

# WEEKLY WORD



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## A Response to The Da Vinci Code



By Pastor Kendall Meyer

According to Barna Research, a polling organization, *The Da Vinci Code* has been read “cover to cover” by one out of every five American adults. Since the book was first published in 2003, it has sold more than 46 million copies. By comparison, Stephen King’s most recent novel had an initial printing of 1 million copies, and John Updike’s next book will have a first-run printing of 150,000.

In the book, Dan Brown claims the following:

- Almost everything the church teaches about Jesus is false.
- Jesus was only human. No one claimed he was divine until a church council in the fourth century declared him God.
- Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene.
- Mary was pregnant when Jesus was crucified.
- Their offspring are alive today, a secret kept by the Priory of Sion.
- The Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, are just four among 80 or so other gospels.

On his Web site, Brown writes that *The Da Vinci Code* is a “novel and therefore a work of fiction. While the book’s characters and their actions are obviously not real, the artwork, architecture, documents and secret rituals depicted in this novel all exist.”

Let’s look closer at Brown’s claims:

**Was Jesus’ deity created by the church in the fourth century?** Brown purports: the Council of Nicea in AD 325 created a Jesus who was not only human but also God, Jesus only regarded himself as human and never claimed to be God, and the Emperor Constantine and the church fabricated such doctrine. However, we know that the Council of Nicea debated some important issues and even confirmed Jesus’ deity, but did not create the concept. Christians had been worshiping Jesus and proclaiming his deity for centuries before the council. In addition, the New Testament already explicitly claims Jesus’ deity in John 1:1; Colossians 1:15 and Hebrews 1:3.

**Were the four Gospels of the Bible arbitrarily chosen from among more than 80 gospels?** Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are by far the oldest and most reliable records that are rooted in eyewitness accounts of Jesus. These other so-called gospels were written decades later and contain a fanciful outlook of Jesus. Brown claims these other gospels did not emphasize Jesus’ deity, but regarded him only as a man. However, in reality, the Gospels convey a more human Jesus than these later “works.” In addition, other outside sources such as the historical account of Josephus, confirm the picture of Jesus found in the Gospels.

Next week, we will examine more of Brown’s claims. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544.

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## Waffle Breakfast Today!

Join us in the Family Life Center today from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for delicious waffles. Cost: adults, \$6; children under five eat free.

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

## Strategic Planning Updates

Thank you to those of you who took the time to provide feedback and ask questions on the topic of strategic planning for Gloria Dei. We listened carefully and took all of your comments, questions and concerns seriously. We hope that you will continue to be involved and in touch.

A motion was passed by the Governing Board during their May 16 meeting to instruct the Strategic Ministry Action Team (SMAT) to conduct further detailed research into the concept of relocating the congregation to a larger site that can accommodate growth.

In addition to the next steps stated in the recommendation report, the Governing Board instructed the SMAT to research the concept of planting a church, to provide opportunities for continuing involvement of the congregation in the discussion, and to report back to the Governing Board by their July meeting with a comprehensive communication plan around the initiative.

Watch for future updates and discussion forums. The Governing Board welcomes your feedback and questions. They can be contacted in person or by calling the church office at 276-1700. Please note: we have had technical difficulties with our e-mail, so if you did not receive a reply to an e-mail, please follow up with a written note or phone call. Sorry for the inconvenience.

## Important Meetings

### Budget Hearing Meeting

Sunday, June 11 at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary

### Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 25 at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary

## New Worship Schedule in the Fall

The new fall schedule will be as follows:

### Sunday Worship

8 a.m.	Traditional	Sanctuary
9 a.m.	Northwind	Family Life Center
10 a.m.	Blended	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Contemporary	Family Life Center

### Sunday Educational Time (Children to Adults)

9:30-10:15 a.m.  
10:30-11:15 a.m.

### Saturday, Northwind Worship

5:30 p.m. Contemporary Family Life Center

### Saturday Educational Time, Grace Place (Children age 3 to grade 5)

6-6:45 p.m.

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### Sunday Schedule

Sunday Worship  
8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
Sunday School  
9:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Classes  
9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.  
Staffed Nursery  
8 a.m.-noon

### Saturday Schedule

Saturday Worship  
5:30 p.m.  
Grace Place  
6 p.m.

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276-1700

Today's flowers are placed on the altar in memory of Harold W. Behnke by Phyllis Behnke Greenwood, Carol and Doug Jackson and family and Philip Behnke and family.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism after last week's 11 a.m. service was for:

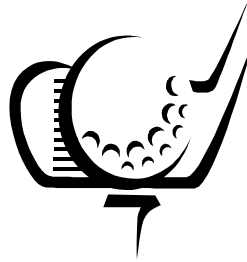


Zachary Allan Dean born February 24, 2006 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, is the son of

Kevin Zachary Dean and Alanna Yasmin Reid Shaikh. Zachary's spiritual sponsor is Jessica Jo Dean.

## Golf Outing

Gloria Dei's annual golf outing is Saturday, August 26 at 8 a.m. at Willow Creek Golf Course in Des Moines. The cost for the outing is \$50 per person. Fee includes: 18 holes of golf, a cart, lunch and prizes. All profits will benefit Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool. A registration form is available in the Information Center.



## Servers

We are thankful for our volunteers today who help provide a great place to worship.

**Elders:**

Tom Westby  
Tim Mueller  
Randy Walford

**8 a.m.**

Randy Bosworth  
Dick Fastenau  
Bob Kollmorgen  
Ken Meythaler  
Lou Schroedel  
Jim Wollslager

**9:30 a.m.**

Dennis Appelhons  
Brett Hosch  
Keith Nicolet  
Dave Schramm  
Bonnie Wharton

**11 a.m.**

Jared Nicol  
Gary Wasko  
Ryan Wedemeyer  
Jeff Brunsen

**Organist:**

Kathy Stange

**Acolytes:**

Katie Gilg  
Leslie Peyton  
Grace Phillips

## 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 Pennie in the church office, 276-1700, or contact 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 nation and military
- For Steve and Jeannie Shepherd, who were married Saturday

## Prayers

- For Dorothy Rix's brother, Wilbert Pickel, who has cancer
- For Larry Rix's brother, Don Rix, who has cancer
- For Tom Ludwig, who has an aggressive tumor
- For our preschool
- For our graduating seniors

## Prayer Ministry Team

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

sharing the love of Jesus in word and deed

# Honduras Mission Dinner

## Saturday, June 3 at 6:45 p.m.

dental  
optical  
pharmacy

free-will donations

hot dogs  
hamburgers

medical  
children  
evangelism

join us in our mission, proceeds help to defray the expense of the trip



Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will team with Habitat for Humanity, and local congregations to build 3 houses in the Des Moines Habitat Homes this summer.

### Buy the Wood Build a Home

Contact:  
Wally Haase: 225-1958  
Bill Clark: 276-2517

Sunday, June 4  
Buy a 2X4 in the narthex  
and sign it.  
\$1, \$5, \$10, \$20 or \$50  
donations accepted.

### Quilt for Missions

Join us for a five-week class starting Monday, June 5 in room 134/36 to learn the basic techniques of quilt making. The class is free, but materials (approximately \$15) will need to be purchased. For more information, check out the display in the narthex or contact Norma Rohn at 253-0523.



### Cabins Available

Camp Okoboji has cabins available to rent. For more information, call 712-337-3325.

## Let's Get to Know the Governing Board Series

# Let's Get to Know Charles Jackson

by Karen Kennedy, staff

Gloria Dei was an unlikely match for Charles Jackson and his family when they moved from Florida in 2000. His Baptist background would have prevented him from considering another denomination, but his involvement with Promise Keepers magnified the Biblical truth concerning the reality of the one body of Christ—God views all believers as one body and not separate denominations. He immediately appreciated Gloria Dei's scripture-based ministry, the gospel readings, the traditional hymns, the worship services, the music ministry and the fellowship with other members. So, before he became a member, he became involved by teaching Sunday school.

"I believe to expand my worship experience, I needed to jump in feet first and

become part of the church," says Charles. He says he has enjoyed the benefits of being involved; he has grown closer to the Lord and to Anne, his wife of 19 years. Besides his relationship with Christ, Anne continues to be one of his greatest joys in life. He believes marriage is a 100-percent proposition. "You must always give it everything you have," says Charles.

Together they promote family by being involved with their sons, Jacob, 14, and Alex, 12, in church, school, camping, music, reading, gardening, bicycling and Boy Scouts. Although work, church and school keep the family busy, they firmly believe that children learn more from "what you do than from what you say." Thus, they are committed

to incorporating Christ's teachings into every fabric of their lives.

