



Tiny Treasures begins its seventh year!



Clockwise from top left: • Wendy and Steve Postel help their son, Brett, with his name tag. • Julia Craig begins the day with a puzzle. • Benjamin Anderson searches for his name tag. • Teacher Susie Mitchell and Rhoda Manese talk to Raikkoe about his first day of school. • The pre-k class enjoys morning stories and singing.

The children were proudly escorted to their respective classrooms by their parents during the first week of classes at Tiny Treasures. This year, Tiny Treasures will provide Christian education and care to 114 children ages 2 through pre-K.

Building a community of character- responsibility

This week's message will revolve around building a character that displays responsibility. Jesus sets the example when he faced the cross and took the responsibility of the whole world. We are also called upon to take responsibility—both in what we are supposed to do and when we make mistakes.



Fill out worship questionnaire

Casual Contemporary Worship (Oct. 9) at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center

Have you prayed about becoming a missionary to our new worship service? If you sense God's leading, fill out the enclosed worship questionnaire today and return it to a hospitality team member.

In a few days, a staff member will contact you to provide more details about the worship service.

New family check-in system

In Children's Ministry, we take the safety and security of your child seriously. Therefore, we will implement a new check-in/security system for Grace Place and Faith Alive starting Oct. 8-9. Please help us by taking the following two steps:

1. Register your children by going to our Web site.

2. Accompany your children to the Children's Ministry kiosk and sign them in beginning Oct. 8-9. Pick up your children by signing them out at the kiosk.

Please note:

Until the new family check-in system begins, please accompany your children to their classrooms and sign them in. Pick up your children at their classrooms.

2011 Dining Together - Sunday, Sept. 25

Dining Together is an avenue to meet new people at Gloria Dei by sharing a meal on Sunday, Sept. 25.

How to get involved: There will be Dining Together sign-up sheets on a table in the narthex today; sign up by Sunday, Sept. 18. You will be able to check your meal preference (breakfast, brunch, lunch or dinner) as well as the option of dining with only adults or with families. After the sign-up deadline, participants will be divided into groups of six to eight people according to their preferences. A group leader will contact the participants with all the details of their particular outing.

If you have questions, contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com or 276-1700, ext. 224.



New to the Lutheran Faith?

Thursdays, Sept. 15, 22, 29, and Oct. 6 from 6:30-8 p.m.

We will learn the basics of our beliefs and be encouraged to develop our faith in God. Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Financial Peace University

Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Starts Sept. 13)

Attend this 13-week program that teaches how to achieve your financial goals. Cost is \$90. To register, go to the adult page on our Web site.

Parent Bible study

The Five Love Languages of Teenagers, Sunday 9-10 a.m. Sept. 18 to Oct. 16

Never before has the task of parenting teenagers been more perplexing. Despite the peer pressure teenagers face, it is still parents who influence teens the most. And the door to that influence is love.

Join us as you discover your child's unique way of receiving love. As parents we want to communicate love and acceptance to our children. You'll learn how to express that love to your teen in a language that makes sense to them.

Flu shots

Visiting Nurse Services of Iowa will give flu shots Sunday, Oct. 30 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Shots cost \$22, and mists cost \$30. Please bring your insurance card; Medicare Part B, Medicare Advantage Plan, and most insurance plans accepted. Cash and check only. (Sorry, we are unable to take debit or credit cards.)

Marriage Built to Last

Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. "Marriage Built to Last" will share biblical principles and practical ways to keep a marriage healthy and growing. To register, go to the adult page on our Web site.



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Pre-marriage class

**Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
(Starts Sept. 13 -Oct. 18)**

Couples wishing to be married at Gloria Dei in the coming year must take the six-week pre-marriage class designed to help build strong marriages to last a lifetime. To register, go to the adult page on our Web site.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, September 11 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



K Kaden Mitchell Mulford born on June 17, 2011 to Danny and Amy (nee Hosler) Mulford. Kaden's spiritual sponsors are Eric and Danielle Hosler.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Sept. 11 are provided by Gloria Dei in memory and honor of those who died ten years ago during the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

Care Night

Join us this Thursday from 6-8 p.m. Our support groups are designed to help people who are facing difficult situations. Support groups will eat and meet together in an environment that will help bring Jesus Christ to the hurting and the sick for the first time and for a lifetime.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a fellowship meal that will be offered at no cost. (If you wish to make a donation, you may.) The individual support groups meet from 6:30-8 p.m. Register online (on the adult page). Childcare is provided.

Weekly Support Groups

DivorceCare Support Group is a 10-week program for those experiencing the pain of divorce.

DC4K (DivorceCare for Kids) is a five-week program for children whose parents have divorced.

GriefShare, a 10-week program, helps those who have suffered the death of a close friend or relative.

Stepping Stones (GriefShare for Children) is for children who need to process and understand the grieving process.

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

10:30 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:
Lynn Hays

Acolytes:
7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Alex Snyder

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Jacob Thomas

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Alex Snyder

Scripture Readings:
1 John 1:5-10 and
John 12:23-33 (NIV)

Hospitality Teams
Northwind (FLC)
Team Four

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

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Three

9 a.m. (FLC)
Billy and Nicki Hummel
and Family

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

Let's pray!

Prayer requests can be made on the back of the "Welcome" card located in 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:

- Marlene Rush
- Harold Lusman
- Grace Miller
- April Grimm
- Joyce Philabaum
- Emma Anderson
- Austin Nelson
- Mike Rush
- Brenda Barron
- Jim Wollslager
- Sue Anderson
- Dawn Pittmann
- Addison Blythe
- Jennifer Dehnert
- Judy Lind
- Jerry Lashley

And for:

- The grieving family of Malinda Dammann
- Andy Varley and family, who are grieving the loss of Andy's sister, Mary Madrid
- Employment opportunities for Kent Siems
- The people affected by flooding
- The people in Texas as they struggle with the drought and fires

Prayer Ministry

To join the prayer ministry team, please e-mail Pastor Phillips at: tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

Women: need a break from the busyness?

Women's Bible Connections

Need a time of refreshing? Join other women on Monday, Sept. 12 at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the time together is to grow in God's Word and build relationships with other faith-filled women. Childcare provided, fun guaranteed, and meaningful discussions encouraged. So, come, be refreshed through the following studies:

"Here and Now...There and Then" by Beth Moore is a lecture series on the book of Revelation. She teaches that God is as specific about what he does reveal as he is about what he does not reveal.

"Max on Life" by Max Lucado. We have questions; child-like inquiries. Max offers answers on topics ranging from hope to hurt, from home to the hereafter.



**Attend Monday, Sept. 12; No registration needed.
Questions? Call 278-5544, ext. 224**

Online Bible Study

"A Confident Heart" by Renee Swope starts Sunday, Sept. 18. Laura Rath will lead the study by posting thoughts relevant to the book on her blog at www.laurarath.blogspot.com. Likewise, you are then encouraged to post your thoughts and comments on the blog.

Chapter by chapter, "A Confident Heart" helps readers:

- Learn how to fail forward even when life or sin sets them back
- Discover their God-given purpose, passion, and personality
- Live free from people-pleasing and performance-based living
- Exchange "against me" thoughts with scripture-based God is "for me" thoughts

Powerful scripture prayers are at the end of each chapter, along with Bible study questions and a chart with thirty-one different promises to overcome our most common self-doubts. If you want more information about the book or the online study, please go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com, or Laura's blog at www.laurarath.blogspot.com.



EEO (Encourage Each Other) Women's Adult Bible Study

Tuesdays 7-8 p.m. in the cry room (Ongoing) This small group alternates between a study of a book in the Bible and a study of the group's choice. Please join us, no registration necessary. For information call Jackie Van Ahn at 225-1620.

LWML

Please note: The LWML Handbook is being prepared, so please submit changes or additions to Donna Maasen at 278-4259 before Sept. 14.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Elaine Anderson, 4801 Dakota Drive, West Des Moines.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Leanna Hansch, 5011 Lower Beaver Road, Des Moines.

DMARC: helping the needy

Gloria Dei is sponsoring a fall food drive for DMARC, Des Moines Area Religious Council. DMARC will purchase, package, follow the dietary guidelines and transport the non-perishable food items to the Urbandale Food Pantry and to others in need. Last fall and spring, we collected \$2,448 to help DMARC purchase food for families in need. Next week, we will distribute envelopes, which can be placed in the mail or in the offering plate. Additional envelopes, can be picked up at the Welcome Center.

