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Lead Us Not Into Temptation

by Karen Kennedy, staff

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

In the next two weeks, we will examine these two petitions from the Lord's Prayer that deal with the darker side of life, temptation and evil.

The scriptures declare that God is all good and that evil comes from Lucifer, the devil, the enemy of God and our souls. This wicked foe is characterized as a lion prowling around seeking to pounce on a victim, i.e., you and me. His main mission is mere destruction.

The thief comes only to steal, kill and to destroy.
John 10:10

His methods are not as obvious though, for his slyness and deception catch many great men and women off guard as he weaves his evil web around them, capturing them with his slimy, sticky tentacles, suffocating his victims from hope and life.

It is no wonder why the petitions concerning temptations and evil are sandwiched into the Lord's Prayer—we need help to fight this ferocious foe.

But what does it mean to lead us not into temptation? Isn't temptation inevitable? Wasn't the Lord tempted? Doesn't the Bible teach that we should consider it pure joy when we face trials and temptations? If it is so wonderful, why avoid such pitfalls?

Perhaps the answer lies within the tiny preposition *into*, which means entry; not to be interchanged with *unto*, which literally means to.

Let me explain: In the garden of Gethsemane when the Lord bades his disciples to "watch and pray, that they enter not into temptation," it is not a prayer of *avoidance* from temptation, but rather a prayer of *overcoming* the temptation. In his final hours

on earth, the Lord surely understood that darkness would encroach upon the disciples. He wasn't telling them to skip town to avoid the temptation; instead he was instructing them not to become immersed in the temptation. In other words, they will approach the walls of temptations, but they do not have to make camp and live there.

For example, a person whose weakness is to drink cannot escape alcohol for it is common in stores, bars and restaurants. It would be futile for the man to pray for the Lord to lead him away from that temptation.

It would be possible, though,

for this man to pray that he does not participate in his temptation. And each time, God's power enables him to withstand the temptation, God is glorified and the man is strengthened.

We cannot avoid temptations, for we live in a fallen world with a worthy opponent that wants our very breath, but we can pray for God to help us with his strength so that we may resist and not be drawn into the snare of the lion.

Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak. Mark 14:38

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

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Summer Worship Training

Want to be involved with worship, but feel unequipped or scared to jump in? Please don't fret any longer. We are providing the following classes to help train and equip individuals for life-changing and life-sustaining contributions to our worship services.

Worship 101: Thursday, Aug. 9 from 6:30-9 p.m.

We will examine worship services and styles, liturgy, what it means to worship individually as well as corporately and why we were created to worship. We will also take a look at the history of worship and its current direction.

Voice 101: Friday, Aug. 24 at 6:30-9 p.m.

This class will teach the basics of singing and speaking. Looking at the body as the instrument for the voice, the student will walk away with an understanding of correct breathing, how to resonate the voice, and solve the challenges of speaking and singing.

The Worship Team 101: Saturday, Aug. 25 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

This class will develop an understanding of what it means to be on a worship team. It will look at the biblical understanding of worship leading with the goal of developing spiritually focused teams. If you are interested in becoming involved with the worship team, this class will help build understanding and develop relationships with other members in the worship teams.

The Worship Team 201: Thursday, Aug. 30 from 7-9 p.m.

This class will focus on the partnerships of each musician in the worship teams and their vital role to the team. This class will teach the understanding of a team, the role each member plays and the different music styles. We will also work on microphone techniques and vocal expression.

Questions you have had, but could never ask: Saturday, Sept. 1 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

This class is for those people who have questions about music, but never had an outlet to ask. We will talk about reading music, give instruction on rhythm, and to provide an understanding of simple vocal pedagogy (big word for studying the voice) and answer questions about music.

If you have questions or would like to pre-register for any of the above classes, please contact Steve Kohtz at steve@gloriadeionline.com.



Counters Needed

We need counters to help with the offerings gathered on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. Training will be provided and you will be a part of a team that counts once every six weeks. If you are interested, contact Steve Kammeyer at 278-5544, ext. 202 or skammeyer@gloriadeionline.com.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 22 after the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



Isabel Marin Seeber born April 2, 2007 to Brad and Shea (nee Clements) Seeber. Isabel's spiritual sponsors are Jon and Cindy Young.

