

WEEKLY WORD



March 15 and 16, 2008

A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

Palm Sunday

PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week and Easter

As Easter approaches, we are excited to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with all of our family and friends at Gloria Dei. The series of messages beginning Palm Sunday through Easter will center around the theme "In a Moment Like This." Since life is comprised of small moments, we will examine in detail a few of the monumental moments surrounding Jesus and his disciples during the last week of his life.

Invite a Friend

Easter is a great time to invite family, friends and co-workers to church. If you need an extra invitation postcard, which shows all the service times, please pick one up at the Information Center today.

Housekeeping News

We need ministry partners to help us host our guests; therefore, your help would be appreciated. Please sign up at the Information Center today for the various service opportunities.

If at all possible, please park at Urbandale Middle School and ride the shuttle to and from the services.

Holy Week

Join us for either our traditional or family-focused service on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Traditional Services: Our traditional services on Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m. and Good Friday at 6 and 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary will convey the sacrifice of our Lord.

Family-focused Services: Relive! Come and experience the sights, sounds, tastes and happenings of Holy Week in the Family Life Center with your children this year. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter family-focused services will incorporate hands-on learning stations that will help to relive the sights and sounds of the last week of Jesus' life.

Don't Forget

Grace Place will not be held today, March 15-16, and Easter weekend, March 22-23.

Faith Alive, Music Alive and the mid-week meal will not meet Wednesday, March 19.

VBS

Monday-Wednesday
9-11:30 a.m.

Children ages 3 years to grade 5 are invited to our three-day VBS this week. We plan to stir things up to learn about God's miraculous power.

Good Friday

As we have done traditionally, our offices will be closed on Good Friday to allow staff the opportunity to personally prepare themselves for the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

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Easter Services:

Saturday, March 22	5:30 p.m.	Contemporary in the Family Life Center
Sunday, March 23	7:30 a.m.	Traditional in the Sanctuary
Sunday, March 23	9:00 a.m.	Traditional in the Sanctuary
Sunday, March 23	9:00 a.m.	Family-focused in the Family Life Center
Sunday, March 23	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary in the Sanctuary

Palm Sunday Breakfast



The Honduras mission team is sponsoring a Palm Sunday breakfast on Sunday, March 16 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. in rooms 130 and 131. Scrambled eggs, ham, muffins, milk, juice and coffee will be served. A free-will donation will be collected with matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Concordia High School Band to Visit

Concordia Junior and Senior High School band will offer musical selections this evening at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.



The school, located in northwest Omaha and operated in an association of 16 LCMS churches, has been blessed with a tremendous amount of growth since its start in 2001. Their vision is simple, "Equipping Students for Godly Excellence."

Come and hear the band!

Sunday, March 16 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, March 16 after the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



Anna Elise Freese born November 8, 2007 to Kevin and Cindy (nee Ringgenberg) Freese. Anna's spiritual sponsors are Beth Freese, and Todd and Angela Ringgenberg.

They're Here!

Each family of Gloria Dei can pick up a photo directory in the narthex or the Family Life Center today. Please remember: only one copy per family.



Spring Clean-Up

New date: Saturday, March 22 from 8 a.m to noon

Join the fun on Saturday, March 22 from 8 a.m. to noon as we prepare our grounds for Easter.

No need to register; just show up with gardening tools in hand.



Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Kendall Meyer

Preacher:

Rev. Kendall Meyer

Scripture Reading:

Luke 19:28-44 (NIV)

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Justin Nicolet

Todd Jensen

Bryan Johnson

Elders:

Tim Mueller

Steve Junge

Tim Radig

Ushers:

Northwind

Mike Cobb

Sandy Junge

Tom Junge

7:45 a.m.

Wendell Dickey

Bruce Grimm

Jamie Grimm

Alan Grunst

Bill Kickbush

Jeff Liittschwager

Tim Radig

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Randy Bamsey

Bruce Boettcher

Paul Cook

Randy Dickey

Duane Haas

Mark Jobst

Dave Morrison

Jay Plagge

10:30 a.m.

Jimmy Hanselman

Dave Miller

Mark Pierson

God's People in Prayer

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 or Joan Kickbush after 5 p.m. at 987-4864 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For our families

Prayers

- For the upcoming VBS
- For the upcoming Easter services
- For the health of Lora Wunsch's father
- For the healing of Barb Thompson
- For the grieving family of Ralph Aufdenkamp, who lost his mother
- For the health concerns of Kay Clark
- For Theresa Erpelding's health
- For Diane Metz, who is battling cancer
- For the continued healing of Richard Counley's daughter, Cheryl
- For the health of Diane Mahaffey
- For the continued health of John McKeighan

Prayer ministry team

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



tiny treasures
lutheran preschool
presents:

carnival games

**Fun
Night!**

**Thursday, April 3
5:30-7:30 p.m.**

food bounce house
silent auction

\$10 per family

all profits go toward Tiny Treasures

Fun Night

Thursday, April 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The second annual Family Fun Night will be Thursday, April 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mark your calendars for a great evening of fun for young children and their families. Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool parents will organize and sponsor the event, but everyone is invited. Tickets can be purchased by calling Tiny Treasures at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Stephen Ministry

Gloria Dei is exploring options to expand our care ministries. Currently we are looking at Stephen Ministry—a ministry which trains and commissions individual caregivers to assist people through difficult periods of life. If you have experience with, have interest in or have a heart for Stephen Ministries, please contact Pastor Phillips at 276-1700 ext. 204.

Band Festival

Iowa Lutheran Band Festival will be held March 28 at 7 p.m. at Johnson Wellness Center, Grand View College, Des Moines. More than 130 students musicians in grades 4-8 from around the state and guest conductors, Jennie McKenna, North Scott Jr. High; and Harvey Nicholson, CAL Community Schools, Latimer will perform. This event is sponsored in part by Thrivent Financial



for Lutherans. A free-will offering will be received at the door. For additional information, call Christa Miller, Festival Coordinator, at 515-277-8349.

Breast Cancer Support Group

The breast cancer support group will not meet Thursday, March 20, but will meet March 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Breakfast

Mark your calendar for the 2008 Iowa Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, March 20 from 7:15-8:45 a.m. at the Polk County Convention Complex, 501 Grand Ave., Des Moines. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. David Noebel, president of Summit Ministries, will be the keynote speaker and Faith Baptist Bible College Chorale will provide the music. To register, call 253-9600.

Anne Graham Lotz to Speak

Billy Graham's daughter, Anne Graham Lotz, will speak at a conference for women at Wells Fargo Arena on Friday, April 18 from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, April 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The "Just Give Me Jesus" conference is free, with no registration.

Volunteers Needed

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity needs help April 29-May 3 as they raise the roof on two homes located at 1631 12th Street and 1544 10th Street. For more information, contact Bill Clark at 491-8543 or billclark@mchsi.com.

Ugandan Collections

Throughout the month of March, we will collect items to fill the cargo container for our Uganda mission. These items will be given to the poorest families from the congregations that we support in Uganda. Any help is greatly appreciated.

This month we are collecting kitchen supplies (towels, utensils, cleaning and shower-type items). Please drop off your donations in the white wire baskets found in the north doorway of the narthex and in the east entrance of Family Life Center. Cash donations to cover the shipping cost (\$5 per box) can be left in the secured box on the wire collection box.

We Need You

The Ugandan Mission Ministry Action Team is looking for volunteers who are interested in being part of an interest group. These individual groups will identify and address the unique needs of our partners in Uganda. Groups will be separated into the following interests: contemporary worship, cargo collections, orphanage needs and construction needs for the church in Kampala.

If you have a special talent you would like to share, please contact:

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Amy Jo Wiese	amyjowiese@msn.com	224-4805

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

Discovery 101:

The next class begins April 2.
Discovery 101 is a class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided. For more information, please contact the church office at 276-1700.

Discovery 201:

Sunday, May 18 at 3 p.m.
If you are transferring from another Lutheran Church or have completed Discovery 101, please come to Discovery 201. This four-hour event is for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided. For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

First-time Visitors:

Sign the friendship pad in the pew or at the Information Center and check "wish to join Gloria Dei." All who wish to join must attend Discovery classes.

Sign-up:

If you have any questions or want to register, please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 or tphilips@gloriadeionline.com.

All are Welcome:

Whether you are new to Gloria Dei, thinking about joining or have been a member for years, you are welcome at all of Gloria Dei's activities.

Mission Corner

China Updates

Please note: *Because the Chinese government keeps a close eye on any Christian movement and we want to protect the people who have committed their lives to spread the gospel in foreign lands, the following article will not use real names or locations.*

A missionary couple in the vicinity of China visited one of the large temples where many pilgrims visit to pay homage to countless gods. The pilgrims, most who are poor, lay money before the statues because they believe these actions will usher them into a better “after life.”

On this particular day, this missionary couple, was amazed at what they saw in the midst of the temple—a young, pure white lamb wandering in the midst of the pagan rituals.

“We felt an underlying by the Holy Spirit that the Lord was saying, ‘Don’t be discouraged. I am here in the midst of what looks impossible. Where do you begin? You begin with me! Just follow me into the midst of those with no hope and I will give you the way to give them hope! Keep your eyes and heart focused on the lamb of God, the everlasting hope, Jesus Christ. The greatest gift ever.’”

Gifts for Children



On a recent trip, members Dan and Deb Timmons encountered three children from the Wa village located in eastern Tibet. The children, who live in log cabins at approximately 13,000 feet were patiently waiting to receive stocking caps and blankets one evening last fall.

“These children along with their parents truly represent the opportunity to bring Jesus Christ to people for the first time. As you can see, they are hopeful for their turn to get a new stocking cap. Their hearts are likely also waiting to receive the Holy Spirit,” said Dan.

Letter of Thanks

Members from Gloria Dei, through a private organization called Shining City Foundation, have supported work in China.

The following is an excerpt of a letter from a couple who lives in the vicinity:

We would like to thank you for your continued partnership with us both in prayer and in financial support. Our vision has been to reach out to the Tibetan people and to see the Tibetans receive the same “hope” we have in our Lord Jesus Christ. Our strategy is to reach out to family units of Tibetans through community development and building long-term relationships among them.

Three years ago, through your partnership with us, a project was implemented that provided solar panels to Tibetan villages. The panels powered batteries that in turn provided electricity for people who previously had none up in their nomadic settlement. While the project itself met an obvious physical need, the spiritual need in the village remained. Thankfully, working to meet this physical need opened the door for our relationships within the village.

We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity.

Missionaries to Visit

Please join us as we learn firsthand from a couple who serves in China.

Saturday, April 12 at 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 13 at 7 p.m.

Gloria Dei Family Life Center

Taking the Gospel from Des Moines to Illinois



As part of National Lutheran Schools Week, Vicar Rod Serbus, portrayed Jesus Christ in a week-long portrayal of Holy Week in central Illinois.

Rod Serbus, a member of Gloria Dei, took the gospel message to the fictional streets of Jerusalem during the first week of March in central Illinois.

Rod, son of Rodney and Betty Serbus, and Vicar at St. John's Lutheran Church, Illinois, enacted the events as part of this year's National Lutheran Schools Week. The theme, "The Way of the Cross," relives the events of Holy Week where the Passover and Sedar meals, Jesus' triumphant entry to Jerusalem, and Easter were highlighted and lived.

