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Nov. 20-21 and 27-28, 2010 |
Last Sunday of the Church Year
First Sunday of Advent

Reflections about giving

As we wrap up the message series about giving, this poem summarizes the art of giving:

Living is giving your best self away
Living is helping someone every day;
Living is giving more than you get,
It's treating an animal like a person, instead of a pet.
It's helping the handicapped across the street,
It's smiling at the new person at work that you meet;
It's respect for all nations, colors and creeds,
It's sharing and caring for your neighbor's needs,
One of God's greatest laws you can live and believe,
Is the more that you give, the more you'll receive! ~ Denis Waitley



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

Christmas season is approaching

"What's not right about Christmas?" message series begins Nov. 27 and 28

Looking at the birth of Jesus, there isn't any facet of the story that seems right or correct. From his family tree, to those who prophesied about his birth, to the timing, nothing seemed right. Yet God had an incredible plan "when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons." Galatians 4:4-5.

In this series, we will also witness how "the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength." Corinthians 1:25. Come expecting to see how God worked through the imperfect to bring about the perfect, Jesus Christ.



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 \$2 for children and youth, and \$4 for adults. (Children under the age of two eat free.)

Mark your calendar for more Christmas opportunities

To find out more ways to celebrate the Christmas season at Gloria Dei, check out page 4.



Thanksgiving Services

Tuesday, Nov. 23 at
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 25 at
9:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving Schedule

Wednesday, Nov. 24
No midweek activities
Weekend of Nov. 27-28
No weekend
educational times

Advent Devotions

Advent devotions are available at the Welcome Centers. We have three to choose from, two written by Lutheran Hour Ministries and one written by DeAnn McCue for children and families. Enjoy!

Giving Tree

Grab a tag today from one of our Giving trees. Your gift will help a family in need this Christmas.

DMARC

Let's remember the hungry this time of year by donating money to Des Moines Area Religious Council. Envelopes are at the Welcome Centers.

For more information, see page 6.

Overall financial accomplishments

It is our strong resolve to manage the resources that God has given to the church in the best possible way. Therefore, we continue to abide by and expand on our financial policies. The main accomplishments in the last two years are listed below. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Jesse, Executive Director at 278-5544, ext. 217.

In order to have a clearer picture of the fiscal year, the Accounting Manager inputs the budget to reflect the actual month(s) of the anticipated income and expenditures for each department. This helped stabilize the fluctuations of actual versus budgeted figures. To do this it was also necessary to write timelines for missionary and local mission support. Line item numbers were changed for consistency between departments. Department directors meet weekly with the Executive Director and Accounting Manager to discuss budget items.

An overview report was created for the Governing Board, and later updated, to provide comparisons between fiscal years in both dollar and percentage amounts. Income, expense, net operating income and cash flow were presented with bullet points noting fluctuations between years.

A Financial Control Policy was formally written, reviewed and adjusted by the Executive Director, along with former Governing Board Members, Mark Pierson and Doug Pals. Although most of the policies were already being practiced, it was necessary to review and set as policy financial controls for the church. From an audit standpoint, this document was necessary to show that the church's finances are following accounting guidelines.

The \$800 per month, 8 percent interest preschool loan was paid off in February 2010 in the amount of \$15,027. Due diligence was done in June 2010 regarding the possible refinancing of the remaining two building loans to get a better interest rate. We currently have the best interest rate on both loans since they adjust every five years, and both were adjusted earlier in 2010.

The church's current building and property insurance policies were reviewed against other companies in the areas of coverage, liability and cost. Our current insurance carrier has two-thirds more coverage than any other insurance carrier offers, at a lower price. The recommendation was to continue with our current insurance carrier.

In a response to inquiries about paying online, Gloria Dei now has the capability to process debit cards, Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express and online pay-by-check. We can also accept credit card payments in the main office.

Thrivent Choice

If you are a member of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, you have a new, easy way to help support what matters most to you—even your own congregation. Through Thrivent ChoiceSM, a new charitable grant program, members can help choose where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable funds each year. The program has two components: Voting Events and Choice Dollars.

Through Voting Events, all members age 16 and older can vote to help choose where Thrivent Financial distributes funds among a short list of national organizations.

Eligible benefit members are also designated Choice Dollars. By directing Choice Dollars, you can request funding for thousands of Lutheran organizations nationwide, including Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Potential designated Choice Dollars amounts that can be directed range from \$25 to \$500 for each eligible member.

If you are eligible to direct Choice Dollars, you can direct them right now. If you are uncertain about your eligibility, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice, or contact one of our congregational representatives, Daniel Klinefelter at 252-0639, Diane Greenwood at 255-0219, or Dennis Trollope at 289-7745.



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For a complete staff listing: go to our
Web site at: www.gloriadeionline.com

Web site

We have the following online:

- All children's, youth and adult activities
- Sermons available Monday morning
- Midweek meal menus
- Mission trip updates

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Nov. 21 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Family Life Center is for:



S Sam Dennis Christensen born on Sept. 21, 2010 to Chad and Dawn (nee Leytem) Christensen. Sam's spiritual sponsors are Paul and Jodi Rusch.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Nov. 21 at 12 p.m. is for:



P Palmer John Mertz born on Aug. 2, 2010 to Kyle and Amanda (nee Palmer) Mertz. Palmer's spiritual sponsors are Bill and Wendy Murphy and Michael Mertz.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, Nov. 28 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



J Jacob Scott Sands born on Aug. 18, 2010 to Scott and Rena (nee Zimmerman) Sands. Jacob's spiritual sponsors are Bryan and Angie Zimmerman.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar on Sunday, Nov. 21 in the Sanctuary are provided by Jim and Janet Tysse celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on Nov. 21.

Servers

Nov. 20 and 21
Officiant/Liturgist:
5:30 p.m. (FLC):
Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Phil Robarge

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

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

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

Preacher:
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:
Lynn Hays

Acolytes:
7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Kassidy Hays

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Zoe Wissler

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Allison Piper

Elders:
Steve Junge
Tim Mueller
Tim Radig

Nov. 27 and 28
Officiant/Liturgist:
5:30 p.m. (FLC):
Rev. Phil Robarge

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Rev. Phil Robarge

Organist:
Lynn Hays

Acolytes:
7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Noah Bettey

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Josh Ingham

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Shelby Christensen

Scripture Readings:

Nov. 20 and 21:
Malachi 3:6-12
II Corinthians 9:6-11 (NIV)

Nov. 27 and 28:
Isaiah 9:6-7
Matthew 1:1-17 (NIV)

Elders:
Marvin Deer
Rod Serbus
Tom Westby

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 Linquist
Ed Mautz
Jason Subbert

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 Jim and Janet Tysee celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary
- Bill and Shirley Kramer celebrating their 7th wedding anniversary

Prayers

For the health of:

- Addison Blythe
- Ben Schlagle
- Marguerite Tomamichel
- People of Haiti
- Lucas Eubanks

And for:

- Trent Lumley, who is leaving for Afghanistan
- For the health and peace of Diana Cook's mother, Elsa, who is terminally ill
- For Ivanell Seeberger, Sally Dehnert's mother, who is in hospice
- 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, Joe Phillips, Jeremy Strachan, Scott LeClair and Craig Scott

Prayer team

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

Christmas at Gloria Dei

Join us in the next few weeks as we celebrate the Christmas season at Gloria Dei.

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 time to focus their minds and hearts on the birth of Christ. We currently have a few tables available; stop by the display in the narthex. If you have any questions, contact Jill Hosch at 270-2402 or Brenda Plagge at 986-1123.



Gingerbread Tea

Saturday, Dec. 4 from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center



The Gingerbread Tea is a special celebration for families with children to decorate a gingerbread house and to have tea together. The cost to attend is \$35 per family, which includes one gingerbread house to decorate. Additional gingerbread houses can be purchased for \$10 each. Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com. If you have questions, contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3 and 5 p.m.

“Christmas Throughout the Ages” Travel with us as we observe Christmas celebrations in different eras. It is not too late to join the fun. Children and youth are invited Sunday, Nov. 21 at 12:15 p.m. for rehearsal. Lunch will be available from 11:25 a.m.– 12 p.m. for \$2 a person. (No rehearsals Nov. 28)

Christmas Caroling

Saturday, Dec. 18 from 2-4 p.m.; meal at 4:30 p.m.

Wrap your children in warm clothes and travel with us to houses where we will spread our Christmas joy by singing. After we carol our way in the Urbandale vicinity, we will meet at church for chili and hot chocolate. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Cantata - Hark the Herald

Sunday, Dec. 19 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join us as we celebrate the wonder of Christmas through music in the Cantata, “Hark the Herald.” You’ll experience a spectrum of Christmas songs that exemplifies the joy of the birth of our Savior through beautiful customized popular choral and instrumental pieces, and a narrative concerning Jesus’ birth.

Coffee and conversation

Join Pastor Burcham for an informal time of coffee and conversation as he discusses how Gloria Dei is moving forward in ministry.

- Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. in rooms 131/133
- Saturday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Gloria Dei Quilters

Friday, Dec. 3 from 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 4 from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
in rooms 130/132/134

Whether you’re making a quilt for someone special or donating it to a mission project, you’ll be amazed at how much you can get done with friends. Contact: Karen Hoff at Karenhoff@hotmail.com or at 278-6655.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Friday, Dec. 3 from 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 4 from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
in rooms 131/133

With Christmas approaching, why not make a special project to give to a family member. Contact: Deb Kesse at 251-8324. If you need childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

Toolshoppe

Stop by the Toolshoppe to see all of the wonderful gifts that we have for your loved ones at Christmas. We have assorted nativity scenes, hand-painted bottles from China, clothes, jewelry, books, and music. Our hours are Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. Saturday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Midweek Meal

Dec. 1 - Walking Taco

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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.

Christmas program (6-12)

All youth interested in helping with this year's Christmas program, please meet in the youth room Sunday, Nov. 21 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: Expect fun times during our Castaway hour from 9-10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We will not be meet Nov. 28.

Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m.: Students in grades 6-8 meet in small groups to discuss various topics relevant to their lives. Midweek opportunities will not be held Nov. 24; will resume December 1 for Advent worship.

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. Midweek opportunities will not be held Nov. 24; will resume December 1 for Advent worship.

Sundays from 9-10 a.m. - Join us in room 138. We will not be meet Nov. 28.

Mission trip (8-12)

We will join hands with hundreds of teens to help those in need. 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.

Parents day out

Parents can drop off their children at the west entrance to the Family Life Center Saturday, Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. to noon. The youth will provide childcare and fun activities for children ages infant to 12 years old. The suggested donation is \$15 per family; money collected will go toward youth trips. Registration required by e-mailing Lisa Gibson at lisa@gloriadeionline.com by Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Faith Alive in December

Families are encouraged to worship together during Advent on Wednesdays. We will begin our evenings together in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. This time of worship will be a traditional blend, with worship band leading the songs. We'll watch a drama and hear the Scripture reading for the evening before attending an education time. Parents stay in the Sanctuary for the continuation of worship/Bible study. Students will return to their parents in the Sanctuary near the end of worship.

Tiny Treasures Christmas program

Monday, Dec. 20 at 5:30 p.m. for 3-year-olds and 6:30 p.m. for 4/5-years-olds and PreKs

The entire congregation is invited to "Love Came Down at Christmas." Little children ages 3 to 6, will delight in telling the Good News of Jesus' birth through this simple, yet powerful Christmas program.

Book club change

Due to Advent services we will not meet in December. Join us in January and discuss a great Christian fiction. Meet in the cry room from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

January 5 - "Angel Song" by Sheila Welsch

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
- 12:15 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 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

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

- 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 with Communion

Help those in need

DMARC-Urbandale Food Pantry

Don't forget to contribute to the fall food drive for Des Moines Area Religious Council by making checks payable to Gloria Dei with "DMARC" written on the memo line and write your offering envelope number on your check. Additional envelopes can be picked up at the Welcome Centers. The envelope 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.

Pie Auction

Buy a pie at the pie auction Sunday, Nov. 21 at 12:30 p.m. at Colby Park Community Center, 6900 School Street, Windsor Heights. Proceeds go to help the impoverished families in Mexico.

Haiti Mission Trip

Help students from Concordia University Seward, Neb. share the love of Christ with those in Haiti by attending a Soup Supper Wednesday, Nov. 24 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 4003 2nd Ave., Des Moines.

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	140	88
7:45 a.m.	113	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	288	
9 a.m. (FLC)	179	65
10:30 a.m.	294	
Total	1014	153

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$30,461
Second QTD Offering	\$192,866
Second QTD Budget	\$213,000

Week of Nov. 27-Dec. 4, 2010

Saturday, November 27

- 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 with Communion

Sunday, November 28

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

Monday, November 29

- 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 Minister Training
- 6:30 p.m. Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Service of Remembrance

Tuesday, November 30

- 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. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 1

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Burcham
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 12:15 p.m. Advent Traditional Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Mid Week Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Advent Blended Traditional Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 7:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 7:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 8:00 p.m. Carrilloneurs

Thursday, December 2

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 4:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Hospitality MAT
- 6:30 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, December 3

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. MOM's of West Des Moines

Saturday, December 4

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. Small Group: "God Heard Their Cry"
- 10:00 a.m. Gingerbread Tea
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Burcham

Need more dates?

Check out our Web site for a complete listing of our December activities at www.gloriadeionline.com/calendar.

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Midweek
Preschool	4	36	15	24
Elementary	10	59	30	106
Total Children	14	95	45	130

Youth Attendance	Sunday 9 a.m.	Midweek
Junior High	20	85
Senior High	n/a	31
Total Youth	20	116

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 Welcome Center today! Please note: Our weekend educational times will not be held Nov. 27-28. Happy Thanksgiving!

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.

Weekly Bible Reading

Nov. 20-21: II Corinthians 9:6-12 (NIV)

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Nov. 27-28: Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

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