

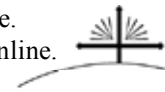
# WEEKLY WORD



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## FALL EDITION

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Nov. 13 and 14, 2010 | Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

## “I Give to Make a Difference”

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

When Paul talks to the church in Corinth about giving, he is gathering offerings for the Christians in Jerusalem. He is collecting to make a difference in the lives of those who are suffering. We give to make a difference through the ministry of our congregation.

This week we will highlight the ministry of Gloria Dei and the difference we are making in the lives of people in our congregation, our community, and around the world. The offerings that members give to Gloria Dei change lives and fund our ministry. We could not do our ministry without them.

## What's up and coming at Gloria Dei

### Thanksgiving Services - Tuesday, Nov. 23 and Thursday, Nov. 25

In the midst of our busy schedules, why not take time to reflect on God's blessings? We will offer Thanksgiving worship services in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 25 at 9:30 a.m. that will help direct our thanks to our God.

### Midweek Advent - Wednesday, Dec. 1, 8 and 15

Advent is a time for all people to anticipate, remember and celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Quite simply, it's a time to pause from our busy lives and prepare our hearts for the true reason for Christmas. Depending on your upbringing, the Advent season may have been a time when great family traditions were built. For others, Advent is a new experience. But no matter what Advent traditions you have, there is always room for more!

This year we want to build new traditions, so we are offering two separate and distinct Advent worship experiences:

### Lunchtime Advent: New Traditions from 12:15-12:45 p.m.



For those working who have lunch time free, we're opening up the Sanctuary doors from 12:15-12:45 p.m. for Advent worship. Of course, we don't want you to go away hungry, so you can pick up a sack lunch after the service.

### Evening Advent: New Traditions from 6-7:15 p.m.

For our Advent evening worship, we invite multiple generations. No matter the age, we will begin in the Sanctuary for worship; the children and youth will then be invited for their educational time while the adults will remain for additional worship and educational time in the Sanctuary.

And to add to the experience, we will have a home-made meal served from 5- 5:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center for \$4 for an adult, \$2 for children and youth. (Children under the age of two, eat free.)

### Advent by Candlelight

Join us for Advent by Candlelight Monday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. This evening offers a great opportunity for women to set aside the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation to focus their minds and hearts on the birth of Christ. See page 4 for more information.



## DMARC

An envelope is inserted in today's Weekly Word for our fall DMARC campaign.

See page 2 for more details.

## Giving Tree

Pick up a tag today from one of our Giving trees that will help a family this Christmas.



## Christmas program

Preschool, elementary children and youth are invited to participate in our Christmas program rehearsal on Sunday, Nov. 14 from 12:15-1:15 p.m.

For more information, see page 4.

## Holiday Opportunities

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Christmas celebrations at Gloria Dei.

Pick up a booklet today at the Welcome Center.

## Adult Bible Study

The 9:10 and 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study will not meet on Sunday, Nov. 14, 21, and 28.

## Where Tithes and Offerings Go

Last week we reviewed where tithes and offerings come from. This week we answer the question of why the offering budget is so important. It is essential that we are able to accurately predict the offerings in order to fund estimated expenses. Each ministry department has an expense budget used to effectively support their ministry. After fixed costs are estimated, the remaining budget is divided between the ministries for their specific department costs.

Currently there are eleven ministry departments: General Ministry, Adult Ministry, Congregational Care Ministry, Worship Ministry, Media Ministry, Family Ministry, Youth Ministry, Tiny Treasures Ministry, Administration Ministry, Facilities Ministry and Publicity Ministry. Each ministry has several line items depicting the programs that run through their ministry. Directors project expenses for their ministry area for each of the line items, and for which month the expenses are to occur. This allows us to manage the cash flow for the entire budget on a monthly basis.

There are always unexpected expenses that can make a huge impact on the budget and related cash flow. The Children's Ministry move and renovation to the "L" section of the building cost more than \$17,500. We expensed \$10,600 in July to fix the leaking roof, and another \$5,000 after insurance reimbursement to replace the fence, which was damaged by the storm. We spent almost \$6,000 on new hymnals beyond the donations of \$1,387. Since we cannot control all unexpected expenses, we try to effectively manage the ones we can.

To combat the rising costs of materials, we take advantage of every discount available. For example, we saved approximately \$850 last year on paper by paying the invoice within 10 days of receipt. We also switched to a local payroll company last January in order to save \$850 a year on payroll processing expenses.

Next week, we will discuss more of the overall accomplishments made over the last two years to demonstrate the stewardship of the blessings that have been bestowed on Gloria Dei. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Jesse, Executive Director at 278-5544, ext. 217.

## DMARC: helping the needy

Gloria Dei is sponsoring a fall food drive for 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.

Please make checks payable to Gloria Dei with "DMARC" written on the memo line and write your offering envelope number on your check. The envelope (enclosed in the Weekly Word) and check can be placed in the mail or in the offering plate for the next three weeks. Thank you for your help in helping those in need. If you have any questions, contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

In addition, the Urbandale Food Pantry is in dire need of toilet paper, soap, toothpaste and shampoo. Please drop off those items in the designated box in the Narthex.



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

## Web site

**Did you know? We have the following online:**

- All children's, youth and adult activities
- Sermons available Monday morning
- Midweek meal menus
- Mission trip updates
- Registration for Grace Place and Faith Alive
- Outreach opportunities
- Giving options

**Check us out today!**

[www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Nov. 14 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



**T** Tyler Alan Gehrels born on April 27, 2002 to Damon and Teresa (nee Jones) Gehrels. Tyler's spiritual sponsors are Dennis and Gretchen Baldwin.



**K** Kayley Estelle Gehrels born on April 27, 2002 to Damon and Teresa (nee Jones) Gehrels. Kayley's spiritual sponsors are Dennis and Gretchen Baldwin.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, Nov. 14 at 11:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m is for:



**A** Alexis Marie Millsap born on Aug. 25, 2010 to Vern and Airene (nee Ybanez) Millsap. Alexis' spiritual sponsors are Donald and Sandra Lass and Phil and Helen Miller.



**E** Ella Marie Wilson born on Nov. 29, 2008 to Michael and Angela (nee Ford) Wilson. Ella's spiritual sponsors are Sharla Wilson, Rachelle Ford and Whitney Ford.



**J** Joshua David Wilson born on Oct. 21, 2010 to Michael and Angela (nee Ford) Wilson. Joshua's spiritual sponsors are Sharla Wilson, Rachelle Ford and Whitney Ford.

## Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar on Sunday, Nov. 14 in the Sanctuary are provided by David and Jackleen Dohlman celebrating their 12th wedding anniversary on Nov. 21.

## Servers

### Officiant/Liturgist:

5:30 p.m. (FLC):  
Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Rev. Tim Phillips

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

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

### Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

### Organist:

Kathy Stange

### Acolytes:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Zoe Wissler

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Kendall Hays

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Josh Ingham

### Elders:

Jim Miles  
Terry Woolman  
Vic Kesse

### Ushers:

**Northwind**  
Randy Bosworth  
Brett Hosch

### 7:45 a.m.

Gordon Dahlby  
Merle Knuth  
Bob Kollmorgen  
Andy Varley

### 9 a.m.

Bryan Flanigan  
Eric Hoffman  
Jason Hoffman  
Bill Kramer  
Shane Love  
Doug Mertz  
Keith Nicolet  
Paul Rusch  
Dave Schramm

### 10:30 a.m.

Greg Cushing  
Doug Fuller  
Clayton Linqvist  
Ed Mautz  
Jason Subbert

### Scripture Reading:

II Corinthians 8:1-7 (NIV)

## Let's pray!

Blue prayer request cards are beneath the pews. Please indicate your prayer request and place the card in the offering plate. We have both e-mail and phone prayer chains available. Call Pastor Phillips in the church office, 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 993-3870 with your request.

## Thanksgivings

- For David and Jackleen Dohlman celebrating their 12th wedding anniversary
- For Mario and Lena Signani married on Saturday

## Prayers

### For the health of:

- Addison Blythe
- Steve Kammeyer
- Ben Schlagle
- Marguerite Tomamichel
- People of Haiti

### And for:

- Trent Lumley, who is leaving for Afghanistan
- For Ruth Ebke and family as they grieve the loss of Ruth's mother
- For the health and peace of Diana Cook's mother, Elsa, who is terminally ill
- The Depew family
- Paul and Stacy Sams, who are in the process of adopting a child
- All of our military and workers serving around the world, specifically for Tom Kennedy, Greg Olson, Nat Wunsch, Matt Price and Joe Phillips

## Prayer team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail Pastor Phillips at: [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com) with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

## Surviving the Holidays

Thursday Nov. 18 from 6-8 p.m.

If you are grieving or going through a divorce, we invite you to an evening of support, which includes a meal and small groups. To register, go to our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com). For more information, please call Pastor Phillips at 275-5544, ext. 204.

## Advent by Candlelight

Monday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

This evening offers a great opportunity for women to set aside the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation to focus their minds and hearts on the birth of Christ.



**Hostess information:** Please stop by the display in the narthex to sign up for a table, pick up an informational packet and place the \$10 registration fee in the envelope provided. As a hostess, you will decorate a table, prepare a dessert and invite friends to join you for an evening of candlelight, fellowship and a musical program. If you have any questions, contact Jill Hosch at 270-2402 or [jbhosch@dwx.com](mailto:jbhosch@dwx.com); or to Brenda Plagge at 986-1123 or [Plagge86@msn.com](mailto:Plagge86@msn.com).

## “God Heard Their Cry” study

Join renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan in a five-week DVD presentation and Bible study on Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the board room. Each lesson will illuminate the historical, geographical and cultural context of the time when the Israelites were in Egypt. If you have any questions, contact Jim Miles at 251-7939.

## One in Christ Singles

All singles are invited to a morning of Christian fellowship with an expanding group of friends at Friedrichs Coffee Shop, 4632 86th St., Urbandale on Saturday, Nov. 20 at 9 a.m. Please feel free to invite a friend. If you have questions, contact Michael Callison at [Mcall78869@aol.com](mailto:Mcall78869@aol.com).

## Thank you

I would like to extend a sincere thank you from our family to our church family at Gloria Dei for all of your support, prayers, encouragement, calls, cards and well wishes during my recent surgery and ongoing recovery. It has helped us to once again realize all of the blessings God has bestowed upon us—not the least of which are great friends. In particular, we are grateful for our inclusion in your prayers these last few weeks and ask for your continued prayers as we move forward. Thank you! ~ Steve Kammeyer Family

CHILDREN AND THEIR FAVORITE ADULT(S) ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A GINGERBREAD TEA AT GLORIA DEI SATURDAY, DEC. 4 AT 10 A.M.

Each family will decorate a gingerbread house to take home. Tickets are \$35 per family and can be purchased at the Information Center. Christmas attire requested.

Register today at the table display in the Narthex or the Gathering Place.

## Pie auction

Buy a pie here. Help a family there. A pie auction will be held at Colby Park Community Center (6900 School Street, Windsor Heights, behind Wal-mart) on Sunday, Nov. 21 at noon. A slice and slice lunch (pizza and homemade pie) will be served at noon for \$5 per person. At 12:30 p.m., Carl Jackson, a professional auctioneer will begin the auction. All proceeds will be given to help the impoverished families in Mexico.



## Midweek Meal

Nov. 17 - Baked Potato Bar



## Revolve Tour (8-12)

**Revolve Tour: Feb. 4-5, 2011 in Kansas City:** Join the thousands of girls in celebration of their identity in Jesus. Sign-up on the youth bulletin board. Cost is \$50.

## Café 923 (6-8)

**Sunday, Nov. 14 from 5-8 p.m.**  
Come hang out with friends, play games and eat snacks.

## Christmas Program (6-12)

All youth interested in helping with this year's Christmas program please meet in the youth room Sunday, Nov. 14 from 12:15-1:15 p.m.

Lunch will be available from 11:25 a.m.– 12 p.m. for \$2 a person. Check the Web site for additional rehearsal times.

## Junior High (6-8)

**Sunday: Castaway:** Come expecting fun times during our Castaway hour from 9-10 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

**Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m.:** Students in grades 6-8 meet in small groups to discuss various topics relevant to their lives.

## Senior High (9-12)

**Wednesday evening - The Point:** Join us this Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m. in the Youth Center for praise, large-group Bible study and small group discussion.

**Sundays from 9-10 a.m. -** Join us in room 138.

## Mission Trip (8-12)

We will join hands with hundreds of teens to help those in need by painting, repairing and building projects. There are openings available for our mission trip to Ripley, Tenn. from July 10-17. Cost: \$650. Sign-up with Tim Kightlinger by giving a \$50 deposit.

## Christmas program rehearsals begin

All preschool, elementary children are invited to be involved in the Christmas program. We start Sunday, Nov. 14 from 12:15-1:15 p.m. Lunch will be available from 11:25 a.m. to 12 p.m. for \$2 a person. If you have questions, please contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext 207.

Christmas program will be held Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3 and 5 p.m.

## Bibles for 3-year-olds

All 3-year-olds and their families are invited to H3 worship Sunday, November 14 at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center. During this worship service, 3-year-olds will receive a Bible.

## Adopt a family

The Adopt a Family Program has joined Project 52 in Adopt a Family Holiday Fundraiser to be held Friday, Nov. 19 from 7-10 p.m. at the Cabaret West Glen, 560 Prairie View Dr., West Des Moines. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided. A cash bar will be available. Raffle prizes include a chance for a weekend at Lake of the Ozarks. Raffle tickets are \$30 for 20 and the drawing will be held at 9:30 p.m. This is an informal social event so you are welcome to drop in anytime between 7 and 10 p.m. For more information on Project 52 Adopt a Family, please contact them at [trees@p52.org](mailto:trees@p52.org).

## Donations accepted

The teachers for the English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at First Christian Church are planning another clothing drive for the refugees and immigrants in their classes. They will accept clean, gently worn, warm, clothing for both adults and children, housewares and bedding now through November 15. If you can donate, please leave your items in the designated box in the Narthex.

# Week of Nov. 13-20, 2010

## Saturday, November 13

- 8:00 a.m. Go Green (Parking Lot)
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. Small Group: "God Heard Their Cry"
- 1:30 p.m. Mario Signani and Lena Rees Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, November 14

- 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. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Junior High Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. LifeLight Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:25 a.m. Christmas Program Practice Lunch
- 12:15 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal for Children and Youth
- 1:00 p.m. Girls Scout Troop #659
- 2:30 p.m. Girl Scout Daisy Troop
- 5:00 p.m. Jr. High Café 923

## Monday, November 15

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections a.m.
- 4:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training
- 6:30 p.m. Volleyball

## Tuesday, November 16

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 3
- 5:00 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday, November 17

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. The Truth Project Parenting Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Small Group Study
- 6:45 p.m. Carrilloneurs
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

## Thursday, November 18

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 11:30 a.m. NACBA Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Take Control of Your Health and Fitness
- 6:00 p.m. Surviving the Holidays
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal

## Friday, November 19

- 11:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures' Family Feast

## Saturday, November 20

- 9:30 a.m. Small Group: "God Heard Their Cry"
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	134	
7:45 a.m.	167	145
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	356	256
9 a.m. (FLC)	140	
10:30 a.m.	298	192
<b>Total</b>	<b>1095</b>	<b>593</b>

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$29,480
Second QTD Offering	\$162,405
Second QTD Budget	\$178,000

# Week of Nov. 20-27, 2010

## Saturday, November 20

- 9:30 a.m. Small Group: "God Heard Their Cry"
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, November 21

- 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. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Junior High Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. LifeLight Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:25 a.m. Christmas Program Practice Lunch
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 12:15 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal for Children and Youth
- 2:00 p.m. Chapel at Emeritus of Urbandale
- 5:30 p.m. Worship Ministry Appreciation
- 6:00 p.m. Junior and Senior High Ministry Partner Training
- 7:30 p.m. Softball Parent Meeting

## Monday, November 22

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections a.m.
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training
- 6:30 p.m. Volleyball

## Tuesday, November 23

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday, November 24

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:45 p.m. Carrilloneurs

## Thursday, November 25

- Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving
- 9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion

## Friday, November 26

- Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving

## Saturday, November 27

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Midweek
Preschool	7	31	12	22
Elementary	11	76	53	113
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>135</b>

Youth Attendance	Sunday 9 a.m.	Midweek
Junior High	40	98
Senior High	12	27
<b>Total Youth</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>125</b>

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

Welcome! Please take some time to get to know us. If you have any questions, ask any of our member or stop by the Information Center today!

## Weekend Worship Services

Children are encouraged to worship with their parents at each service before being invited to Grace Place: Saturday at 5:50 and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. For youth in grades 6-8, an invitation to Castaway will be extended on Sunday at 9:20 a.m.

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

**Traditional Worship Service:** Sunday at 7:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Join us in this classical Lutheran worship service that utilizes all the divine services and hymns from the new Lutheran Service Book.

**Traditional Worship Service:** Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Our classical Lutheran worship makes use of written and free-flow liturgy with traditional hymns.

**H-3 Family Worship Service:** Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center: Experience the wonder of a child in this casual and friendly-family atmosphere where families with young children worship together. Toe-tapping hymns, lively praise music and puppets will capture the heart of all family members.

**Infusion-Contemporary Worship:** Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary: This service offers high-energy worship using contemporary Christian songs and praise music.

## Other Important Items

**Nursery:** Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level with access through the doors in the narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

**Cry room:** Located in the southwest corner of the narthex is a room with a full view of the Sanctuary for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying.

## Communion

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays and Sundays during the services in the Family Life Center.

A note to our guests and visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, non-alcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine. In addition, gluten-free wafers are available, please alert the elders before the service if possible.

## This Week's Bible Reading

### II Corinthians 8:1-7 (NIV)

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But just as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us - see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

## Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

**Saturday Evening:** 5:30 Northwind Contemporary

**Sunday Morning:** 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary

**Children's Educational Times:** Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon