

# WEEKLY WORD SUMMER EDITION

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church | [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) | 515-276-1700

Aug. 28 and 29, 2010 | Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Message: “You Can’t Control the Future”

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

Trusting God is easy as long as our life is going according to plan; however, when life takes an unplanned turn, trust becomes more difficult. We hear God’s promises and we want to believe them, but when we are faced with the unknown, our confidence in him becomes shaky. Today’s message will show us the importance of relinquishing those uncertainties to our heavenly Father who is willing and able to carry the weight of the future for us.

## Talk to us today

After each worship service, there will be small-group facilitators to talk about the possibilities of joining a small group. Small groups are not a new concept or even a new approach. During the first two centuries of the Christian era, church buildings did not exist.

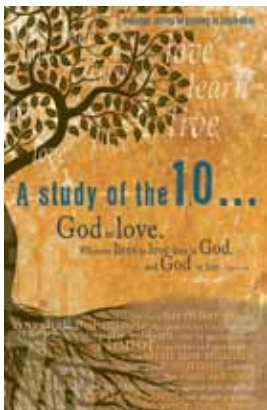
Instead they met in house churches where close relationships flourished, helping them withstand the persecution.

Even though most of us do not face persecution in the middle of the heartland, we do face discouragement, bewilderment and challenges. Wouldn’t it be awesome if we had a group of individuals who could pray, give an encouraging word or advice when we hit those uncomfortable spots on our walk with God? We need each other. And in a large congregation, we need the safety net of a small group that will help us to fully learn how to deal with life’s complex issues. So, that is why we are passionate about getting everyone into a small group this fall.

When you find a group, you can sign up to be involved in the 8-week small-group study that corresponds with the message series beginning Sept. 11-12. Each group will meet weekly for approximately 60-90 minutes, build friendships, discuss the message series and how to apply its truths in everyday life, and pray. We hope you will consider joining us this fall and experience what helped the early Christian church—each other.

## Gearing up for the fall

We are anticipating great connections as we prepare to launch our fall line-up. Please take time to review some of our fall opportunities. Additional opportunities can be found on our Web site or in our Fall Opportunities booklet.



**Message Series:** Starting Sept. 11-12, we will take an in-depth look at the Ten Commandments in the message series, “A Study of 10...” We see how God set the stage and how the commands were to be followed, not out of blind obedience, but out of a response for the love and grace that God has for his people.

### Mark your calendar for the following start-up dates:

Sept. 7: Financial Peace University

Sept. 9: Care Night

Sept. 11: Grace Place

Sept. 11: Small groups

Sept. 12: Grace Place, Castaway Senior high Bible study and adult Bible studies

Sept. 13: Women’s Bible Connections

Sept. 15: Faith Alive, Confirmation and The Point

## Teachers needed

We need teachers and assistants for the fall children’s weekend and Wednesday educational times. If interested, call DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

## Meals from the Heartland

Sign up to package meals Friday, Sept. 3 or Saturday, Sept. 4.

See page 2 for more details.

## Financial Peace University

Check out the upcoming financial class starting Sept. 7.

See page 2 for details.

## Flood Relief

Help is still needed for those impacted by the floods. To find ways to help, please go to our Web site.

## Twitter and Facebook

Follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/GloriaDeiOnline>.

## Twitter? Facebook?

In September, we will be holding 30-minute sessions about these communication pathways. Specific times and dates to be announced.

### Want more information?

Go to our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) or pick up a Fall Opportunities booklet today.

## Meals from the Heartland

What if we could feed someone who does not have the means to feed himself?

Meals from the Heartland, a local non-profit organization, has responded to this question by heading up a community-wide event in September at Hy-Vee Hall, 730 Third St., Des Moines.



Gloria Dei will partner with them by forming teams to package meals that will be distributed throughout the world. Team dates:

- Friday, Sept. 3 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. (full)
- Friday, Sept. 3 from 1-3 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 4 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 4 from 1-3 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 4 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

If you are interested in joining Gloria Dei's team, go to our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) or to the Information Centers.

## Welcome Associate Director of Children's Ministry

We are pleased to announce Alice Burress, who has joined our staff as Associate Director of Children's Ministry. Alice comes to Gloria Dei with an elementary education degree and has taught for more than 20 years.

"I am excited to work with children in a church setting," says Alice. "I am passionate about making sure children have a strong foundation in their lives. If they are rooted in God's ways, it will help to guide them when they are teens and adults."

Alice, and her husband, Gary, have been married for 28 years and have raised three daughters in the Des Moines area. Their oldest, Jen, 26, is married to Josh and lives in Chicago; Amy, 23, is studying for a degree in nursing; and Emily, 21, is a senior at Coe College. When not involved with her family, Alice reads fiction and mystery books and enjoys walking.

Alice's main area of responsibility is overseeing Faith Alive and Grace Place by making sure each classroom has what it needs to run smoothly and by corresponding and helping the teachers.

When asked about her dreams for Faith Alive and Grace Place, she replies, "to bring Christ to as many children as possible."



*Alice Burress is looking forward to meeting the children in the fall.*



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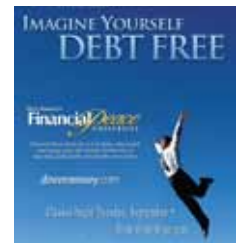
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For a complete staff listing: go to our Web site at: [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)

## Financial Peace University

**Fall class begins Tuesday, Sept. 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Imagine yourself debt free. Imagine making your money work for you instead of you working for your money. The goal of Financial Peace University extends beyond information—it's about transformation.



If you are interested, register today by going to our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).

## Web site news

**Did you know?** All children's, youth and adult activities are online.  
**Check us out today!** [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)

## Hymnals

Gloria Dei has the opportunity to purchase new Lutheran Service Books (LSB), the official hymnal for the LCMS, at a discounted price of \$20 each. Over the last several months, we have received memorial donations from several members to purchase new hymnals; to date, we have the resources to purchase approximately 150 hymnals. We would like to replace all of the 360 hymnals that have been in the Sanctuary for at least 25 years, so we are asking for your support. If you would like to purchase hymnals, please put your donation in the enclosed envelopes or go to our online giving link, fill in the amount under “other” and type “hymnals” in the box to the right.

Please note: if you are donating in “memory of,” we are unable to place memorial tags in each of the hymnals. Thank you for your support as you provide the materials for worshippers to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

## Tiny Treasures celebrates 5-Star Rating

Tiny Treasures Preschool was recently awarded a 5-Star Rating in Iowa’s Quality Rating System, which is the highest level attainable. A 5-Star Rating demonstrates the commitment that Tiny Treasures has toward providing the highest quality education possible for its preschoolers, in the areas of health/safety, physical environment, family/community partnerships, leadership/administration and professional development of its teachers.

Besides celebrating this huge milestone, the teachers are preparing for more than 100 students who will be coming to Tiny Treasures beginning Tuesday, Sept. 7.



*The staff takes time to celebrate Tiny Treasures newly-acquired 5-Star Rating during an in-house training day.*

## Servers

**Officiant/Liturgist:**  
5:30 p.m. (FLC):  
Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC):  
Rev. Philip Robarge

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

**Preacher:**  
Rev. Ron Burcham

**Organist:**  
Lynn Hays

**Acolytes:**  
9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Ross Kromminga

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Noah Richards

**Elders:**  
Steve Junge  
Tim Mueller  
Tim Radig

**Ushers**  
**Northwind**  
Jeff Eckhoff

**7:45 a.m.**  
Ken Andresen  
Bob Knief

**9 a.m.**  
Bruce Brock  
Bob Kuefner  
Kurt Kromminga  
Ron Oolman  
Norm Rinderknecht

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

**Scripture Readings:**  
Genesis 12:1-4 and Matthew 6:25-33 (NIV)

## Prayers

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 health concerns of Louise Crosser, mother of Ronda Mueller
- For Jason and Kelly Nesheim and family grieving the loss of Jason’s grandmother
- For the health concerns of Cindy Ellis
- For the grieving family of Bob Dial, Joan Follis’ brother-in-law
- For 3-year-old Ronan Thompson
- For health concerns of Jolene Norviel
- For a quick recovery from surgery for Don Boesch
- For the health of Ed Mautz
- For Greg Olson, son of Phil and Connie Olson, working for the military in Indonesia
- For all of our military serving around the world, specifically for Tom Kennedy and Nat Wunsch

## Prayer ministry 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.

## Discovery 101: New to the Lutheran Faith?

Thursday, Sept. 16 through Oct. 7 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Our fall session of Discovery 101 runs Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m. This informal four-week class is for those new to the Lutheran faith. Register online at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com). If you need childcare, please indicate this when you register.

## LWML - Women on a Mission

LWML circles meet throughout the month to study, pray, converse and work on service projects. If you would like to join a group, please call Donna Maasen at 278-4259.

**Rebekah Circle** will meet Thursday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. at the home of Rosalie Petersen, 109 N. Jacob, Grimes.

**Ruth Circle** will meet Monday, September 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Leanna Hansch, 5011 Lower Beaver Road, Des Moines.

**Naomi Circle** will meet Thursday, September 9 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, Westown Parkway, West Des Moines.

## Vendors needed

The 18th annual Arts and Craft Show sponsored by LWML (Women on a Mission) will be held Saturday, Oct. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If interested in participating as a vendor, please contact Deb Timmons at 289-0360 or check the Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) and click on the Arts and Craft Show link.



## Thank you

Thank you for your generous support and prayers on behalf of ONE People—Sharing Christ's Love and our beloved Synod. As of the week of our 64th convention, the LCMS has received from our congregations and their members more than \$614,000 to help provide for the ministries of the Synod. Your faithful generosity and prayers on behalf of the Synod's worldwide vision, mission and ministry will be a blessing to all. ~ Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick, President and Rev. Matthew C. Harrison, President Elect

## Gloria Dei Quilters

Saturday, Sept. 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All ladies and friends of Gloria Dei! It is once again time to begin organizing the Gloria Quilters for another year of sharing Christ's love through the making and distributing of quilts for 2011. We will have a quilting and planning day on Saturday, Sept. 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is open to all the ladies of Gloria Dei and the community. You may come with your own project and any ideas for the entire group.



Options to be discussed at 10 a.m. will include: Where will our next cache of quilts go? When will we meet? Is it possible to have a weekday as well as a Saturday work day each month?

Please come with ideas and suggestions for the group to act upon. If you cannot be there, please e-mail your ideas and suggestions to [Mrohn@aol.com](mailto:Mrohn@aol.com).

## Book club

Wednesday, Sept. 1 - "The Surrogate" by Kathryn Mackel

Join us on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. in the cry room. For more information, contact Heather Schmitz at [hlschmitz@mchsi.com](mailto:hlschmitz@mchsi.com).

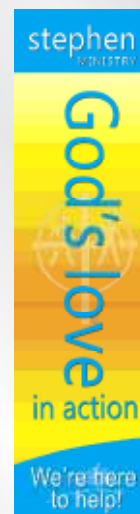
## Stephen Ministry Workshop

Do you know someone who has a heart for the hurting?

We will host a Stephen Ministry Workshop where members of Gloria Dei and other churches are invited to learn the benefits of Stephen Ministry on Saturday, Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person or \$50 per congregation.

If you or someone you know would benefit from this workshop, please go to our Web site and click on the Stephen Ministry link or call Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Saturday, Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Sign up for the workshop today!



## Confirmation

### Orientation meetings:

Parents and students are invited to attend one of these meetings in the Family Life Center:

#### Eighth Grade -

Wednesday, Sept. 1 at 6 p.m.

#### Seventh Grade -

Wednesday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m.

#### Sixth Grade -

Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m.

**All Grades Make-up** (Attend only if you missed one of the above meetings) -

Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.

## Junior high grades 6-8

### Sunday: Castaway resumes Sept. 12

Come expecting fun times as we unveil an improved Castaway hour from 9-10 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

### Junior High Café 923

**Sunday, Sept. 12 from 5-8 p.m.** This is an unique evening for junior high youth to hang out with each other, play games and have fun. Bring yourself, money for snacks, pizza and lots of friends.

### Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. starting Sept. 15

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

## Senior high grades 9-12

### Wednesday evening - The Point

The Point will meet Wednesdays throughout the summer at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center.

### Sundays from 9-10 a.m. Starting Sept. 12

Join us as we discuss relevant issues for high school youth.

## A special Wave

**This Sunday, Aug. 29 from 2-4 p.m.**

Girls in grades 3-5 and their moms are invited to attend this special Wave. We'll look at God's purpose for each of us and how marvelously he has made us. We will learn about real beauty and return home with great ideas and gifts. Mothers and daughters must register at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).

## Help needed

We are looking for individuals to work with others on projects, such as labeling and stuffing envelopes, collating lesson material, metering mail, assembling gift bags for children, and other miscellaneous activities. If you would be interested in being contacted when a need arises, please e-mail Diane Schmidt, Administrative Assistant, at [diane@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:diane@gloriadeionline.com).