Charles' family values were shaped by his childhood experience of being the son of a Baptist minister who preached in small towns throughout central Texas where he was raised. And even though at times the family struggled with finances and the time spent traveling to and from pastoring small churches, Charles learned an incredible life lesson: "From my childhood, I carry the sense that all things are

possible with God," says Charles. "God has and does provide. Everything my wife and I do, we do after prayerful consideration. It is reassuring to know that whatever I'm going through, I have Christ—that he is able to give me guidance when I don't have the right answers."

Charles became a member of the Governing Board last year and has enjoyed the discussions concerning

the church's future. "It has been a great experience. Tackling complex tasks and seeing them through to completion is something that I really like to do," Charles says.

When he is not involved with family or church, Charles volunteers for Boy Scouts and Habitat for Humanity, reads historical, civil war, biographies, current leadership and future trends books, watches old western and adventure movies and loves to be outdoors. In the midst of all of these activities though, Charles says he would like to leave his children the legacy of the importance of joyfully serving others and faithfully living out the teachings of Jesus. "God has blessed me and continues to lead me toward the plan he has for my life," Charles comments.



*Alex, Jacob, Anne and Charles Jackson enjoy God's provisions in their lives.*

### Bulletin Board

- **Waffle Breakfast**  
Sunday, May 21
- **Beginning Ballet**  
Mondays, June 5, 12, 19 & 26
- **Discovery 201**  
Sunday, June 11
- **Friday Story Time**  
Fridays, June 16, 23 & 30
- **Preschoolers and Parents**  
Saturday, June 17
- **Drama Camp**  
June 23-30

### Consignment Sale

Tiny Treasures is hosting a consignment sale June 9 and 10. This sale is open to the congregation and to the public to sell baby, children and adult items.

**Here is how it works:** You pick up a seller’s packet, which will outline the instructions for the sale at Tiny Treasures Preschool office.

**The cost:** The seller determines the price of their items and keeps 70% of the selling price; Tiny Treasures keeps the remaining 30%.

**Volunteers:** Volunteers who work a minimum of four hours are invited to a pre-sale on Thursday, June 8.

**For more information:** Grab a consignment sale brochure at the Information Center or on the literature racks throughout the building.

### Financial Literacy for Kids

Children view money differently than parents. In today’s culture, some children do not physically hold money; it is simply on a piece of plastic in the form of a debit or credit card. Some children also believe that money has an unlimited supply. Since most children will have their own bank account by the age of eight, it becomes imperative to teach them God’s perspective on money; therefore, we are offering a new class for children who have completed grades 1-3! This 3-week class will help kids learn how to save, spend, and share money using godly principles. Each session is geared to a specific principle that can be used throughout their lifetime. Class fee of \$15 includes tools to help cement godly financial stewardship. Parents should attend the last 15 minutes of each session with their child. Classes will meet on Mondays, June 12, 19 and 26 from 6:30-7:15 p.m If you are interested, contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

### Let’s Share Our Bread with the Hungry

Naomi Circle is collecting food donations for the Des Moines Area Religious Council food pantry by the first Sunday of each month. Each month, they will suggest several items that the pantry needs to assist the estimated 10,500 Des Moines residents who need food and other items.

Please bring the following items to the narthex today:

#### May’s Items

- Diapers
- Fruit/Vegetable Juices
- Infant Formula
- Instant Potatoes
- Jiffy Biscuit/Muffin Mixes



#### New Items Needed

In addition to donating items, checks can be written to Gloria Dei with “food pantry donation” written on the memo line and placed in the offering plate.



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Information:  
Tim Kightlinger,  
278-5544, ext. 212 or  
tim@gloriadeionline.com



### Congratulations Seniors

Grades 9-12 **May 21: Graduating Senior Recognition**  
8 a.m. Service  
**Graduating Senior Breakfast**  
9:15 a.m. Youth Center

### High School

**Sunday Nights with GF (God and Friends)**  
Join us Sunday, May 21 for Bible study and fellowship at Tim's house, 9916 Brookview Drive, Urbandale.

### Young Adults (Ages 18-23ish)

**Community, Connections, Growth and Faith**  
**Thursday, June 1 from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Youth Center**  
If you're interested taking a leadership role in forming a young adult group that will provide support, encouragement, fun and fellowship throughout the summer months, contact Tim at tim@gloriadeionline.com.

### Paintball

**Join us today!**  
Join us Sunday, May 21 at the church at noon. We will return at 5 p.m. The cost is \$10 for rental and course usage; \$20 per 500 rounds of paintballs.

### Junior High

Watch for our summer schedule of activities in your mailbox. Expect to have fun this summer!

### Summer Mission Trip

The payment of \$200 for the New York mission trip is due by Wednesday, May 24. A mandatory meeting will be Sunday, June 4 from 12:15-2 p.m.



# Kindermusik



**Register today!**

Pick up a Kindermusik brochure at the Information Center  
or go online at [gloriadeionline.com](http://gloriadeionline.com)

## Peekaboo, I Love You!

Ages newborn to 18 months

This camp makes the best of the honeymoon period between a parent and new baby by exploring and expressing their new relationship. Taught by Steve Kohtz.

- **Date:** Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- **Time:** 6:30-7:15 p.m. • **Cost:** \$50

## Creatures at the Ocean

Ages 18 months to 3 years

Parent and child are introduced to many waterfront friends through music, movement, dance, storytelling and instruments. Taught by Carol Wenndt.

- **Date:** Saturdays, June 3, 10, 17, July 8, 15
- **Time:** 9:30-10:15 a.m. • **Cost:** \$50



## Family Zoo Train

Children up to age 7 along with their parents

This camp for families combines two favorites—animals and the train. Tag along this summer with a traveling exhibit of exotic animals in the zoo. Taught by Penny Schramm.

- **Date:** Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- **Time:** 6:30-7:15 p.m. • **Cost:** \$50

## Confetti Days

Ages 3-5

This camp is inspired by songs, play and celebration. Music is woven throughout with movement, art, drama, play and storytelling. Songs and activities represent ways children around the world celebrate the joy of simply being children! Taught by DeAnn McCue.

- **Date:** Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- **Time:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. • **Cost:** \$50

## Tell Me A Tale

Ages 4-7

Through storytelling, your child will develop an early awareness of rhythm, movement, singing and drama. Each lesson features a new tale from around the world, explored through multi-instrument and multi-cultural elements. Taught by Angie Gage.

- **Date:** Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- **Time:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. • **Cost:** \$50



# Summer Day Camps

**Register today**

**Pick up a summer camp brochure at the Information Center or go online.**

*Preschool fun for ages 3-5*

### **Preschoolers and Parents**

We will create and take home a food project made from this Saturday morning class.

Dates: Saturday mornings from 9-10:30 a.m.  
June 17, July 8 and 22

Cost: \$10 per session; register for all three and save \$5!

*Preschool fun for ages 3-5*

### **Beginning Ballet**

Dancers should come ready to have fun. Please bring a ballet leotard, tights and ballet shoes.

Dates: Mondays from 6:30-7 p.m.  
June 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Cost: \$25

*Preschool fun for ages 3-5*

### **Friday Story Time**

Each day will feature a story theme with a storyteller and activity. Parent/adult must attend.

Dates: Fridays at 9:30 a.m.  
June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, and July 21.

Cost: Free

*Ages 7-17*

### **Drama Camp**

Learn and perform a full-length musical in one week. The musical "Snow White" will be the featured show.

Dates: June 26-30 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Cost: \$125

*Completed Grades 1-5*

### **Science Camp**

Each day campers will discover God's power in his awesome creation.

Dates: July 10-14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Cost: \$125

*Completed Grades K-5*

### **Sports Camp**

Join the fun as we learn the basics of basketball and soccer.

Dates: July 24-28 from 9-11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$30

*Completed Grades K-5*

### **Fine Arts Camp**

Students will have the opportunity to discover the finer arts during this camp.

Dates: July 24-28 from 1-3 p.m.

Cost: \$50

*Completed Grades K-7*

### **Girls Camps**

Girls Camps are designed for girls to experience what life was like in a gone-by era.

#### **Little Girl Camp (Completed K-1)**

Dates: July 17-21 from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$75

#### **Girl Camp (Completed 2-4)**

Dates: July 17-21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost: \$125

#### **Next Generation Girl Camp (Completed 5-7)**

Dates: July 17-21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost: \$125

**Join the fun  
this summer!**

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

# Week of May 21-27

**Sunday, May 21**

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Communion
- 8:30 a.m. Belgium Waffle Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service with Communion
- 9:30 a.m. What the Bible Says about Parenting
- 9:30 a.m. Da Vinci Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Lifelight-Gospel of Luke
- 9:30 a.m. Discovery 101
- 10:45 a.m. Da Vinci Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. Senior High Paintball
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High, Evening at Tim's
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

**Monday, May 22**

- 6:00 a.m. BSF Leaders Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Softball

**Tuesday, May 23**

- 8:00 a.m. Kindermusik
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Christcare Bible Study Group
- 6:00 p.m. BSF
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders

**Wednesday, May 24**

- 6:15 p.m. Chorale and Chapel Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 7:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 25**

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Bible Study

**Friday, May 26**

- 6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday, May 27**

- 4:00 p.m. Bob Kahn and Brittanie Hand Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service with Communion

<b>Outpouring of Love for the Lord</b>	
General Fund Offerings	\$25,906
YTD Offering	\$1,088,819
YTD Budget	\$1,046,025

<b>Attendance</b>			
Northwind	125	Communion	
8 a.m.	252	Northwind	83
9:30 a.m.	369	11 a.m	130
11 a.m.	214		
<b>Total</b>	<b>960</b>		

## Week of May 28-June 3

### Sunday, May 28

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. What the Bible Says about Parenting
- 9:30 a.m. Da Vinci Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Lighthouse-Gospel of Luke
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Communion
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

### Monday, May 29

#### Memorial Day

Offices Closed

### Tuesday, May 30

- 8:00 a.m. Kindermusik
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Christcare Bible Study Group
- 7:15 p.m. Softball

### Wednesday, May 31

- 6:15 p.m. Chorale and Chapel Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 7:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

### Thursday, June 1

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Bible Class

### Friday, June 2

- 5:30 p.m. Tiffany Nickel/Hoffman Wedding
- 6:00 p.m. Oil Painting

### Saturday, June 3

- 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service
- 6:45 p.m. Honduras Mission Dinner

### Northwind and Sunday School Attendance

Sat., Preschool	8	Sun., Preschool	65
Sat., Grades 1-5	12	Sun., Grades 1-5	64
Sun., 6-12	3	Sun., 6-12	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>178</b>

# o r d e r   o f **W O R S H I P**

May 20 and 21, 2006 • Easier

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

*"All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises"*

*"Amazing"*

*"Blessed Be Your Name"*

*"You are God Alone"*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*"Word of God Speak"*

**Psalmody**

Psalm 62:1-8

*"Word of God Speak"*

**Gospel Reading**

(NIV) Matthew 11:28-30

**Apostles' Creed**

**Children are Invited to Grace Place**

**Offering:** *"In Your Presence"*

**Sermon:** Pastor Kendall Meyer,  
Director of Adult Ministry

**Prayers**

**Lord's Prayer**

*"Forever"*

**Blessing**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Sunday, 8 a.m.

**Musical Offering**

*"In the Garden,"* Offered by The Alleluia Ringers

**Welcome**

*"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun,"* LW 478, Vs. 5

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*"With the Lord Begin Your Task,"* LW 483 Vs. 2

**Psalmody**

(NIV) Psalm 62:1-8

*"With the Lord Begin Your Task,"* LW 483 Vs. 1

**Gospel Reading**

(NIV) Matthew 11:28-30

**Apostles' Creed**

*"Be Still, My Soul,"* LW 510 Vs. 2

**Sermon:** Pastor Kendall Meyer,  
Director of Adult Ministry

*"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past,"* LW 180 Vs. 3

**Offering**

*"Morning Has Broken,"* offered by Julie Den Herder

**Prayers**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

*"Your Table I Approach,"* LW 249, 4 Vs.

*"Just As I Am, Without One Plea,"* LW 359, 4 Vs.

*"My Faith Looks Trustingly,"* LW 378, 3 Vs.

**Benediction**

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow,"* LW 461

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

**Musical Offering**

*"In the Garden,"* Offered by The Alleluia Ringers

**Welcome**

*"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun,"* LW 478, Vs. 5

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**Prayers**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

*"Jesus Draw Me Close"*

*"Just As I Am, Without One Plea,"* LW 359, 4 Vs.

*"Above All"*

*"My Faith Looks Trustingly,"* LW 378, 3 Vs.

**Benediction**

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow,"* LW 461

Sunday, 11 a.m.

**Musical Offering**

Offered by *Tiny Treasures Preschool*

**Welcome**

*"All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises"*

*"Amazing"*

*"Blessed Be Your Name"*

*"You are God Alone"*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*"Word of God Speak"*

**Psalmody**

Psalm 62:1-8

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**Apostles' Creed**

**Offering:** *"In Your Presence"*

**Sermon:** Pastor Kendall Meyer,  
Director of Adult Ministry

**Prayers**

**Lord's Prayer**

*"Forever"*

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

## **The Celebration of Holy Communion**

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.