbling
- 5:45 p.m. Parent and Child Music and Movement
Infant - 2 yrs.

Tuesday, June 14 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:15 p.m. Intermediate Tumbling
- 6:15 p.m. Parent and Child Music and Movement
2-4 yrs.
- 6:30 p.m. Summer Financial Peace University
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 6:45 p.m. JumpBunch for Elementary
- 6:45 p.m. Dance Conditioning for Adults

Wednesday, June 15

- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High

Thursday, June 16

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Ministry Meeting

Friday, June 17

- 1:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Ryan Kirk and Amanda Kennedy
Rehearsal

Saturday, June 18

- 3:30 p.m. Ryan Kirk and Amanda Kennedy
Wedding
- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the
Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Items needed

Urbandale Food Pantry - Please consider donating laundry detergent in June to the "Food Pantry" bin in the narthex.

Honduras Mission - Additional items needed in June for the Honduras mission are children's ibuprophen (liquid and chewable for all ages). Please place items in the "Honduras" bin in the narthex.

Eyeglasses - The Honduras team is also collecting eyeglasses to take with them. Place them in the "Honduras" bin in the narthex.

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 members or stop by the Welcome Center today!

Weekend worship services

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. Families are encouraged to worship together; children are invited to Grace Place at 5:50 p.m.

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. Families are encouraged to worship together. Children and junior high youth are invited to an educational time at 9:20 a.m.

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. Families are encouraged to worship together. Children and junior high youth are invited to an educational time at 9:20 a.m.

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. Families are encouraged to worship together. Children are invited to an educational time at 10:50 a.m.

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 - Luke 24:36-39 and 44-49 (NIV)

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

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. (Starting June 4-5)

Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon