

# WEEKLY WORD



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The first Sunday after Epiphany

## Get Ready for a Hot January!

This month is loaded with activities, studies, sermons, worship and fellowship that will jump-start your new year with a heightened awareness of God's love.



rekindle + refuel + reveal

### Ablaze

As you know, we have been busy preparing for phase I of *Ablaze*, which will begin the week-end of January 21-22. This six-week phase will emphasize how to rekindle our faith and find new excitement for all things spiritual. The children, youth and adults will study subjects such as comfort zones, forgiving others and ourselves, fears, stumbling blocks and other heart-related subjects.

Similar to our *40 Days of Purpose*, we are encouraging small group studies that will follow the weekly sermon series with a study that has been written by our staff and ministry action team. We think you will enjoy the material and the ease of the study into your everyday life. We are excited to see how the light of God will begin to illuminate every part of our being.

We are seeking small group hosts. This is a wonderful short-term ministry opportunity. We will provide everything you need—orientation, a study guide and support. All you need is a warm home, a DVD/VCR player, and a willingness to serve your brothers and sisters in Christ. If you are interested, please take some

time today and sign up at the *Ablaze* table in the narthex. Pastor Meyer will contact you regarding the orientation dates.

### Saturday Evening Worship

On Saturday, Jan. 21, a fourth worship service called *Northwind* will begin in the Family Life Center. This "come as you are" service will be a blend between hymns with an up-beat tempo and praise music. In addition, multi-media effects will be used to enhance the worship experience. Children will worship with their families, then leave for their own educational time until 6:45 p.m. Adults will not have to rush off to pick up their children because the adult message will end by 6:30, leaving time for them to converse with friends over a cup of hot coffee or tea.

If you are interested in being an intricate part of this ministry, please sign up at the Information Center.

### Women's Connections

#### Calling women of all ages!

Join us this Monday evening from 7 to 8:30 for a time to connect to God and each other through study, prayer and fellowship.

*Women's Connections* will start with worship and prayer before the group splits into three different studies. Women can choose one of the three studies that best fits their needs: *Jesus, the One and Only*, *Beloved Disciple* and *Women of the Bible*. After the studies, the entire group will gather for fellowship and treats. And rumor has it, homemade pie will be served.

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## Relief Need Refocused During January and February

*Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink ...."*

As the Advent sermon series asked us to consider, "Who is our neighbor?," we are asking Gloria Dei members to temporarily refocus our relief efforts during January to our local community. Due to the large local and statewide outpouring of support for the Gulf Coast Disasters, local community assistance programs have suffered significant decreases.

One such assistance program is the Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC). DMARC provides food to eight sites in central Iowa. The cost of supplying eight sites with five days of three meals/day is \$10,000. We want to impact the needs of DMARC in a significant and profound way. We are asking the members of Gloria Dei to either supply the specific food listed on the flier being distributed by the ushers today, or make a cash donation to help those who are hungry.

The Christmas Stable will remain in the narthex during January and serve as the collection area for food products. In addition, a chart displaying the growth of cash donations will be posted. Please visit the Christmas Stable with your gifts for our neighbors.

God has blessed us as a congregation. He called and guided our responses during September, October and November to the Gulf Coast disasters. While we are not abandoning our on-going support of the Gulf Coast, we are in the short-term focusing on the need in our local communities. Please help those who are in need.

Watch for information about a February focus on worldwide hunger and Gloria Dei Youth's 30 Hours of Famine campaign.

Respectfully,

The Disaster Relief Mission Team

The Naomi Circle



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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 11 a.m.

Staffed Nursery  
8 a.m.-noon

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Today's Classes

**Discovery 101:**

Today at 9:30 a.m.

Discovery 101, Basics of the Christian Faith, is a nine-week class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided. If you have not registered, please feel free to join us.

**Shape Class**

Today at 11 a.m.

Discover your unique shape for serving God.

The S.H.A.P.E. class explores your spiritual gifts and talents and will be offered January 8, 15 and 22 at 11 a.m. in room 127/129. You don't have to pre-register, so please feel free to come today! If you have any questions, contact Pastor Tim Phillips at 276-1700, ext. 204.

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism**



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Jan. 1 was for:

**M**adelyn Kay Otto, born August 3, 2005 to David and Jennifer (nee Fisher) Otto. Madelyn's spiritual sponsors are David and Julie McAdon..



**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 Pastor and Lynn Meyer's 11th wedding anniversary

**Prayers**

- For our military
- For the impact of upcoming Ablaze campaign
- For our Saturday evening service
- For John Miller, Sr., who continues to battle health issues
- For preschool enrollment
- For the families of the coal miners

**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.

**Serving God Today**

**Elders:**

Bruce Bjurstrom  
Ken Meythaler  
Gary Wasko

**8 a.m.**

Tom Berg  
David Graaf  
Arlyn Hesse  
Dan Johnson  
Richard Mueller

**9:30 a.m.**

Greg Haessler  
Bob Loch  
Doug Kumm  
Tim Mueller  
Chad Oehlert  
Dale Schinstock  
Mark Toebben  
Richard Valle  
Andy Van Pelt

**11 a.m.**

Kevin Kelly  
Ken Wenndt

**Organist:**

Lynn Hays

**Acolytes:**

Allissa Rice  
Michael Schinstock  
Kara Jordan

## Blood Drive

One pint can make a difference. Donate blood Saturday, Jan. 21 from 7:30-11 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

Every three seconds someone needs blood. Each day in the United States 32,000 units of blood are used. The Blood Center of Iowa services 34 hospitals in 33 central and northern Iowa counties.

Donors must be generally in good health, weigh at least 110 lbs., eat a good meal prior to donation, and be at least 17 years old.

Sign up today at the Information Center or contact Cheryl Gilg at 278-9423.

## Scrapbook Fellowship

Make a resolution this year to get your pictures into scrapbooks! Join us on Friday, Jan. 13 between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. to do just that! It's a casual atmosphere with room to spread out. Come and go as you can. We meet in room 131/133. Use the door by the kitchen for easy access. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.



## Activities & Meetings

### Mary Esther Circle

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Jan. 12 at Hazel Schroedel's 5212 Cody Drive, West Des Moines.

### Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet at Panera Bread Thursday, Jan. 12 at 9:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

### Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. at Rosalie Petersen's, 109 N. Jacob, Grimes, 986-3697.

### Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at Mary Jo Miller's, 4725 71st, Urbandale.

### Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will meet Monday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at Janna Amendt's house, 4747 80th Street, Urbandale, 225-0120.

## Godz Guyz Debuting New CD

GodZ GuyZ invite you to a free concert Sunday, Jan. 15 at 3 p.m. at the Waukee High School Auditorium to help celebrate the release of their new CD, "Just Believe." The concert will include songs that focus on the cross through music and word.

Also during this concert, we are pleased to feature recording artists Carolyn and Emily Nicholas and our ministry partnership with Hospice of Central Iowa. Please join us for this exciting time of praise, joy and fellowship.

## A Letter of Thanks

A great big thank you to the congregation for generously supporting 23 families!!

The Giving Tree Adopt-a-Family Christmas Project was a success again this year. Thank you to all who took tags from the tree and returned gifts for our families. This year, many of our families came from AGAPE Pregnancy Center. We had community members who called our church asking for help, and we supported several families from Moulton Elementary.

I especially want to thank the members of our bible study group: Nancy Wiggins, Lori Martin, Jody Kimberley and Laura Amann. Thank you also to our husbands who helped with kids while we spent many hours organizing.

We know that God had his hand in this project, because every time we had a need, there was someone calling ready to provide it. Seeing the faces of children light up as they wondered which gifts were theirs, watching the tears of appreciation and joy in the eyes of mothers and grandfathers, and reading thank-you cards from the



*A happy mother receives her family's gifts from the giving tree.*

families were all special moments. It all starts with the many individual gifts that so many members of Gloria Dei provided. Thank you again.

Our group would also like to thank the following members who helped in many different ways:

Todd Wiggins, Pastor and Kim Phillips, Judy Waters, Susie Mitchell, Pennie Doss, Marilyn and Dwight Carlson, Bev and Bob DeWaard, Mary Mohr, Kay Readinger and the Entire XYZ Group, Amy Snyder and Group, Jan and AGAPE Pregnancy Center, Robin Hause and Family, Julie Steuber and Group, Tamara Smith Christ Care Group and any other person that I might have missed.

If you are interested in being part of the committee for Adopt-a-Family next year or if you and your group would consider adopting a whole family next year, please contact me at 276-3052 or [joy@linquists.com](mailto:joy@linquists.com).

– Thank you, Joy Linquist

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church:

What a great name for a church. I think of the name of your church and it reminds me of that glorious day when Jesus was born. Each year, I teach my sons the true meaning of Christmas, and not to stress out on where they're going to get gifts from. God always makes a way. I thank God for the gift he provided, his son Jesus and thank God for special people he placed on earth, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Have a Merry Christmas.

Thank you,  
Sonja

Merry Christmas Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for the spirit and gifts. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Thank you,  
Christian (8-year-old son of Sonja)

Dear Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for giving us these gifts. Thank you for taking the time out of your schedule.

Thank you,  
Terez (12-year-old son of Sonja)

## Stop and Shop Today



Please stop by the Tool Shoppe this week. We have the following DVD's available: Gloria Dei's Cantata, all of the children's' Sunday Christmas programs and the Christmas Eve 6 p.m. service.

See you there!

## Weather Changes

On the occasion that the weather turns to snow and ice, please check the Web site for cancellations. If the weather is predicted to change, please use your judgment—your safety is important. We will also have the information on our answering machine, KCCI-TV and WOI-TV stations. A good rule of thumb is if Urbandale schools cancel or close, we will too.



## Wanted: Cards

The first grade Faith Alive class needs recycled religious Christmas cards for a Honduras mission project. Please drop off your Christmas cards in the collection box located near the Information Center now until mid-January. If you have any questions, call Cheryl Gilg at 278-9423.



## Lutheran Witness

*The Lutheran Witness* is the magazine of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. If you would like to receive *The Witness* in May, please contact Pennie Doss at 276-1700 or [pennie@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:pennie@gloriadeionline.com) by February 17. If you are currently receiving the magazine and wish to discontinue, please call Pennie.

## Reaching Out to the Needy Families

Continue your spirit of giving throughout the year. Join the Couples with Young Children ChristCare Group in providing monthly meals for the Hope Family Center. Hope Family Center, a facility of Hope Ministries, is a long-term faith-based (Christ-centered) residential program designed to restore hope to homeless women and their children. (Find out more about this ministry at [www.hopeiowa.com](http://www.hopeiowa.com).)

We are looking for other groups or families interested in providing a meal for up to 48 women and children on the second Monday of the month. This is a new service at the Hope Family Center and we have the opportunity to be the first congregation involved. If you or your group is interested contact Heather Schmitz at [hlschmitz@mchsi.com](mailto:hlschmitz@mchsi.com) or at 371-5875 for more information.

## Thank You

Christmas 2005 has come and gone, but the realization of God's love for us will last forever. His love is communicated to us in various ways, certainly through His Word and Sacrament, but also through fellow believers. This past Christmas season my family felt the love of God through you. Thank you for all the cards, gifts and warm wishes that we received over the last several weeks. As always the outpouring of your love is humbling and greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless each of you as He continues to bless our congregation. – Pastor and Michelle Burcham



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### **Bible Study Today at 9:30 a.m.**

Join us today as we dive into God's Word.

- Grade 6 in room 131 – Does God really love me?
- Grade 7 in room 135 – Would Jesus do that?
- Grade 8 in room 138 – What does the Bible really say?
- Grades 6-8 will begin our *Ablaze* studies next Sunday.
- Grade 9-12 in Y. C. – Spiritual Gifts

### **Wednesday Studies at 6:15 p.m.**

#### **Confirmation: Grades 6-8**

Our confirmation studies will be Christian Life Training (CLT). Join us this Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

#### **High School: Grades 9-12**

Small-group Bible study topics include:

- What is the difference? A study comparing other religions.
- How to live with your parents.
- Sharing my faith.

#### **Parents' Bible Study/Support**

Join us for discussion and support in room 139.

### **Do you shop online?**

A new fundraiser is available and easy to use. Just go to [gloriadeionline.com](http://gloriadeionline.com) and click on the link on the main page. Shop at the stores listed and the youth ministry will get a percentage of your total purchases.

#### **Youth Contact Information:**

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[tim@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tim@gloriadeionline.com)

### **Junior and Senior High Youth**

#### **Des Moines Buccaneers**

Hockey game. Open to all!

Bring the entire family or just come alone on Friday, Jan 20. Today is the deadline to sign up and prepay. The cost is \$7 for ages 12 and under and \$9 for ages 13 and over. We will meet at the church at 6 p.m. and return after the game is over.

### **Junior High Youth**

#### **Mission Trip**

Junior high youth and parents are invited to an informational meeting Sunday, Jan. 22 from 12:30-2 p.m. We will look into the possibilities and dates for a mission trip. We need your input on how we can offer mission-trip opportunities for our junior high youth.

### **Senior High Youth**

#### **Small Group Training**

*Ablaze* small group training will be held Sunday, Jan. 15 from 12:30-2 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

#### **Summer Mission Trip**

Join us Sunday, Jan. 22 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for an informational meeting as we explore the three possible mission trips to Mexico, Louisiana or Ukraine. Join us for a discussion that will help us make a decision.

## Kindermusik in January

### Kindermusik Village®

Ages: newborn to 1½ years  
Connects parents and babies through music and movement.  
Taught by Steve Kohtz.

8-week session  
Mondays, 6-6:30 p.m.  
January 9-February 27 Cost: \$60

**Pick up a registration form today at the Information Center.**

### Kindermusik Our Time®

Ages: 1½ to 3 years  
Children meet weekly for a 45-minute class and enjoy singing, moving, listening, interacting socially and playing simple instruments with an accompanying parent or caregiver. Taught by Carol Wenndt and Julie Den Herder.

14-week session Saturdays, 9:30-10:15 a.m.  
January 14-April 22 Cost: \$105  
14-week session Tuesdays, 10-10:45 a.m.  
January 10-April 18 Cost: \$105

### Kindermusik Family Time®

All ages  
Family Time is a multi-age, multi-child environment where families can enjoy singing, moving, listening, interacting socially and playing instruments. Taught by Penny Schramm.

10-week session Mondays, 6-6:45 p.m.  
January 9-March 13 Cost: \$90

### Kindermusik Imagine That!®

Ages: 3 to 4 years  
Join us for an incredible musical journey of discovery and exploration.  
Taught by DeAnn McCue.

14-week session Mondays, 6-6:45 p.m.  
January 9-April 10 Cost: \$110

### Kindermusik For the Young Child®

Ages 4 1/2 to 7 years  
Balances activities that integrate listening, vocal development, movement and performing in an instrumental ensemble and introduces your child to the written language of music while cultivating music creativity. Taught by Angie Gage.

14-week session Mondays, 6-7 p.m.  
January 9-April 10 Cost: \$115

## Thank You

Thank you to the Sunday school and Faith Alive students for your donation of \$56 for the DMARC Food Pantry project. Your gift is appreciated and your help to the Gloria Dei's Disaster Relief Ministry Team is invaluable. Look for more information in the upcoming weeks about how we will further assist this organization and the communities it serves.

## New Playgroup

Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool playgroup for children ages 2½ to 3½ will open in February and run until the end of May. Children must be three years old by September 15, 2006. This will be a developmentally-appropriate playtime for these little ones, who will meet either on Mondays or Wednesdays from 9:15-11:15 a.m. A brochure with an application is available at the Information Center. A non-refundable registration fee of \$10 must accompany the application; cost per month is \$40. If you have questions, call Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.



# Looking Back at Christmas



Gloria Dei was filled with excitement last month as we celebrated our Savior's birth. We enjoyed the Christmas Cantata, *O Magnum Mysterium*, Christmas caroling, the Christmas services, the children's programs and the Tiny Treasures programs.

As we begin the new year, let's think about God's blessings and praise Him for another year to see Him work in our lives.



# Week of January 8-January 14

## Sunday, January 8

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Discovery 101
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Communion
- 11:00 a.m. S.H.A.P.E. Class
- 3:00 p.m. Praise Party
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

## Monday, January 9

- 6:00 a.m. BSF Leaders meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball practice
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik
- 6:45 p.m. Men's Basketball - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Connections
- 7:00 p.m. Together In Transition

## Tuesday, January 10

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik
- 1:00 p.m. ChristCare Bible Study Group
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball practice
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board
- 6:00 p.m. BSF
- 6:30 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball - FLC (km)

## Wednesday, January 11

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal

- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Alive Orchestra
- 5:30 p.m. Saturday Night MAT
- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study: Parenting Teenagers
- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study: What the Bible Says about Parenting
- 6:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive Education
- 7:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

## Thursday, January 12

- 9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Knitters
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball practice
- 7:00 p.m. ChristCare Group

## Friday, January 13

- 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Scrap-booking
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball practice

