

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

## Lenten Worship

**Wednesday March 6**

Traditional at 12:15 p.m.  
Blended at 6 p.m.  
Contemporary Interactive  
at 6:45 p.m.

Junior and senior high  
ministry will meet during the  
Contemporary Interactive  
Worship at 6:45 p.m. in the  
Family Life Center.

## Mid-week Meal

**Pulled Pork**

**Join us from 5-6:15 p.m.**

The cost is \$5 per adult and  
\$2.50 per child.

## Holy Week

**Maundy Thursday with  
Communion, March 28**

Traditional at 12:15 p.m.  
Traditional at 6 p.m.  
Blended at 7:30 p.m.

**Good Friday, March 29**

Traditional at 12:15 p.m.  
Contemporary at 4:30 p.m.  
Traditional at 6 p.m.  
Blended at 7:30 p.m.

## Easter Worship

**Saturday, March 30**

Contemporary at 5:30 p.m.  
Blended at 7 p.m.

**Sunday, March 31**

Traditional at 8 a.m.  
Blended at 9:30 a.m.  
Contemporary at 10 a.m.  
Contemporary at 11 a.m.



Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Matthew 4:10

## No Ordinary Man: Jesus' Ministry Begins

In chapter 23, we see Jesus' ministry begin humbly when he is baptized in the Jordan by John, a man with no official religious credentials. Jesus is then led into the desert as Satan throws three huge temptations his way: "tell these stones to become bread," "throw yourself down," and "bow down and worship me." Jesus then teaches us how to deal with temptation by a "It is written" response. The devil comes to divide, but Jesus demands a rematch between Satan and Himself, the second Adam. Satan cannot and will not create a wedge between Jesus and His Father.

Following Jesus' test in the wilderness, John the Baptist continues to point to Jesus while Peter, Andrew and Philip along with nine others start to follow this "Lamb of God." Jesus begins to teach, to heal many who were sick, and sheds light on many living in darkness. Life as people knew it, was all shaken up. People were getting healed, demons were being cast out, questions were being answered and men and women started to see that the light had permeated the earth. It's an exciting time as heaven comes to earth through God's Son.



## Spring Break at Gloria Dei!

**Before Care | Monday-Friday, March 18-22 from 7-9 a.m.**

We will provide a safe, and fun environment for your children. If interested, contact DeAnn at [deann@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:deann@gloriadeionline.com).



**Register today!**

**VBS | Monday-Friday, March 18-22 from 9-11:30 a.m.**

This is a time of great fun and learning more about who God is! There will be singing, arts and crafts, Bible stories and games. Register online today!

**Camp | Monday-Friday, March 18-22 from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Each day we'll focus on a different theme: Get in the Game, Metropolitan Museum of Art, God's Amazing Creation, Walk of Fame, and I'm Bored! Please register for this camp by clicking on the registration link on the right column of our Web site [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com). The cost is \$50 per child. Remember to bring your own lunch.

## Remember the 30 Hour Famine Deadline

**Deadline: Sunday, March 3!** Parents: please remind your teens to sign up for the 30 Hour Famine, which will be held Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6. In the last eight years, more than 350 teens have been challenged to fight for children who live in poverty. More information can be found at the Youth bulletin board or by contacting Kim Phillips at [tnk4jc@msn.com](mailto:tnk4jc@msn.com).



## AGAPE Pregnancy Center

The Mission of the AGAPE Pregnancy Center is to demonstrate the truth and unconditional love of Jesus Christ to girls, women and their families experiencing unexpected pregnancy in a safe and confidential environment.

Agape's current needs list includes: cash donations, new cribs, new infant car seats, gift cards to Target or Walmart, newborn diapers, paper towels, toilet paper and bottles of water. Please place the material donations in the gray tub in the Narthex. Checks to Gloria Dei with Agape on the memo line may be dropped in the offering plate or at the church office. Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated.

Volunteers are also needed, including Registered Nurses. For questions contact Joyce Larson at 221-4491.

## Operation Barnabus

**Sunday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m.**

Operation Barnabus will hold a freedom banquet for veterans, current military and their guests at the Pavilion at Camp Dodge. The cost is a minimum donation of \$10 per person. The proceeds from the event will be donated to the Des Moines Veterans' Hospital. For reservations, contact Linn Hayden at 664-7359.

## Quilters

**Saturday, March 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

We've got just a few months left before we send quilts off to their new homes but that's plenty of time to get a start and finish a quilt or two. Beginner lessons are available. And if you're bored with squares and rectangles, learn how a couple of special rulers can add more zip to the design without complicated math calculations.

## Scrapbook Fellowship

**Friday, March 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. & Saturday, March 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Come join the fun. For childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by March 6 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

## LWML

**Mary-Esther Circle** will meet Thursday, March 14 at 9 a.m. at the home of LaVonne Clark, 7309 Palm Dr., Urbandale.

**Ruth Circle** will meet Monday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at the home of Jane Lepley, 10609 Sharon Circle, Urbandale.