Craft Fair

Mark your calendar! Women on a Mission of the LWML is planning its 15th annual craft fair on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The fair specializes in hand-crafted items, a bake sale and a coffee bar. Currently, half of the spaces are rented, so pass the word to your friends and neighbors who may be interested. For more information, contact Elaine Anderson at 225-8820 or online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

LCMS Regular Convention

Pastor Burcham attended the 63rd LCMS Regular Convention in Houston, Texas as a pastoral delegate last week along with Dave Viggers from Norwalk, who served as a lay delegate. The Synod meets in convention every three years with more than 1,500 delegates attending to elect officials to our church body and make decisions concerning the future. Among the many items discussed and voted on were the reelection of Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick for his third term and two resolutions concerning worship.

Pastor Burcham said of the two resolutions; "I am very glad to see both of them pass the assembly and by a good margin. What I like the most is that when they are implemented they will have a positive effect on the synod. I have long advocated that we can worship our God in a variety of styles and these two resolutions really support that notion."

For further information, please go to the LCMS Web site at www.lcms.org.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Rev. Kendall Meyer

Preacher:

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Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

Brett McGinnis

Elders:

Devin Wren

Ken Meythaler

Gary Wasko

Ushers:

Northwind

Mike Mazza

7:45 a.m.

Bruce Amendt

Dave Disney

Lou Grotheer

Mo Grotheer

Arlyn Hesse

Jim Johnson

Dick Mueller

9 a.m.

Greg Haessler

Doug Kumm

Jim Miles

Tanya Richards

Tom Richards

Tim Mueller

Chad Oehlert

10:30 a.m.

David Sengpiel

Colleen Sengpiel

Ivan Daniels

Dan Johnson

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 country and the freedom that we enjoy

Prayers

- For a safe and speedy return from Iraq for the 1st Brigade Combat Team, including 1-133 and Gloria Dei member Kent Siems
- For our youth and adults, who will be attending the National Youth Gathering in Orlando, Fla. from July 28-Aug. 2
- For the healing of Shirley Haight, sister of Melva Wenndt
- For Vernon Hanselman, Deb Timmons' uncle
- For Jim Sissel, father of Andrea Morrison
- For the tests and treatment of one-year-old Bailey Rowedder
- For the health of Julie Den-Herder's father, Gary Zumach
- For Ted Rives, who is serving in Iraq
- For the healing of Diane Mahaffey
- For Chris Onsrud and his family with the loss of Chris' grandmother
- 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.

The Mystery of Tollhome Manor

Children ages 7-17

Join us for a theatre workshop July 30-August 3 as we learn about acting, script writing, and costume and set design. The week will end with a performance on Friday, August 7 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$150 and includes two tickets for Friday's show. For more information contact Tim Kightlinger at 278-5544, ext. 212.



Habitat for Humanity

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity Grand Slam update: Thanks to all of the many, many volunteers who have helped with our Grand Slam Build this year. All four houses are doing great, but as we round third base, we need your help to bring these families home with a projected dedication date of September 9. These sites are open every Wednesday and Saturday with a special focus on Saturday, July 28 for Gloria Dei at 822 11th St., Des Moines. Volunteers are also needed to help provide lunch to the workers. If you are interested in volunteering anytime from 8:15 a.m.-4 p.m., contact Cindy O'Hara at 471-8686 or faithrelations@dmhabitat.org.

Photo Directory

If you had your photo directory appointment in June, please pick up your complimentary 8X10 portraits in the Narthex today.

Sizzlin' Summer Fun

Summer Camps

Only two more camps left. If you are interested, please call DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

- **Fine Arts Camp**

Grades completed K-4 • July 23-27

- **Light. Stage. Action. - Drama Camp 2**

Student ages 7-17 • July 30-August 3

Sunday's Story Time

Don't miss the story today. Elaine and Daniel Klinefelter are reading "Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude!" Story time is for children following the 9 a.m. service. It lasts about 10-15 minutes and gives parents an extra few minutes to visit.

Please remember that story time and the library summer reading program both end next Sunday, July 29.

Fresh Peaches

The Rocky Mountain Peach Company of Palisade, Colo., will once again provide tree-ripened peaches for this year's Central Iowa Youth for Christ fundraiser. A lug (approximately 18 lbs.) costs \$26; a half lug costs \$16. Information sheets can be picked up at the Information Center; order deadline is August 1.

Thank you

Thank you to all who took bags to sew for the preschoolers. The names are being put on the bags and they will be delivered on home visits by the teachers in August. You are great ministry partners supporting these precious little treasures at our preschool. We couldn't do it without you. – Terry Steinke, Director of Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool

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Confirmation Photos

Please pick up your confirmation photos and DVDs by the Information Center.

Senior High Final Fall Planning

Join us in the Youth Center for lunch and some more planning discussions on Sunday, August 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Revolve Tour

November 9-11

Teen girls, grades 8-12 (starting in the fall)

Women of Faith is sponsoring a convention for young women in Minneapolis, Minn. where they will learn how to live for Christ. For more information, go to www.revolvetour.com.

Thank you

Last Friday's golf outing success was due to the following people who helped and contributed:

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3265 100th Street, Urbandale
River Valley Golf Course
Marsha Sly
Texas Road House

The Point

Senior high large group Bible study meets Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. During the summer, we will meet at Tim's house, 9926 Brookview Drive, Urbandale, 779-3995.

July 25

After the Bible study, we will be going to a movie at Wynnsong.

August 1

No Point

Iowa District West Youth Gathering

"Clothed by Christ"

Oct. 13-Sunday, Oct. 14.

Marriot, Downtown, Des Moines

Youth are invited to attend this event to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism in music, drama, Bible study, hands-on activities and worship. Cost is \$105; registration forms can be picked up by the Youth Center bulletin board and returned by August 26.

Adult chaperones are needed. If you are interested, please contact Tim at 278-5544, ext. 212. Fees are waved for chaperones.

Week of July 22 - 29

Sunday, July 22

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary

Monday, July 23

9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp
 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Tuesday, July 24

9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 2:30 p.m. Pictorial Directory
 7:00 p.m. Craft Fair Meeting

Wednesday, July 25

9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp
 9:30 a.m. Moms with Small Children

10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer Bible Study
 2:30 p.m. Pictorial Directory
 6:00 p.m. Curriculum Design MAT
 6:30 p.m. The Point
 7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Bible Study
 7:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Activity

Thursday, July 26

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp
 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
 2:30 p.m. Pictorial Directory

Friday, July 27

9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp
 2:30 p.m. Pictorial Directory

Saturday, July 28

National Youth Gathering
 9:30 a.m. Pictorial Directory
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service

Outpouring of Love (July 8 and 15)	
General Fund Offerings	\$44,238
YTD Offering	\$71,344
YTD Budget	\$90,516

Last Week's Attendance			
Northwind	135	Communion	
7:45 a.m.	136	7:45 a.m.	124
9 a.m.	305	9 a.m.	209
10:30 a.m.	265	10:30 a.m.	170
Total	841		

Week of July 29- August 4

Sunday, July 29

National Youth Gathering

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion

9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion

10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion

Monday, July 30

National Youth Gathering

9:00 a.m. Drama Camp

6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers

6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Tuesday, July 31

National Youth Gathering

9:00 a.m. Drama Camp

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 1

National Youth Gathering

9:00 a.m. Drama Camp

9:30 a.m. Mom's with Small Children

10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer

7:30 p.m. Strategic Planning MAT

Thursday, August 2

National Youth Gathering

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Drama Camp

10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews

Friday, August 3

9:00 a.m. Drama Camp

9:00 a.m. MOM's Club of WDM

7:00 p.m. Drama Camp Performance

Saturday, August 4

5:30 p.m. Northwind Service

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.

Week in Review



Girls of all ages gathered this week to learn about how other girls lived in different eras at Girls Camp. On Wednesday evening, Anavox, a contemporary Christian band played to an audience in the Family Life Center.



Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional-blend • 10:30 Contemporary-blend
Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:20 a.m. (September-April) • Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Contemporary
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. (September-April) • Staffed nursery from 5:15 p.m.