## Saturday, January 14

- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik

### Outpouring of Love for the Lord

General Fund Offerings	\$28,884
YTD Offering	\$628,504
YTD Budget	\$604,370

### Sunday School and Faith Alive Attendance

Sun., Early Childhood	N/A	Sunday School Helpers	N/A	Faith Alive, Early Childhood	30
Sun., Grades 1-5	N/A	Faith Alive Meal	107	Faith Alive, Grades 1-5	60
Sun., Grades 6-12	N/A	Music Alive	54	Faith Alive, Grades 6-12	86
Total	N/A	Wednesday Helpers	39	<b>Total</b>	<b>176</b>

# Week of January 15-January 21

## Sunday, January 15

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service with Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Discovery 101
- 9:30 a.m. Lighthouse - Gospel of Luke (km)
- 9:30 a.m. Revelation: Feeling a Little Left Behind?
- 9:30 a.m. What the Bible is all About?
- 9:30 a.m. What the Bible says About Parenting - (km)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Revelation: Feeling a Little Left Behind?
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. S.H.A.P.E. Class
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

## Monday, January 16

- 6:00 a.m. BSF Leaders meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball practice
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik
- 6:45 p.m. Men's Basketball - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Connections
- 7:00 p.m. Together In Transition

## Tuesday, January 17

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik
- 1:00 p.m. ChristCare Bible Study Group
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball practice

- 6:00 p.m. BSF
- 6:30 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball - FLC (km)

## Wednesday, January 18

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Alive Orchestra
- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study: Parenting Teenagers
- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study: What the Bible Says about Parenting
- 6:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive Education
- 6:15 p.m. Spirit Nourishers (km)
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 7:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

## Thursday, January 19

- 9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Knitters
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball practice
- 7:00 p.m. ChristCare Group

## Friday, January 20

- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball practice
- 6:00 p.m. GYM (6-12 grades) to Buccaneers hockey game

## Saturday, January 21

- 7:00 a.m. Blood Drive
- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik

### Holiday Weekly Attendance

Christmas Eve, 3 p.m.	185	Christmas Eve Total	1425	New Years Eve	141
Christmas Eve, 4:30 p.m.	566	Christmas Day	189	New Years Day, 8 a.m.	131
Christmas Eve, 6 p.m.	410			New Years Eve, 9:30 a.m.	286
Christmas Eve, 7:30 p.m.	264				

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## The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 8, 2006

8:00 a.m.

### Welcome

*"Angels from the Realms of Glory"* LW 50; 2 Vs.

### Invocation

*"Angels from the Realms of Glory"* LW 50;; 1 Vs

### Confession and Absolution

*"The People that in Darkness Sat"* LW 77; 3 Vs.

**Epistle Reading** – Ephesians 3:1-12

**Gospel Reading** – Matthew 2:1-12

### Apostles' Creed

*"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"*  
LW 86; 4 Vs.

**Sermon** – Pastor Ron Burcham

*"We Three Kings of Orient Are"* 2 Vs.

### Gathering of the Offerings

### Prayers

**Lord's Prayer**

### Benediction

*"As With Gladness Men of Old"* LW 75; 3 Vs.

9:30 a.m.

### Welcome

*"Angels from the Realms of Glory"* LW 50; 3 Vs.

### Invocation

*"Here I Am to Worship"*

### Confession and Absolution

*"You are my King (Amazing Love)"*

*"Word of God, Speak"*

**Epistle Reading** – Ephesians 3:1-12

*"Word of God, Speak"*

**Gospel Reading** – Matthew 2:1-12

### Apostles' Creed

*"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"*  
LW 86; 3 Vs.

**Sermon** – Pastor Ron Burcham

*"We Three Kings of Orient Are"* 2 Vs.

**Offering** *"Hallelujah"* (Your love is amazing)

### Prayers

**Lord's Prayer**

### Benediction

*"As With Gladness Men of Old"* LW 75; 3 Vs.

11:00 a.m.

### Welcome

*"Hallelujah"* (Your love is amazing)

*"You Are The One"*

*Here I Am to Worship"*

### Confession and Absolution

*"Here I Am To Worship"*

### Celebration of Holy Communion

*"Rescue"*

*"You are my King (Amazing Love)"*

*"Word of God, Speak"*

**Epistle Reading** – Ephesians 3:1-12

*"Word of God, Speak"*

**Gospel Reading** – Matthew 2:1-12

**Sermon** – Pastor Ron Burcham

**Offering** *"Your Favorite Name is Father"*

*Offered by Gloria Dei's Worship Team*

### Prayers

**Lord's Prayer**

### Blessing

*"Friend of God"*

### 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.

## 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.