Please make checks payable to Gloria Dei with "DMARC" written on the memo line and write your offering envelope number on your check. We appreciate your help in helping those in need. If you have any questions, contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger
tim@gloriadeionline.com

Junior high (6-8)

Castaway - Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m.

You don't want to miss as we dive into the topic of responsibility.

Small Group Studies - Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m.

Students in grades 6-8 meet in small groups to discuss various topics.

Café 923 - Friday, Sept. 16 from 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Come hang out, have a good time.
Pizza \$1 per slice, pop \$.50 a can.

IDW Junior High Youth Gathering - Saturday, Oct. 29- Sunday, Oct. 30

Join us for a weekend of teachings, activities, music and fun. Cost is \$115; payment and registration are due by Wednesday, Sept. 14.

Senior High (9-12)

Bible Study Sunday at 9 a.m.

Join us for a discussion on how to build a character that reflects responsibility.

The Point - Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Are you ready for a multi-sensory, active learning time?

Topic: Love

9/14 - Eros 9/21 - Agape

Training Ground Sundays starts Sept. 11 from 6-8:30 p.m.

Join us as we connect to God and each other through small groups. After our small group studies, we will open the FLC for games and hang-out time.

Topics: 9/11 - Our world has changed
9/18 - Begin small group experience

All Grades (6-12)

Omaha Urban Plunge - Oct. 7-9

Registration forms are available by the youth bulletin board. Registration and payment (\$50) are due Sept. 21.

The Wave for Grades 3-5

Sunday, Sept. 18 from 2-3:30 p.m. The Wave is a fellowship group for preteens in grades 3-5 riding the wave between childhood and teenager. This active group meets monthly for a social activity to build friendships. Meet at Longview Golf Centre for a lively round of mini-golf from 2-3:30 p.m. Bring your friends and a parent with you!

GirlZ of Faith for Grades 4 and 5

Thursday, Oct. 6 from 6-7:15 p.m. GirlZ of Faith is a group for girls in grades 4 and 5, which meets twice a month for fellowship, Bible study, crafts, snacks and tons of fun. The group will meet in room 114. Please use the east entrance.

BoyZ of Faith for Grades 4 and 5

Sunday, Oct. 2 from 6-7:15 p.m. BoyZ of Faith is a group for boys in grades 4 and 5. The monthly meeting will be a time for fellowship, Bible study, a project, snacks and lots of fun! The group will meet in room 114. Please use the east entrance.

Family Event Apple Orchard

Sunday, Sept. 25 from 1-3 p.m.

Meet your Gloria Dei friends at Howell's Pumpkin Patch in Cumming for some good old fashioned fun and fellowship. Antique tractors make continuous rounds to the Corn Maze for a country ride to explore a twisting and winding maze. The wagon ride is included in the per person admission. At the Barn Yard, kids can see live farm animals including goats, sheep, pigs and chickens. In the Kiddie Korral is a farm playground with pedal tractors, wiggle cars, hay stacks for climbing, a straw-bale maze, corn box, giant slide and many other activities. Cost of admission is \$7; children 2 and under are free.

Week of September 10-17, 2011

Saturday, September 10

Junior High Confirmation Retreat
 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, September 11

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. Castaway
 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
 9:20 a.m. Lighthouse Bible Study
 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
 10:50 a.m. Castaway
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
 4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 806
 6:00 p.m. Senior High - Training Ground

Monday, September 12

8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
 7:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club

Tuesday, September 13

7:00 a.m. School Election
 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
 3:00 p.m. Next Step
 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
 5:00 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
 5:00 p.m. Restorative Justice
 5:45 p.m. Kindermusik Village
 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 13 (continued)

6:15 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
 6:45 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
 7:00 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 14

10:00 a.m. Pastor'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
 6:15 p.m. Third Grade Bible Highlighting
 6:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
 6:15 p.m. Marriage Bible Study - Love and Respect
 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
 7:15 p.m. Carilloneurs
 7:30 p.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

Thursday, September 15

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
 3:00 p.m. Next Step
 5:00 p.m. Restorative Justice
 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
 6:30 p.m. Marriage Built to Last
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Education
 7:30 p.m. Worship Ministry Meeting

Friday, September 16

9:00 a.m. Iowa Homeless Youth Center Meeting
 5:30 p.m. Ryan Johnson and Jenna Kubat Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Retreat
 7:30 p.m. Café 923 - Junior High

Saturday, September 17

8:00 a.m. Governing Board Retreat
 1:00 p.m. Beyer Bridal Shower
 1:00 p.m. Readinger Bridal Shower
 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Rehearsal
 4:00 p.m. Ryan Johnson and Jenna Kubat Wedding
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Worship (Sept. 3 and 4)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	125	
7:45 a.m.	80	70
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	277	213
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	65	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	204	147
Total	751	430

Outpouring of Love (Sept. 3 and 4)	
General Fund Offerings	\$20,112
1st QTD Offering	\$266,207
1st QTD Budget	\$285,000

Week of September 17-24, 2011

Saturday, September 17

- 8:00 a.m. Governing Board Retreat
- 1:00 p.m. Beyer Bridal Shower
- 1:00 p.m. Readinger Bridal Shower
- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m.. Ryan Johnson and Jenna Kubat Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, September 18

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Parent Bible Study - Languages of Love
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 2:00 p.m. The Wave
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - Training Ground

Monday, September 19

- 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
- 9:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections - a.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections - p.m.

Tuesday, September 20

- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. Next Step
- 5:00 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 5:45 p.m. Kindermusik Village
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:15 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:45 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Wednesday, September 21

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor'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
- 6:15 p.m. Third Grade Bible Highlighting
- 6:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. Marriage Bible Study - Love and Respect
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:15 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 7:30 p.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

Thursday, September 22

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 3:00 p.m. Next Step
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 6:30 p.m. Marriage Built to Last
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Education

Friday, September 23

- 4:00 p.m. Joel Otte and Ashley Blake Rehearsal

Saturday, September 24

- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m.. Joel Otte and Ashley Blake Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Items needed

Urbandale Food Pantry - Please consider donating toothbrushes in September to the "Food Pantry" bin in the narthex.

Thank you

A special thanks to all who helped make the Treye Blythe Memorial Golf Tournament a huge success this year. Thanks to the generosity of 108 golfers and over 100 hole sponsors, we were able to give away \$57,000 to some very worthy causes.

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	Wednesday 6:15 p.m.
Preschool	4	10	12	31	Junior High	80
Elementary	11	22	41	126	Senior High	36
Total Children	15	32	53	157	Total Youth	116

Welcome to Gloria Dei! We are glad you are here!

Families: We value families, so we encourage families to worship together. We will then invite the children to educational time on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.; and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Saturday Northwind Contemporary in the Family Life Center

Discover reflection and celebration at this casual Saturday evening worship service. Communion will be offered the second and fourth Saturdays of every month.

7:45 a.m. Sunday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

This worship service uses organ and piano-led hymns as well as responsive liturgy. Our special music groups also perform on a regular basis. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

9 a.m. Sunday Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary

This worship service uses organ and piano-led hymns and songs as well as responsive liturgy. Our special music groups also perform on a regular basis. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

10:30 a.m. H3 Young Family Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

Our H3 (Worship with your Head, Heart and Hands) casual service offers an atmosphere in which families are encouraged to worship together. Expect lively praise music, puppets and themed family activities. A pastor will lead the service, and the message will be a simulcast from Saturday night's service. Communion is offered the second and fourth Sundays of every month.

10:30 a.m. Sunday Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

Join us in the Sanctuary for high-energy and reflective worship that is awe-inspiring. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of every month.

Starting Sunday, Oct. 9 at 9 a.m.

Casual Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

Geared for those who are casual by nature, this service will offer a balance of high-energy and reflective worship. A pastor will lead the service, and the message will be a simulcast from Saturday night's service. Communion will be offered the second and fourth Sundays of every month.

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 - John 12:23-33 (NIV)

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

If you have any questions, please ask one of our members or stop by the Welcome Centers.

Education times

Children (ages 2- grade 5)

Grace Place

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.

Sundays at 9:20 & 10:50 a.m.

Faith Alive

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Youth (grades 6-12)

Times vary, check page 5.

Adults

Times vary, check pages 6-7.

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.