"I am honored to visually depict our Lord's passion for us," said Rod. "I know I am unworthy to do things on my own merit, but praise be to God for calling me to share his Easter message of forgiveness with little ones. Jesus did all the work, but lets me see the smiling faces of his little children when I get to share the gospel with them. For some, it is possibly for the first time, but God willing, they will remember it for a lifetime."

Rod stated that the week was filled with great memories. "The children made palm leaves out of paper and sang "Hosanna in the highest." The children saw how much Jesus loves them as he stretched out his hands for us," said Rod. "We could not end there, so we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus with another drama at an empty tomb."

Information supplied by the Herald and Review, Valerie Wells, Kelly J. Huff and Rod Serbus.

Women's Connections

Monday, March 24-May 12 from 6:30-8 p.m.

A spring Women's Connections class led by Lynn Meyer will start Monday, March 24 from 6:30-8 p.m. This new Beth Moore study, "Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent," will journey through 15 Psalms for seven weeks. Themes such as unity, joy, gratitude, redemption, repentance, the power of blessings, facing ridicule and more will be explored in detail.



If you have any questions, please contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Quilters

Saturday, March 29

8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Rooms 132-34

All skills and levels of quilters are invited as we make quilts for our upcoming Honduras trip.

Bring whatever supplies are needed and a sack lunch if you stay during lunch.

If you are a new quilter and will need instruction and tools, please call Connie at 987-1516 or Norma at 253-0523.

Any questions,
call or email:

sewjazzy@mchsi.com
or mrohn@aol.com.

VBS CD

We are gearing up for Power Lab VBS. If you want a head start with the music, go to the Toolshoppe today and purchase a fun Power Lab CD and get ready to sing along.



Midweek Meal Menu:

March 19: No midweek meal

March 26: Tacos

April 2: Bacon Cheeseburger Roll-up

April 9: Sloppy Joes

April 16: Walking Tacos

Cost: \$2.50 per person. • Children under 3 eat free.
Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

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It is not too late to join us this week!

Vacation Bible School
Power Lab
DISCOVERING JESUS' MIRACULOUS POWER
March 17-19
from 9-11:30 a.m.



Okay, haven't planned what the children will be doing during spring break?

Don't fret; join us Monday at VBS. The cost is free and the fun is plentiful.

All you need to do is come Monday and register at the door.

See you there!



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Junior & Senior High Youth

Uncle Phil's Diner 2:

March 16:
Scene 3 rehearsal from 12-1 p.m.

March 23:
Easter: No rehearsal

March 30:
All scenes from 12-2 p.m.

Concert

Friday, March 28 at 8 p.m.

The Comatose Tour, featuring Skillet, Thousand Foot Krutch and Decyfer Down will be playing at the Val Air Ballroom. Meet at the church at 6 p.m.; cost is \$22.85. If interested, please sign up at the bulletin board. Payment is due to Tim by Sunday, March 23.

Coffee with Tim

Need someone to talk with? Tim will be at Starbucks across from Wynnsong Theatre on 86th on Mondays anytime from 3:30-6 p.m. to talk about good times, frustrations or just to have a cup of coffee.

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

Castaway will not meet Palm Sunday, March 16 and Easter Sunday, March 23.

We will offer a junior high educational time, Castaway, on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center on Sunday, March 30.

Wednesday: Confirmation

Grades 6-8, March 19: Spring break: No class.

Junior High Ministry Opportunity

Service Hours

If you still need service hours, you can help with spring clean-up on March 22 or VBS from March 17-19. Confirmation requirements are due by March 30.

Senior High - Grades 9-12

Sunday: Bible Study

Bible study will not meet Palm Sunday, March 16 and Easter Sunday, March 23.

Join us from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38 for a Bible study on Sunday, March 30.

Wednesday: The Point

March 19: No point.

March 26: Over Commitment:
How to Avoid Burn Out.

Join us Wednesday, March 26 at 6 p.m. The evening activities will consist of a hang-out time, praise, teaching and interactive discussions.

Senior High Café 923

Sunday, March 16 from 6-8:30 p.m.

Come, hang out and play games.

Week of March 16 - March 22

Sunday, March 16

Palm Sunday

- 7:00 a.m. Honduras Breakfast Fundraiser
- 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. Family-focused Relive Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. No High School Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. No Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. No Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. No Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. No Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Uncle Phil's Diner 3 Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Café 923
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Concordia High School Concert

Monday, March 17

- Tiny Treasures Spring Break
- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Bible Study

Tuesday, March 18

- Tiny Treasures Spring Break
- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers

Wednesday, March 19

- Tiny Treasures Spring Break
- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 5:00 p.m. No Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. No Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Easter Dress Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. No The Point
- 6:15 p.m. No Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. No Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, March 20

- Tiny Treasures Spring Break
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service Traditional in Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Relive Family-focused Service in Family Life Center

Friday, March 21

Good Friday: Office Closed

- 4:30 p.m. Good Friday Relive Family-focused Service in Family Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service Contemporary in Family Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service Traditional in Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service Traditional in Sanctuary

Saturday, March 22

- 8:00 a.m. Gloria Dei Spring Cleaning
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Easter Service
- 5:50 p.m. No Grace Place

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$22,535
YTD Offering	\$1,100,598
YTD Budget	\$1,105,782

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	192	111
7:45 a.m.	122	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	315	
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	53	22
10:30 a.m.	347	
Total	1029	133

Lenten Services, March 12 (Attendance)	
Traditional	152
Contemporary	99
Total	251

Week of March 23 - March 29

Sunday, March 23

Easter Sunday

- 7:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, March 24

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 6:00 p.m. Family Life Ministry Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connection

Tuesday, March 25

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Young Child
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders

Wednesday, March 26

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, March 27

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 5:30 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, March 28

- 11:45 a.m. Preschool Ballet Class
- 2:00 p.m. Urban Plunge
- 6:00 p.m. Abagayle Schwarz and Mark McMahon Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Homebuilders

Saturday, March 29

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 3:00 p.m. Abagayle Schwarz and Mark McMahon Wedding
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 4:45 p.m. Stepping Stones
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Last Week's Educational Attendance					
	Sat. 5:30 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:20 p.m.	Wed. 6:15 p.m.	Misc.
Preschool	17	21	28	31	Music Alive
Elementary	16	46	35	86	48
Total	33	67	63	117	Wed. Meal
Junior High		25		68	111
Senior High		8		21	

Welcome to Gloria Dei!

Welcome

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! We seek to be a place where people can come and discover God's perspective on life, a place where you can find real answers to today's questions. Please take some time to get to know us. We have lots of programs and activities for you and your family. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members or stop by the Information Center.

Weekends at Gloria Dei

Nursery

Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level, access is 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 southeast corner of the narthex is a room for parents to take their small children to when they are upset or crying. This room allows full view of the sanctuary and has full audio to hear the service.

Families worship together

With the exception of the 7:45 a.m. service, the first 20 minutes of each worship service is designed for families to worship together. At that point in the service, children and youth will be invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them as outlined below.

Grace Place - preschool and elementary children: Resumes March 29-30.

We offer Grace Place, our weekend educational time, for children ages 3 to fifth grade at three different times: Saturday from 5:50-6:30 p.m.; Sunday from 9:20-10 a.m.; and Sunday from 10:50-11:30 a.m. Children will be invited from worship to attend Grace Place. They will gather outside of worship and leaders will escort them to their classrooms.

Castaway - youth: Resumes March 30.

For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Senior high and adults

Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a study on Sundays from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38 (resumes March 30). Adults are invited to join us for an in-depth journey using materials from the Lifelight series in rooms 131-33 from 9:20-10:20 a.m.



Interested in learning more?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information.

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 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.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 Family-focused • 10:30 Contemporary
Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. • Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon
Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. • Staffed nursery from 5:15 p.m.