## Take control of your health and fitness

Join us for one or all of the sessions on health and fitness during CareNight on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Participants are invited to join us for dinner before each session.)

- Sept. 9: "Control or Avoid Heart Disease"
- Sept. 16: "Physical Activity to Avoid or Control Heart Disease"
- Oct. 7: "Improving My Overall Diet and Nutrition"
- Oct. 14: "Improving My Overall Physical Activity"
- Nov. 4: "Control or Avoid Diabetes"
- Nov. 11: "Physical Activity to Avoid or Control Diabetes"

During the exercise nights, participants should wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle.

## Urbandale Food Pantry

The Urbandale Food Pantry is requesting shampoo during the month of September. Please place your donations in the food pantry bin in the narthex.

## Week of Aug. 28- Sept. 4, 2010

### Saturday, August 28

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center

### Sunday, August 29

- 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
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. The Real You - A Time for Girls and Moms

### Monday, August 30

- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision-Afternoon
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision-Evening

### Tuesday, August 31

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday, September 1

- 6:00 p.m. Eighth Grade Confirmation Orientation Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Book Club
- 6:45 p.m. Carrilloneurs
- 7:00 p.m. Seventh Grade Confirmation Orientation Meeting

### Thursday, September 2

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitches
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Preschool Parent Orientation

### Friday, September 3

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 5:30 p.m. Mark Moeller and Michelle Isaacson Rehearsal

### Saturday, September 4

- 3:00 p.m. Mark Moeller and Michelle Isaacson Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	131	82
7:45 a.m.	116	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	306	
9 a.m. (FLC)	84	33
10:30 a.m.	271	
<b>Total</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>115</b>

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$23,707
First QTD Offering	\$218,630
First QTD Budget	\$211,000

Scripture on Giving:

*Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:15-19*

## Week of Sept. 4-11, 2010

### Saturday, September 4

- 3:00 p.m. Mark Moeller and Michelle Isaacson  
Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in  
Family Life Center

### Sunday, September 5

- 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
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service  
in Sanctuary with Communion

### Monday, September 6

Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day

### Tuesday, September 7

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday, September 8

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Sixth Grade Confirmation Orientation  
Meeting
- 6:45 p.m. Carrilloneurs
- 7:00 p.m. Sixth-Eighth Grade Confirmation Make-up  
Orientation Meeting

### Thursday, September 9

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Care Night

### Friday, September 10

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

### Saturday, September 11

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in  
Family Life Center with Communion

## Community Board

### Hope begins with you

Join Hope Ministries in a walk-a-thon on Saturday, Sept. 4 at Copper Creek Lake in Pleasant Hill. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the walk starts at 10 a.m. For more information go to [www.hopeiowa.org](http://www.hopeiowa.org).

### You're Invited

Trinity Lutheran Church in Van Meter, Iowa will celebrate 125 years of faith on Saturday, Sept. 11 and Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010. This is a special time for the entire church community. It will be a great event to revisit the church and reconnect with friends.

### Life and Liberty

Join guest speaker, Bob Morrison to consider how Christians can defend life and liberty, be a servant in two kingdoms and honor God on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ankeny. Bob Morrison is Senior Fellow for Policy Studies at the Family Research Council in Washington, D.C.

### Project 52

Project 52 will spend nine days from Feb. 15-23 in Los Alcarizos, Dominican Republic building a new house and moving a family into their new home. They have openings for 20-25 individuals to join the team. If interested, please contact Bill Clark at 491-8543 or at [bill@project52online.org](mailto:bill@project52online.org). Project 52 is a faith-based organization whose main focus is missions. They provide hands-on opportunities through local, regional, and international programs. They seek to plant seeds of hope, wanting their lives to impact others for now and for eternity. For more information about Project 52, go to our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).

# 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 Information Center today!

## Weekend Worship Services

Families are encouraged to worship together and enjoy the entire worship service during the month of August. Grace Place and Castaway will not meet in August, but will resume on Sept. 11 and 12. For a complete listing of all of our fall activities, pick up a Fall Opportunities booklet today at the Information Centers.

**Northwind Contemporary Worship Service:** Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center: This come-as-you-are service offers high-energy worship.

**Traditional Worship Service:** Sundays 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:** Sundays 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:** Sundays 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:** Sundays 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.

## This Week's Bible Reading

### Matthew 6:25-33 (NIV)

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

## 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

Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon