

WEEKLY WORD



A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

July 29, 2007

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

God's Willingness to Deliver

by Karen Kennedy, staff

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. Matthew 6:13

Last week we examined the first part of this verse and concluded that the Lord can help strengthen us so we can withstand the inevitable temptations we face in this fallen world.

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

Today we will examine the latter part of this verse, "deliver us from the evil one." Certainly, God's delivering power from the evil one is seen and felt at every intersection in the Bible. Take Adam, for example: moments after he succumbed to the serpent, God met him in the garden, pledged to eventually redeem not only Adam, but mankind from evil; replaced his self-made clothes of fig leaves with more substantial garments; and provided this fallen man with a new job and new living arrangements. This amazing foundation of deliverance and love is built upon throughout the archives of the Bible. It seems the more helpless man becomes, the deeper the ditch man digs, the more God's power emerges. No darkness or evil can ever stop God from helping man.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. Psalms 139:7-8

Another hall-of-fame example of God's delivering power is Jonah, a man who disobeyed God's commands and found himself in the midst of a hopeless, dark and slimy situation.

Being swallowed alive by a fish would jolt any man's thoughts, but it did not shake the Lord—he simply appointed the fish to deliver Jonah unto dry land.

But you brought my life up from the pit, O Lord my God. When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you. Jonah 2: 6b-7a.

How about other popular deliverance stories: Daniel in the lion's den? Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the burning furnace? David's encounter with Goliath? Peter in the prison? Each time, God heard their cries and rescued them from the evil that surrounded them.

And here is the clincher: God's willingness to help does not depend on us or the difficulty of our circumstances. Nor is God's helping hand dependent on the guilt or innocence of the victims in distress. Adam and Jonah both were rescued after they willfully disobeyed the Lord, while Daniel's predicament was a result of obeying God. The reasons and the depth of despair are inconsequential to the Lord; what matters is God's willingness and ability to help.

He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. Psalm 40:2

As we immerse ourselves in the archives of the scriptures, we see a God that is ever present and ever able to help man. The book of Romans, states, if God is for us, who can be against us? The God who delivered people in the scriptures from seemingly hopeless situations is the same God who is with us today. When we pray "deliver us from evil," we should expect the same helping hand. He is still the Father who is in heaven, whose name is hallowed, who daily sustains us with our daily needs, who forgives us and who is eager to deliver us from the evil one.

Index

Calendar	6-7
Children	5
Care	4
Last Week	6-7
News	1-4
Offering	6
Youth	5

Summer Worship Training

Whether you sing, play an instrument, appreciate music or want to learn about different worship styles, you will not want to miss our worship workshops.

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.

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

This class will teach the basics of singing and speaking.

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.

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.

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

This class 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.

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. to 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.

Gloria Dei Blood Drive

Please consider giving blood on August 18 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the narthex. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call Chris Gerke at 278-0935.

Thank You

Thank you for the contributions to the Iowa National Guard offices and auxiliary at the Patriotic tribute on July 1. Your generous support continues to help the “bear hug” and “neck cooler” and other projects that support the Iowa National Guard soldiers, airmen and their families. – Carol Andresen

Gloria Dei
8301 Aurora Ave.
Urbandale, IA 50322
515-276-1700
www.gloriadeionline.com



Full-time staff e-mail:

Rev. Ronald Burcham

Senior Pastor
rburcham@gloriadeionline.com

Rev. Kendall Meyer

Director of Adult Ministry
kmeyer@gloriadeionline.com

Rev. Tim Phillips

Director of Congregational Care
tphillips@gloriadeionline.com

Mr. Steve Kammeyer

Executive Director
skammeyer@gloriadeionline.com

Mrs. Karen Kennedy

Director of Publicity & Promotion
karen@gloriadeionline.com

Mr. Tim Kightlinger

Director of Youth Ministry
tim@gloriadeionline.com

Mr. Steve Kohtz

Director of Worship Ministries
steve@gloriadeionline.com

Mrs. DeAnn Haas McCue

Director of Family Ministry
deann@gloriadeionline.com

Mr. Chris Onsrud

Director of Media Ministry
chris@gloriadeionline.com

Mr. Brandon Simpson

Facility Manager
brandon@gloriadeionline.com

Mrs. Marsha Sly

Administrative Assistant
marsha@gloriadeionline.com

Mrs. Terry Steinke

Director of Early Childhood Ministry
and Tiny Treasures Preschool
terry@gloriadeionline.com

Part-time Support Staff:

Ms. Melissa Dahmen

Graphic Design Intern
melissa@gloriadeionline.com

Mrs. Laura Rath

Senior Pastor Admin Assistant
laura@gloriadeionline.com

Mrs. Michelle Reinert

Assistant to the Youth Director
michelle@gloriadeionline.com

Mrs. Shelly Rivera

Assistant to the Family Director
shelly@gloriadeionline.com

Governing Board

276-1700

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, July 28 after the 5:30 p.m. service is for:



Kayla Lou Hamaker born February 19, 2004 to Michael and Mandie (nee Eriksen) Hamaker. Kayla's spiritual sponsors are Nate and Wendie Philips.



Natalie Maye Hamaker born June 12, 2007 to Michael and Mandie (nee Eriksen) Hamaker. Natalie's spiritual sponsors are Tyler and Elaine Hottovy.

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.

Helpers Needed

If you are interested in helping with small plumbing, drywall or framing remodeling projects at the church, please contact Brandon Simpson at 710-5483.

Solutions '07

Gloria Dei will host a multi-media worship conference Thursday, August 16 and Friday, August 17; Kevin Cooney, news anchor of KCCI TV will be the featured speaker. If you or someone you know would be interested in learning more about the multi-media tools for worship, go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com and click on the Solutions '07 link.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist

7:45 a.m.

Rev. Tim Phillips

9:00 a.m.

Rev. Kendall Meyer

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

Justin Nicolet

Elders:

Terry Woolman

David Graaf

Tim Radig

Ushers:

Northwind

Mike Mazza

7:45 a.m.

Bruce Amendt

Dave Disney

Lou Grotheer

Mo Grotheer

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 Bruce and Mary Grimm's daughter, Nicole, who was married Saturday, July 28 to Troy Kenney
- For the 21st wedding anniversary of Larry and Kathy Lanham on July 26
- For the birth of John and Sara Brown's new baby boy, Hayden John Brown
- For the safe return of Kent Siems from Iraq

Prayers

- For our youth and adults, who will be attending the National Youth Gathering in Orlando, Fla. from July 28-Aug. 2
- For the health of Alyssa Cook
- 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 the healing 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.

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.

Luther Care

Luther Care Services will host an ice cream social at Luther Park apartments Community Center on Sunday, August 5 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. All proceeds will go toward buying new carpet for the second floor at Luther Park apartments. For more information, contact Linda Hentscher at 225-8985.

Photo Directory

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

Scrapbook Fellowship

Everyone is welcome to join scrapbook fellowship on Friday, August 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. in room 131/133. This is a great opportunity to get organized, finish some pages with few interruptions and get to know fellow scrappers. Come and go as your schedule allows. For further information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.



Congregational Care, a ministry of Gloria Dei aimed at supporting people in difficult situations, will launch a variety of services in August and September that will bring Jesus Christ to the hurting and the sick for the first time and for a lifetime.

Grief Support Groups

GriefShare: Thursday, August 23 from 6:30-8 p.m.

GriefShare is a 13-week grief support group for people dealing with the reality and pain of losing a loved one. Each session consists of a video presentation, sharing and prayer time.

Stepping Stones: Thursday, Sept. 6 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Stepping Stones, a 6-week grief-support group for young children aimed at providing children a safe place to process their grief. Different mediums, such as play, sensory activities, puppetry and movement exercises will be used to reach children at their level. Each session will be divided into two age groups: 3- to 5-year-olds and 6- to 10-year-olds.

Contact Information:

Pastor Tim Phillips

278-5544, ext. 204

tphillips@gloriadeionline.com

Cancer Support Group

BCS Group: Thursday, Sept. 6 from 6:30-8 p.m.

BCS group, a 9-week breast cancer support group, is offered to encourage survivors of breast cancer. Each session will include three components: an in-depth study of God's word and questions relating to the illness, a sharing time and a prayer time. Participants will find comfort and encouragement through God's word and the support of sisters facing similar challenges.

Divorce Support Group

DivorceCare: Tuesday, August 21 from 6:30-8 p.m.

DivorceCare, a 13-week divorce support group, will help people recover from the pain and separation of divorce. Sessions will involve video presentations from renowned counselors and speakers, and a chance to connect to others in a similar situation.

If you or anyone you know would benefit from any of the above support sessions, please contact Pastor Tim at 278-5544, ext. 204 or Marsha Sly, Administrative Assistant, at 276-1700. Childcare is provided.

growyeldminister



gloriadeiyouthministry

luke 9:23

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.

Iowa District West Junior Youth Gathering: Grades 6-8

“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. Join us as we connect with 400 youth around the state. Cost is \$105; registration forms can be picked up at the youth 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 waived for chaperones.

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.revolveitour.com.

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 the church office at 276-1700.



Sunday’s Story Time and Summer Reading Program

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

We have really enjoyed both of these programs. Thank you to all those who helped and participated in them.

Week of July 29- August 4

Sunday, July 29

National Youth Gathering

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

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

10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service

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

4:30 p.m. Strategic Communication Planning Meeting

Wednesday, August 1

National Youth Gathering

9:00 a.m. Drama Camp

9:30 a.m. Men'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

Outpouring of Love (July 22)	
General Fund Offerings	\$14,805
YTD Offering	\$87,815
YTD Budget	\$120,688

Last Week's Attendance			
Northwind	112	Communion	
7:45 a.m.	144	Northwind	82
9 a.m.	254		
10:30 a.m.	321		
Total	831		

Week of August 5-11

Sunday, August 5

- 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
- 11:30 a.m. Senior High Fall Planning
- 1:00 p.m. GriefShare Training

Monday, August 6

- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Tuesday, August 7

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Meeting (Machine Shed)
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, August 8

- 9:30 a.m. Moms with Small Children

Thursday, August 9

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 6:30 p.m. Worship 101

Friday, August 10

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 5:30 p.m. Erica Lohrman and Chris Heck Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, August 11

- 4:00 p.m. Erica Lohrman and Chris Heck Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion

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



Last week, canvases, wood blocks, glue, paint and crayons were rolled out for children to learn the fun and wonder of making and designing fine art.

Golf Outing

Saturday, August 25



Willow Creek Golf Course

Shotgun – Tee-off at 8 a.m.

- \$55 per adult includes cart, lunch and prizes!
- \$200 per 4-some registering at the same time
- \$45 per student

Sign up in the narthex today!
Registration due by August 19

Proceeds go toward purchasing equipment for the Media Ministry.

Helpers Wanted (and Needed)

As we prepare for our fall programs, we are looking for teachers and helpers for our elementary educational times on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. If you are interested, please contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

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.