**Miriam Circle** will meet Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Donna Osby, 10335 Norfolk Dr. #1, Johnston.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
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### Church office hours:

Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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### Rev. Timothy Phillips

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### Need help?

### Stephen Ministries

We have trained individuals to help you in every season of life. Contact Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

## Men's Softball League

Let's play ball and have fun! Join us for the men's league (age 16 and over). League starts Monday, April 15; all games played on Monday nights. It's a 14-game season; the cost is \$25. If interested, sign up with TK by March 10 at tim@gloriadeionline.com. No experience necessary.

## Book Club

Due to Lenten services, the March book club will not meet. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 3 at 6:15 p.m. in the Cry Room, and will discuss "Danger in the Shadows" by Dee Henderson.

## Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, March 3 are provided by Kristen Monson in honor of her parents, Ron and Sheila Oolman, celebrating their 40th anniversary on March 4.

## Senior Adult Ministry - A Matter of Balance

**Mondays and Wednesdays, April 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24 and 29, from 1-3 p.m.**

A Matter of Balance can help reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults. This eight-session class, facilitated by the Polk County Health Department, will be held at the church. Cost is \$20. Space is limited. To register, contact Diane at [diane@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:diane@gloriadeionline.com) or at 276-1700, ext. 220.

## Crafters Needed

Ankeny Christian Academy PTF craft fair will be held April 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost for each table is \$40. Volunteers will be available to help set up. Please contact Brenda Schilling at [mbschill@q.com](mailto:mbschill@q.com) to reserve your spot. This is an annual PTF fundraiser for the needs at the school.

## LCMS Celebrates Education Week

National Lutheran Schools Week 2013 celebrates the education of more than 2,300 early childhood centers and preschools operated by congregations and christian day schools within The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. More than 129,000 children, ranging in age from infant/toddler to five years of age, are involved in these programs. Additionally, our congregations operate 945 elementary schools which serve 107,000 students. Of these, 700 schools are accredited under the National Lutheran School Accreditation program, including Tiny Treasures. Today, we join in the celebration of our preschool and all the other schools as they teach and model Jesus' love.

## Servers

### Officiant/Liturgist:

**5:30 p.m. (FLC)**

Rev. Ron Burcham

**8 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Rev. Tim Phillips

**9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Rev. Tim Phillips

**10 a.m. (FLC)**

Rev. Phil Robarge

**11 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Rev. Ron Burcham

### Preacher

Rev. Ron Burcham

### Organ

Lynn Hays

### Acolytes:

**8 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Jackson Froscheiser

**9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Maddie Gregurek

**11 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Hunter Vontalge

### Hospitality Teams

**5:30 p.m.(FLC)**

Team Three

**8 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Team Three

**9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Team Four

**10 a.m. (FLC)**

TBD

**11 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Team Three

### Scripture verses:

Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

## 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 Ron and Sheila Oolman celebrating their 40th anniversary
- For the engagement of Amanda Cook to Cory Fees

## For the health of

- Lawrence Knief
- Tanya Richards
- Millie Zenor
- Carol Petersen
- Christine Watson
- Jim Schmidt
- Lyle Lawson
- Donna Smitly
- Brenda Barron
- Shirley Kramer
- Steve Crouthamel

## And for:

- The grieving family of Elna Lindgren, Carol Dickey's mother

## Prayer ministry

To join the prayer team, e-mail Pastor Phillips at: [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com) with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

## Mother and Daughter Team Help Ugandans Article by Karen Kennedy, Photos by Emily Raecker

Life can sometimes take on a radical direction through a simple invitation by someone closest to you.

Emily Raecker, a 19-year-old Drake student and member of Gloria Dei, invited her mother, Martha, to accompany her on a trip to Uganda in January. The trip was led by two Drake professors, who are working with a group of Drake students to build a medical clinic in Kikandwa, a rural village about an hour drive from Uganda's capital, Kampala.

"When your 19-year-old invites you anywhere, you clear your schedule and go," says Martha.

Since one of the professors was originally from Uganda, they had "an insider's view" to the Ugandan culture. They spent most of the week viewing different medical clinics, making



*Emily and Martha Raecker enjoy the once-in-a-lifetime trip.*

connections with the villagers, local businesses and the Rotary Club and even went on a safari.

Emily also spent some time with a local artist, Godfrey Kalungi, whom she met last summer when she traveled to Uganda to help local entrepreneurs. As part of a three-week college course and with the help of Shining City

Foundation, she arranged a \$1,500 micro-finance loan for Godfrey to sell his vibrant-color batik prints and to develop a business strategy that would help him make enough money to support his four younger siblings.

"I was amazed at all his progress since I was there. He even has one employee," says Emily. "It's amazing to see how my little efforts caused a huge impact in his life. He's living his dream and it is so exciting!"

Martha was also intrigued by the culture with its "very friendly people, who are laid back and not run by the clock." And since many locals speak English, Martha appreciated their desire to get to know her by asking her name and repeating it often to make sure they were pronouncing it correctly.

But what she really fell in love with were the children. "They were just simply adorable," Martha says.

Of course, visiting a church was on the itinerary. As they traveled to Kikandwa to visit the future site of the medical clinic and to attend church, they noticed men, women and children walking, beautifully dressed, and headed for church.

Although the church was in the native Ugandan language, Martha recognized two familiar hymns, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," and "This is the Day." Through the support of Shining City, Emily and Martha were able to present the church with Bibles, hymnals and financial support to repair the church's roof.

After church, the entire team was invited to the professor's father's house where some local women prepared a huge lunch, took the table and chairs outside, and covered the food with dishcloths before serving them lunch.

"It reminded me of what lunch would have been like at my Grandma's house many years ago," says Martha.

But with all the full range of experiences in Uganda, Martha says seeing her daughter helping others was one of the most precious gems of the entire trip.

"At the end of my days, I will still be talking about the trip that I was able to take with Em," says Martha. "We did it together!"



*(top) Emily delivering school supplies to the director and children at Sure Prospects School. (bottom) Martha playing games with the children.*



**A special thanks** to the Gloria Dei members who have supported the medical clinic through financial donations. If you would like to give, financially, please send a check to Shining City Foundation, P.O. Box 42124, Urbandale, IA 50323 (Memo: Uganda – Medical Clinic).

## **Gloria Dei Youth Ministry**

### **Castaway**

**Sundays at 9:50 & 11:20 a.m.** Join us as we discuss "The Story."

### **Junior High Small Groups**

**Wednesday, March 6 at 6:45 p.m.** Join us for Contemporary Interactive Worship in the FLC. Our small groups will meet during the service. This week's topic: True Vine (John 15:1-17)

### **Spring Retreat-"Me and the I AM"**

**Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13.** The retreat will be held at Riverside Camp, Story City. The cost is \$30. Registration and payment deadline is Wednesday, April 3. All current teens in grades 8-12 are invited.

### **30 Hour Famine**

**"What to Bring" meeting on Sunday, March 10 from 9-9:30 a.m.**

Meet in the Youth Center for a short meeting. **The deadline for registration is Sunday, March 3.**

### **Dinner Theater - Noah County Fair**

**April 19, 20 and 21 - Act 2** will rehearse Sunday, Feb. 24 at 12:15 p.m. Cast lunch to be served at noon (\$2.50 per person).

### **High School Bible Study**

**Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**

Join us in "The Story" discussion.

### **The Point**

**Wednesday, March 6** Join us for Contemporary Interactive Worship in the FLC at 6:45 p.m. Our small groups will meet during the service. Read John 15:1-17 before you come.

## **GirlZ of Faith**

**Sunday, March 3 from 6-7:15 p.m.**

Girls in grades 4 and 5 are invited to a bimonthly meeting at the church. It will be a time for fellowship, Bible study, crafts, activities, snacks and tons of fun.

## **Luther College Collegiate Chorale**

**Sunday, March 9, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.**

The Luther College Collegiate Chorale, conducted by Andrew Last, will perform on Sunday, March 9 at 2:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 10395 University Ave., Clive. The concert is open to the public. There will be a freewill offering.

## **Scholarship Brunch**

**Sunday, March 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

The Annual Scholarship Brunch, hosted by the Urbandale Lioness and Lions Clubs, will be held on Sunday, March 3 at the Urbandale Senior Center, 7305 Aurora Ave., Urbandale. The menu will include omelets, pancakes, orange drink and coffee or milk. Adult tickets are \$7 and children under 10 years of age are \$3. Proceeds go to the Citizens Scholarship Foundation of Urbandale.

## **Faith and Family Day**

**Sunday, March 10, 2013 at 4 p.m.  
at the Iowa Energy Basketball Game**

This will be fun entertainment for the whole family! There will be a post-game concert featuring Christian artists Jason Grey and John Cheatem. Ticket cost: \$10.71 which includes ticket, voucher for hot dog, popcorn and soda and post-game concert. For tickets contact Kyle Davy at 515-564-8563 or [KDAVY@iowaNBA.com](mailto:KDAVY@iowaNBA.com). Tickets must be ordered in advance. For more information, go to <http://www.desmoines.fm/2013/02/faith-family-night-jason-gray-in-concert/>.

# Week of March 2-9, 2013

## Saturday, March 2

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study: 33 Series, Vol. 1
- 4:00 p.m. Cole Kirstein and Jennifer Larsen  
Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the  
Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, March 3

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in  
Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:15 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in the  
Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:50 a.m. Castaway
- 9:50 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Chuck Corell)
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the  
Family Life Center
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:45 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the  
Sanctuary with Communion
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway
- 12:15 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. GirlZ of Faith

## Monday, March 4

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

## Monday, March 4 (continued)

- 12:00 p.m. Iowa Dept. of Education
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

## Tuesday, March 5

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

## Wednesday, March 6

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 12:15 p.m. Lenten Traditional Worship  
in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Faith Alive Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Blended Worship  
in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Lenten Contemporary Interactive  
Worship in the Family Life Center
- 7:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Study: 33 Series, Vol. 1 (off-site)

## Thursday, March 7

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Share

## Friday, March 8

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

## Saturday, March 9

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study: 33 Series, Vol. 1
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the  
Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Wednesday (Feb. 27)	Attendance
12:15 p.m. (Sanctuary)	27
6:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)	178
6:45 p.m. (FLC)	95
<b>Total</b>	<b>300</b>

Worship (Feb. 23-24)	Attendance	Communion
5:30 p.m. (FLC)	224	139
8 a.m. (Sanctuary)	106	
9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	364	
10 a.m. (FLC)	109	47
11 a.m. (Sanctuary)	213	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>186</b>

Outpouring of Love (Feb. 23-24)	
General Fund Offerings	\$30,683
General Fund Offering Budget	\$34,000
3rd QTD Offering	\$227,712
3rd QTD Budget	\$250,000
YTD Offering Total	\$1,155,109
YTD Offering Budget	\$1,206,000

# Week of March 9-16, 2013

## Saturday, March 9

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study: 33 Series, Vol. 1
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, March 10

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:00 a.m. 30 Hour Famine Meeting
- 9:15 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:50 a.m. Castaway
- 9:50 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Chuck Corell)
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:45 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway
- 12:15 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Brownie 541
- 4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 407
- 4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 806

## Monday, March 11

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

## Tuesday, March 12

- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

## Wednesday, March 13

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 12:15 p.m. Lenten Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Faith Alive Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Blended Worship in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Lenten Contemporary Interactive Worship in the Family Life Center
- 7:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

## Thursday, March 14

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Share
- 7:00 p.m. Operation Barnabas Meeting

## Friday, March 15

No Scheduled Events

## Saturday, March 16

- (Grace Place will not be held. Happy spring break!)
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center

## Items needed

Urbandale Food Pantry needs Kleenex and paper towels during the month of March. Please place your donation in the "Urbandale Food Pantry" bin that is located in the Narthex.

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 8:20 a.m.	Sunday 9:50 a.m.	Sunday 10:20 a.m.	Sunday 11:20 a.m.	Wednesday
Preschool	12	4	13	10	11	76
Elementary	27	0	52	22	20	14
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>90</b>

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

**Please note:** We encourage families to worship together before children (ages 3-grade 5) are invited to Grace Place on Saturday evenings at 5:50; Sunday mornings at 8:20, 9:50, 10:20 and 11:20. Junior high youth (grades 6-8) are invited to Castaway at 9:50 and 11:20 a.m.

## **5:30 p.m. Saturday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center**

This contemporary service offers a unique come-as-you-are worship experience on Saturday evening. A gathering of celebration will be led by our worship team and band in the Family Life Center, inviting worshipers to lift anthems to our God. There will be time for intimacy with God, reflection on his promises and the opportunity to grow as his Word is declared.

## **8:00 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**

This worship service is based on traditional hymns and liturgy. The music is organ led with offerings of special music, offertories and communion hymns led by the piano. Our special music groups and choirs perform on a regular basis.

## **9:30 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary**

This service offers a blend of instruments, from piano and organ to brass and percussion. Large group choirs as well as small group vocal and instrumental ensembles offer special music. The liturgy is specifically designed to enhance the life of the believer, by supporting the current study of God's Word at Gloria Dei.

## **10:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center**

This high-energy service offers a casual setting for those who enjoy a come-as-you-are contemporary environment. A gathering of celebration will be led by our worship team and band in the Family Life Center, inviting worshipers to lift anthems to our God. There will be time for intimacy with God, reflection on his promises and the opportunity to grow as his Word is declared via this video venue.

## **11:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary**

This contemporary service has a unique style of its own as we combine the present day sounds of contemporary music with a worship band in the awe inspiring setting of the Sanctuary. This service includes uplifting songs of celebration as people gather together responding to our God.

## **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.

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## **Weekly Bible reading - Matthew 4:1-7 (NIV)**

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

## **Educational times**

**Children** (ages 2- grade 5)

### **Grace Place**

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.

Sundays at 8:20, 9:50,  
10:20 & 11:20 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.