

WEEKLY WORD



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The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Ablaze Begins This Week



rekindle + refuel + reveal

The six-week phase I of Ablaze begins this week and will encompass the entire church as children, youth and adults learn the elements on how to rekindle the warmth of God's love during weekly sermon series, daily devotions and small group studies at home or at church. So, don't be shy to have an *Ablaze* discussion at the dinner table with your entire family this week.

Topics

Each week of *Ablaze* will concentrate on the following topics:

- Week 1: What am I missing?
- Week 2: Forgiving others.
- Week 3: Forgiving myself.
- Week 4: Fear of being an active Christian.
- Week 5: Stumbling blocks.
- Week 6: Conviction or Convenience.

Today's Topic: What am I missing?

From a surface point-of-view, we are not missing anything. Most of us have shelter, clothing, and food. Not to mention, lots of gadgets, what-to-do-lists and family demands to keep us busy. And yet the Lord wants to fill a need that only He can meet—a relationship with Him.

God cautions us about seeking other things above Him.

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19-20

He then encourages us to put Him first.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be

given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33

He doesn't leave us alone in our feeble attempts to put Him first, instead He actively pursues us with His love. He wants to reveal himself to His people.

I have revealed and saved and proclaimed—I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "that I am God. Isaiah 43:12

This week during our Ablaze sermon, small-group study and daily devotions, we will examine God's revelation to individuals in the Bible and how He sought to re-ignite his passion in their lives.

Open your windows; shed your coats because it only takes a spark, to catch the flame of God. Expect the flame to ignite this week.

Small-Group Studies

It is not too late to host or participate in a small-group study. If you are interested, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

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Nominations for Governing Board

The Governing Board is accepting nominations for members who are interested in running for election to the board. Although the election is several months away, we are now accepting nominations in order to give the candidates time to become better prepared for board membership through training and educational materials. If you have an interest in learning more about this type of ministry, or would like to nominate someone, contact Deb Kesse, Lorrie Graaf or Laurie Peterson at govboard@gloriadeionline.com.

Town Hall Meetings

The Strategic Planning Ministry Action Team has been gathering information and input from various leaders of the congregation. Now we would like to hear from you. As explained in the letter sent to you, four meetings have been scheduled over the next two weeks in the Family Life Center:

- Sunday, January 29 1–5 p.m.
- Saturday, February 4 8 a.m.–noon
- Thursday, February 9 6–10 p.m.
- Sunday, February 12 1–5 p.m.

We have a great deal of information to share with you about the process we’re embarking on and the things we have learned so far. And we’d like to hear your input regarding the options before us. No decisions have been made.

A member of the Strategic Planning MAT is at the Information Center after each service with sign-up sheets for the currently-scheduled sessions. If the scheduled dates and times don’t work for you, but you’d like to attend, please notify a Ministry Action Team member. Child care will be provided. For more information, contact Pastor Burcham, Deb Kesse or Shawn Woolman.

News Flash



Gloria Dei now has the capability of keeping you up-to-date on all church activities by an online calendar. Just go to the church’s Web site and click on “online calendar.” The times, room numbers and any other pertinent information will be accessible.

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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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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 9:30 a.m. service is for:



Sadey Louise Lietz, born December 30, 2005 to Toby and Kelly (nee Wilson) Lietz. Sadey's spiritual sponsors are Micole and Chad Stobbe and Jeff Lietz.

Women's Connections

Women's Connections invites women of all ages to come Monday evenings for a time of worship, prayer, study and fellowship. This week women can choose one of three studies that best fits their needs: *Jesus, the One and Only, Beloved Disciple* and *Ablaze*. After the studies, the entire group will gather for fellowship and treats.



If you were unable to come last week, please feel free to join us this Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for a time to connect to God and each other through study, prayer and fellowship. See you there!

Serving God Today

Elders:

Tim Mueller
Steve Junge
Tim Radig
8 a.m.
Tom Berg
David Graaf
Arlyn Hesse
Dan Johnson
Richard Mueller
Jeff Johnston
Jim Johnson
Phyllis Johnson

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.

Doug Bass
Kevin Kelly
Ken Wenndt
Mike Cobb
Organist:
Shirley Roberts
Acolytes:
Allissa Rice
Michael Schinstock
Kara Jordan

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 all the people who help Gloria Dei fulfill the mission of bringing Jesus Christ to people

Prayers

- For our military
- For the small groups being formed for Ablaze
- For our Saturday evening service
- For Greta Ganske and family as she prepares for surgery at Mayo
- For Jerry O'Malia who will have surgery on Feb. 3
- For all of our ministry action teams

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.

Ablaze Information

Small-Group Studies

It is not too late to sign up to be a host or to participate in an *Ablaze* small-group study. If you are interested, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

If you have signed up to participate in a small-group study and have not been contacted by a small-group host, please contact Pastor Meyer.

Sunday's Study

Anyone who cannot participate in an *Ablaze* small-group study during the week can attend Sunday's *Ablaze* Bible study in the Family Life Center at 9:30 a.m. today. Shawn and Sheryl Woolman will facilitate the study using the *Ablaze* adult curriculum.

Daily Devotions

If you are interested in receiving the *Ablaze* daily devotions for the next six weeks, sign up at the Information Center or register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Printed daily devotions are also available at the Information Center.

Ablaze: Thought of the Week

What Am I Missing?

Is God trying to get your attention?
What is your burning bush?

Exodus 3:2-4

Sunday Adult Bible Studies Resume

Revelation will meet at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center. The class will wrap up the series on Sunday, Jan. 29.

Lifelight will begin a new study on the Gospel of Luke at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

What the Bible Says About Parenting will be at 9:30 a.m. in room 139.

Educational Meeting: Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D

The Associations Marketing Group, Inc., a Clive-based health insurance agency, will hold an educational seminar on the new Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Part D on Tuesday, Jan. 31 from 1-3:30 p.m. in room 135/137. Jesse A. Patton, President/CEO of Associations Marketing Group, Inc. and a member of various state and federal health insurance panels for 15 years, will be the featured speaker.

Financial Peace University

Did you know that 70% of Americans are living paycheck to paycheck and 37% of marital problems derive from financial situations? Join us Thursday, Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in rooms 135-137 for a 13-week class that teaches Biblical principles of stewardship leading to "financial peace" for families. The cost for all class materials is \$90 per family. Teens may attend free with their parents.

To register, please contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544 ext. 224.

Activities & Meetings



Mary Esther Circle

Mary Esther Circle will meet in the church kitchen Thursday, Feb. 9 at 9:30 a.m. Bring your cleaning supplies!

Naomi Circle

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

Created to Praise

Created to Praise is back at Gloria Dei starting today from 3 to 4:30 p.m. We gather twice a month to make awesome music to our God, build relationships with one another and strengthen our faith in God. The semester will end at the beginning of May. Cost per child for the semester is \$15. If you have any questions, please call Julie Dueker at 288-3028.

Midweek Help

We need volunteers to help with serving and clean-up for the mid-week meal. If you are interested, please sign up on Wednesday evenings in the Family Life Center or Sunday mornings at the Information Center.

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.

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

Sign the friendship pad in the pew or at the Information Center and check "wish to join Gloria Dei." All who wish to join must attend the Discovery classes.

New to the Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 101 and Discovery 201.

Transferring from another Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 201.

Discovery 101: Basics of the Christian Faith

Next Class

**April 2
9:30 a.m.**

Discovery 101 is a nine-week class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided. For the next class, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Discovery 201: Welcome to Gloria Dei

Next Class

**Sunday, March 5
3-7 p.m.**

Discovery 201 is a one-day class for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Come to meet the staff and others who are joining. Learn more about Gloria Dei and the privileges and responsibilities of membership.

Sign up

Please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 or tphillips@gloriadeionline.com

Stop and Shop Today



Please stop by the Tool Shoppe this week. We have the following DVDs available: Gloria Dei's Cantata, all of the children's Sunday Christmas programs and the Christmas Eve 6 p.m. service. We also have hooded sweatshirts and t-shirts in new colors. See you there!

