



Easter and Holy Week Worship Times

We are very excited as we continue our Lenten sermon series, "The Tapestry of Christian Living," from Romans chapter twelve!

Lenten Midweek Worship Services

March 20 & 27, April 3 & 10 in the Sanctuary at 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

Holy Week Worship Services

April 18 - Maundy Thursday (Sanctuary-Traditional) at 12:15 p.m.

April 18 - Maundy Thursday (Sanctuary-Blended) at 6:30 p.m.

April 19 - Good Friday (Sanctuary-Traditional) at 12:15 p.m.

April 19 - Good Friday (Sanctuary-Blended) at 4:30 p.m.

April 19 - Good Friday (Sanctuary-Blended) at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Worship Services

Saturday, April 20 at 5:30 p.m. (FLC-Contemporary)

Sunday, April 21 at 7:30 a.m. (Sanctuary-Traditional)

Sunday, April 21 at 9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary-Traditional)

Sunday, April 21 at 9:00 a.m. (FLC-Contemporary)

Sunday, April 21 at 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary-Contemporary)



Pastor Dan Petrak Accepts a Call

Pastor Dan Petrak has accepted the call to serve as Associate Pastor at Living Faith Lutheran Church in Clive. The following is a letter from him:

Since October of 2018, I have been assisting Pastor Luke Timm in serving the people of Living Faith while maintaining some of my duties of co-leading the Men's Ministry at Gloria Dei. In February Living Faith voted to extend a call to be a part-time Associate Pastor. My wife Sarah, son Gavin (17), daughter Kaylin (15), son Jensen (12), and I have prayerfully considered this call and have decided to accept it.

I would like to thank the people of Gloria Dei for all they have done for me and my family. It has been an amazing journey of growing and maturing in the faith. I never imagined this is where God would lead me when I walked through the doors of Gloria Dei as a skeptical, immature Christian 20 years ago. The Holy Spirit continues to work through Word and Sacraments to call, enlighten, and strengthen me and all the people of Gloria Dei. It has been an honor serving in the youth/young adult ministry, men's ministry, and participating in many of the service opportunities at Gloria Dei. I am so blessed to know we are not moving from our home in Grimes and our family will be able to maintain many of the relationships we have built with people even as I serve at Living Faith.

I want to specifically thank Pastors Joe Meyer, Tim Phillips and Ben Johnson for their encouragement and support. I also want to thank the Governing Board and lay leadership of Gloria Dei for calling me into pastoral ministry and helping equip me for this call. I pray God continues to bless Gloria Dei as we live out the Great Commission to make disciples by baptizing and teaching the faith. ~ Pastor Dan Petrak

Message: "Serving the Lord"

Scriptures: Romans 12:11; 2 Corinthians 4:1-11 & Mark 9:33-37 As a result of what you have received from God's Word today, what do you think He is giving you to believe or do this week?

Additional Notes:

Let's pray!

Prayer Wall: Post your prayer requests (anonymously, if you choose) to a pastor or the online community. (Go to: www.gdlc.church/prayer-wall/)

Connection Cards: Prayer requests can be made on the back of the "Welcome" card located in the pews.

Phone Calls: Contact Pastor Phillips at 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 321-1566 with your request.

Please Pray for:

Shirley Voshell	Heather Kusel	Bob Sams
Tim McClelland	Taylor Peterson	All the children and
Jennifer Dehnert	Doug Jackson	volunteers at VBS
Larry Lewis	Paula Spark	
Jessica Kramer	Frank Leu	



Victoria Jane Kennedy, born November 13, 2018 to Jeannie Kennedy will be baptized on Saturday, March 16 at the 5:30 p.m.. service in the FLC. Victoria's spiritual sponsors are Josh Barton and Julia Rader.

Tiny Treasures' Spring Consignment Sale

Friday, April 12 | 8 a.m.-5 p.m. & Saturday, April 13 | 8-11 a.m.

Items for sale will include children's, teens', and maternity clothing, toys, books, baby accessories, bedding, décor, DVDs, and children's furniture. If you would like to be a seller, you can register on-line at www.gdlc.church.

Outpouring of Love - March 3-9, 2019 (Fiscal year July 2018 -June 2019)	
General Fund Offerings	\$41,437
General Fund Offering Budget	\$40,300
3rd QTD Offering Total	\$307,965
3rd QTD Budget	\$303,200
YTD Offering Total	\$1,261,709
YTD Budget	\$1,238,600

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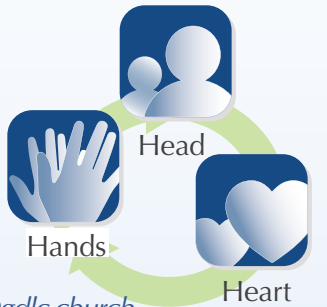
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Do not be slothful in zeal,
be fervent in spirit,
serve the Lord
Romans 12:11 (ESV)



Visiting Today?

Welcome to worship! We are glad you're here. If you have any questions, please stop by the Connection Center or feel free to contact Pastor Ben Johnson at 777-3900 or ben.johnson@gdlc.church.



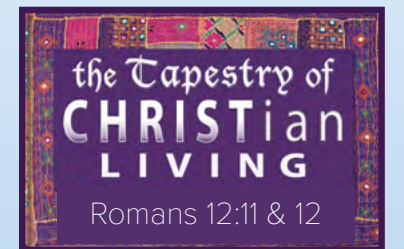
Infants-4 years old: Our fully-staffed nursery is waiting for your child! It is located through the doors at the southwest corner of the Gathering Area outside the Sanctuary.

PreK-Elementary Children: Due to spring break, Grace Place will not meet this weekend or next weekend.



"Serving the Lord"

This week's focus seems obvious and yet, it's still a struggle. We are not called to serve ourselves...which is our go-to...but we are called to serve the Lord in every way and every day. Interestingly, serving the Lord is actually best accomplished by serving others. In saying that we're reminded that the order of service is the Lord first, our neighbor second and ourselves, a distant third. Hard to do? Yes. Impossible to do? No. This is not only the Lord's will for our lives, but it's also His doing in our lives. What God requires, God provides. So today we're reminded that serving the Lord is God's will in our lives and is one piece in the beautiful tapestry of the Christian life!



Midweek Lenten Worship, March 20: "Rejoicing in Hope"
Join us this Wednesday at 12:15 and 6:30 p.m. as we look closer at Romans 12:12.



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Saturday, May 4 | 9 a.m. to noon

As we begin hosting this event for the fourth year, we are amazed how God works to love and encourage these moms. We are forever thankful to join Him in His pursuit to love them.

The following excerpts are written from moms from last year's event:

"Everything was wonderful but I think especially when they told us they had been praying for us for 2 weeks in advance that made me feel so blessed!"

"All the volunteers clapped for me. It was such an emotional experience. I never felt so much love and for the first time in a long long time I felt I was doing something right."

"The whole day was great...but I have to say it's the lingering effects that are meaning so much to me. Every time I get in my vehicle and see clean floor mats and dashboards, I thank Jesus for blessing me with that amazing experience. Thank you so much!"

Ways to Get Involved:

Volunteer

We need an army of volunteers to help bless our moms.

We need help to wash cars, serve in the kitchen, pray with the moms, assist with set up and clean up, work with the children, and lots more.

Sign up by clicking on the "registration tab" on our Web site or App.

Donate

Grab a tag from the display in the Gathering Area this week.

Host a donation drive at your work. (See display)

Pray

Please pray for the moms, their children and all the volunteers at all locations.

Invite a Single Mom

Grab a postcard from the display and invite a mom. Registration starts on Monday, March 18 at Life1071.com.



This week!

Please keep Vacation Bible School in your prayers this week. We will have more than 125 children visiting and learning about the goodness of God!

Love Decorating? Join us on Sunday anytime from 12-3 p.m. for decorating fun!

**March 18-21
9-11:30 a.m.**



Me to We Workshop

If you're planning to get married soon or have been recently married, join us and learn about the tools to achieve financial goals. Create your financial future together when you discover how to establish a solid financial foundation and partnership for your marriage. You'll learn how to identify your values and attitudes about money, and how to set goals. Register by March 29 at www.GDLC.Church.

Choose from one of the following times:

Sunday, March 31 in room 130-32 from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sunday, March 31 in room 130-32 from 11:15-12:15 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2 in room 137-39 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.



Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available 2018 Choice Dollars® have until March 31, 2019, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. To learn more, go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.



Reclaimed Wood Cross

Thursday, April 4 | 6:30-8 p.m.

Women are invited to join us as we create a reclaimed wood cross. All supplies will be provided as you create a unique work of art to take home. Cost is \$20. Registration is a must.



Mom2Mom Events

Saturday, April 27 | 8-9:30 a.m.

Moms of any stage and age are invited to join us at Mom2Mom! We'll meet for coffee, Bible study, fellowship, and a craft. Registration is a must! Cost per event is \$10. Childcare is available*



*Childcare is available if the child is registered a week before the event.

"Unplanned" Coming to Theaters on March 29

WHAT SHE SAW
CHANGED
EVERYTHING

Previews around March 29 (times tbd):
B & B (Ankeny) & Century 20 (Jordan Creek)

The movie, "UnPlanned" shows the transformation of Abby Johnson, the youngest director of Planned Parenthood. Her life took a radical turn from being a spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood to becoming one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America. At this point, B & B (Ankeny) and Century 20 (Jordan Creek) will be showing the movies. For more details, visit unplanned.com.

Joppa Outreach

Sunday, March 31 from 12:30-4 p.m.

Join us as we serve those who are shelterless. If interested, register at www.GDLC.CHURCH or contact Mark Moeller at mark.moeller@joppa.org.

Gridshock Premiere

Tuesday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. (7 p.m. doors open)

The screening premiere of Gridshock, a documentary exposing the disturbing reality behind the sex trafficking demand in Iowa, will be held at the Des Moines Civic Center. Tickets are at www.dorothyshouse.org Ticket proceeds will benefit Dorothy's House.

Packaging Event and Cinnamon Rolls

Sunday, March 31 from 9-11 a.m.

Join us in the center wing as we assemble gift bags for the Gridshock premiere. And it gets better...cinnamon rolls will be available (thanks to the kitchen ministry) for a free-will donation that will go toward Dorothy's House.

Help Habitat for Humanity in Marshalltown

Tuesday, April 23-Saturday, April 27 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

It's Marshalltown's first blitz event! Join Habitat for Humanity to help rebuild Marshalltown after the storm. Volunteer opportunities include home repairs, landscaping, handing out lunch, etc.

No construction experience? No problem. You don't need any experience.

Interested in volunteering? E-mail volunteer@iowahabitat.org or call 515-266-6886. Please note: a group from Gloria Dei will be heading to Marshalltown on Saturday, April 27. More information to follow.

