

Upcoming Events and Activities

Upcoming message series: "Resurrection Lenses"

Join us next week for continued teachings of the impact of Jesus being raised from the dead. The idea being that the Resurrection doesn't just change our eternity...it does...

but it also changes how we view the things of God as we live awaiting eternity and the resurrection of all flesh. Christ's resurrection makes our understanding of God and the things of God...different.



Interested in membership?

Thursday, April 12 to Thursday, May 17 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.



If you are thinking about how to connect more deeply with the family of Gloria Dei, consider attending our Core Beliefs Class for six weeks. Nursery is available. To register, call Lisa Gibson at 276-1700.

Compassion International Experience

- April 13 (11 a.m.-7 p.m.)
- April 14 (11 a.m.- 8 p.m.)
- April 15 (9 a.m.-5 p.m.)
- April 16 (11 a.m.- 6 p.m.)



This free event features an interactive journey through the true stories of children living in developing countries. In over 2,000 square feet of interactive exhibit space, visitors will step inside homes, markets and schools. Each child's story starts in poverty but ends in hope.

Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale



Friday, April 20, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 21, 8 to 11 a.m.

This sale is a great opportunity to purchase quality children's items, such as bikes, furniture, books, clothing and much more.

Single Moms' Morning Out

Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to noon



Do you know a single mom? If so, please invite her to this morning that is designed to honor her. She will enjoy a morning of worship, prayer, massage, hair cut, a clothing boutique and basic car care, while her children

participate in fun, Bible-centered activities. For more details, check out www.GDLC.CHURCH.

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What are we about?

"Leading Ordinary People to an Extraordinary Life in Christ"

Ordinary People

As our mission statement indicates, we are ordinary people just like you! The families of Gloria Dei are your neighbors, your coworkers, and the kids your children play with at school. They are regular people who face the same difficult world you do each day, but they face the world as Christ-followers with the confidence that God is with them every step of the way.

What we believe

Salvation – We value bringing the Gospel, which is the grace, mercy and love of God in Jesus, to people every day that they may find salvation in Jesus' name both now and for eternity. (Acts 4:12)

Sinners – We are "ordinary people" and by that we mean that we are sinners in need of salvation by God's grace in Jesus. We believe that everyone of us is exactly the same in God's sight and so we don't look down on anyone for any reason. (Romans 3:23,24)

Services – The heart and soul of our life together at Gloria Dei centers in our expression of worship to God as we give glory to Him. (Mark 12:30)

Servanthood – As Christ-followers we seek to daily be just like Jesus through the power of His Holy Spirit in our lives. Therefore we serve people who are hurting, disenfranchised, lonely, alone, or left behind and we do so in very tangible ways. (James 1:27)

Support – We certainly seek to serve those outside our walls, but we also seek to serve one another, those members of our family of faith. In a real sense we are family, it's not just a Christian cliché we throw around. We genuinely love one another and intentionally walk hand in hand with one another through the good, the bad and yes, even the ugly. (1 Corinthians 12:26)



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WELCOME!

Opening Your Eyes!

Imagine what it must have been like for our Lord Jesus that first Resurrection Sunday. Imagine the moment Jesus opened His eyes and rose from His three-day entombment! Incredible, right? Of course, Jesus knew all along that the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea was just borrowed. He didn't need the tomb for very long...just three partial days of "sleep" as He waited for that first Easter daylight

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to get up and walk out! You can imagine the excitement Jesus had for the long awaited resurrection...thirty-three years on this earth...was finally realized!

As you think about that, remember that Jesus opening His eyes was accomplished for us to be able to open our eyes. Our eyes were shut because of our sin. Our eyes were closed because we were dead...dead in our trespasses and sins. But Jesus rose so that we can rise too! Jesus opened His eyes so that ours could be! In the same way that He spoke gently to Mary Magdalene and opened her eyes to the truth of

who He is...the Author of Life...so our eyes of faith have been opened by Jesus in baptism and in faith as Jesus gently called our name! Today we celebrate Jesus opening His eyes that first Easter, but we also celebrate Jesus opening our eyes to the truth of Easter! He is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!

~ Pastor Joe Meyer, Lead Pastor

Leading ordinary people to an extraordinary life in Christ.

Welcome to GDLC!

At Gloria Dei, we desire to be a safe place where people can connect with God and with each other. In actuality, we are just normal, everyday people who are in love with Jesus. We have experienced His loving hand in our lives in real and meaningful ways and want to extend that love to others.

Worship

We understand that everyone is different and enjoys different elements of worship. That is why we offer many different styles of worship at different times throughout the weekend. We invite you to check out all of them to see which one is the best fit for you and/or your family.

5:30 p.m. Saturday Contemporary Worship (Family Life Center)

This contemporary service offers a unique come-as-you-are worship experience. You will find engaging music, Bible-centered messages, and age-appropriate teaching for kids, called Grace Place. Please have your children stop by our Kids' Corner where they can pick up a children's Bible and activities for worship.

8:00 a.m. Sunday Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

This traditional service follows the liturgical order of worship that is part of the Lutheran Heritage. If you enjoy great organ music, hymns, and a more traditional style of worship then this one is for you.

9:30 a.m. Sunday Traditional Blend Worship (Sanctuary)

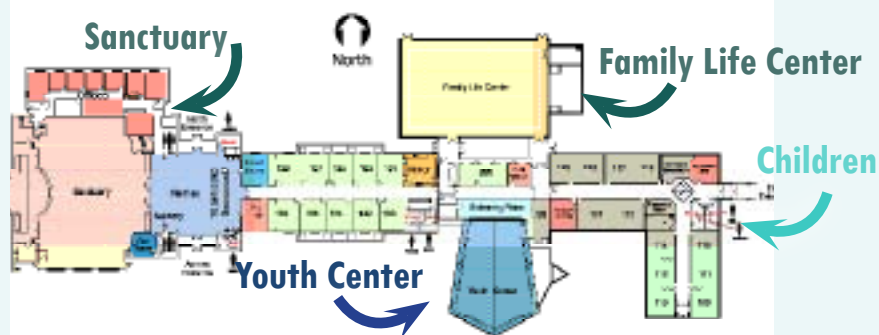
We understand that some people like traditional worship and some people like contemporary worship and then there are those who like both. This service offers a blend of elements from our traditional and contemporary services. We offer Grace Place at this service as well as children's Bibles located in the back of the Sanctuary.

9:30 a.m. Sunday Contemporary Worship (Family Life Center)

This high-energy service offers a casual setting in a come-as-you-are contemporary environment. For your children, Grace Place is offered as well as a Kids' Corner where your children can pick up a children's Bible and activities for worship.

11:00 a.m. Sunday Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)

This high-energy service emphasizes a casual and come-as-you-are contemporary setting in the Sanctuary. We offer Grace Place at this service as well as children's Bibles located in the back of the Sanctuary.



WE ARE SO EXCITED YOU FOUND YOUR WAY TO GLORIA DEI!

Youth : ReCharge

We offer a junior and senior high educational time, ReCharge, in the Youth Center (located just outside of our Family Life Center.) This Bible study is a high energy, multi-sensory active learning time that focuses on what pertains to our teen's lives.

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Baptism

We believe that baptism is the free gift of forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit offered to us all through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Baptism is the way that we are made children of God and citizens of God's Kingdom. We believe that this gift is for infants, children and adults (Acts 2:38-39). If you would like more information on baptism, feel free to speak with one of our pastors.

Pastor Joe Meyer: Joe.Meyer@gdlc.church
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Having a difficult time?

We all face times in life that are difficult. During those times, it is so important to know that you are not alone! We desire to be a safe place for all people no matter what life has brought their way. Not only do we have pastors who can help, but also trained individuals through Stephen Ministry. They will walk beside you, listen and extend their hand to help support you. All conversations are confidential.

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Life Groups

We believe we were made by God to know, and be known, by others. We fully understand the importance of living in community with other Christians who might be in similar seasons of life that we are in. So consider being involved in a Life Group. Simply give one a try by going to www.GDLC.CHURCH/life-groups/ and filling out a form.

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Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool

We are committed to nurturing little ones & teaching them how much Jesus loves them! Tiny Treasures is the first stand-alone preschool in Iowa District West to have received National Lutheran Schools Accreditation. In addition, we have been awarded a 5-Star Rating in Iowa's Quality Rating System, which is the highest level attainable. This rating demonstrates the commitment that Tiny Treasures has toward providing the highest quality education possible for its preschoolers.

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Children

Nursery (Infant-3 years old)

Our fully-staffed nursery is passionate about caring for the little ones at Gloria Dei. The nursery is located on the lower level just outside of the Sanctuary and is open during most worship services (except for the 8 a.m. worship) at no cost.

Grace Place (Ages 3-Grade 5):

Grace Place is a relaxed and fun education time for your children during the worship service. We encourage families to worship together; children will then be excused about 20 minutes into worship. All lessons and activities parallel the message series that is being presented to the adults. It is our hope this will generate great discussion for your family. Grace Place is offered during our Saturday service and Sunday during our 9:30 and 11:00 services.

Cry Room

We have many young families and children in our services, and we understand kids cry. Located just outside of the Sanctuary, next to the nursery entrance, we have a Cry Room for this purpose. This room offers a full view and sound of the Sanctuary for parents and their small children.

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