Thrivent Financial

We are in need of a congregational coordinator to represent Gloria Dei for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. If you are interested, contact Faith Spark at 278-8318.



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.

Relief Items Being Accepted

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 the following gifts for our neighbors:



- Canned Fruit (15 oz.)
- Macaroni and Cheese Dinner
- Canned Meals (chili, stew, Chef Boyardee, etc.)
- Macaroni/Spaghetti
- Canned Meat
- Egg Noodles
- Canned Soups (No Ramen Noodles)
- Packaged Dinners (Helpers, etc.)
- Canned Vegetables/Beans (15 oz.)
- Peanut Butter
- Cereal (Hot/Cold)
- Rice (1-2 lb. bags)
- Diapers
- Saltines
- Fruit/Vegetable Juices
- Spaghetti Sauce (canned)
- Infant Formula
- Tomato Sauce
- Instant Potatoes
- Tuna

2006 mission trips

Come join us!

As we begin this year, let's consider those outside the walls of Gloria Dei. We have several mission trips being planned this year. If you sense the Lord tugging at your heart or if you are just curious about missions, come to one of our informational meetings.

If you have questions or would like to support the missions, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.



★ Appalachia Mission Trip

An informational meeting about the upcoming Appalachia mission trip will be held Sunday, Jan. 29 at 12:15 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Reunion Potluck

An Appalachia-reunion potluck lunch will be held immediately following the meeting in rooms 131/133. Please bring a main dish. Beverages and tableware will be provided. If you have any questions, contact Peg Riddle at 225-6111.



★ Honduras Mission Trip

A meeting for those who went to Honduras last year and for those who are interested in going this year will be Sunday, Feb. 26 at 4 p.m. in rooms 131/133.





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Youth Contact Information:

Tim Kightlinger,
278-5544, ext. 212 or
tim@gloriadeionline.com

Bible Study Today at 9:30 a.m.

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

Grades 6-8

Ablaze studies today!

Grades 9-12 in Y. C.

Spiritual Gifts Next Week:
What is your discipline?

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 Ablaze Bible studies start Wednesday.

Parents' Bible Study/Support

Join us for discussion and support in room 139.

Confirmation Meeting for Youth and Parents

A confirmation meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 1 from 7:30- 8 p.m. in the Youth Center. All families must attend; dates, deadlines and important information will be handed out.

Teen Worship Band

Rehearsal today from 12:30-2 p.m.

Senior High Youth

Summer Mission Trip

Join us today 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.

Superbowl Party

See the big game played on the big screen. Superbowl party will be held Sunday, Feb. 5 from 5 p.m. until the end of the game. Bring a food item to share with the group.

Dodgeball Challenge: Sunday, Feb. 12, 5-9 p.m.

Change of plans! Sign up your team of six by Wednesday, Feb. 8 The entrance fee is \$30 per team. Free food, movies, games and giveaways will be available. You don't have to participate in the challenge to come and hang out. Forms are available outside the Youth Center.

Cafe 923

Come and hang out with us Friday, Jan. 27 from 9-11:45 p.m.

Junior High Youth

Mission Trip

Junior high youth and parents are invited to an informational meeting today 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.

Cafe 923

Come and hang out with us Friday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m.

New Playground

An action team is working on a plan for a new playground to be used by Tiny Treasures Preschool and the church's young children. The selected plan is displayed on the cubbies by the preschool. Stop by and see the drawing today!

Register Today for Tiny Treasures Fall Enrollment

Lots of excitement is happening at the east end of Gloria Dei as Tiny Treasures begins its fall enrollment. The preschool penguin is loaded with brochures and information. Special penguin gift bags will be given to any preschool child who stops by. Even if you don't have a child or grandchild who can use our preschool, please help us spread the word by taking information for a friend, relative or neighbor.

Register today to reserve your child a spot in one of our classes. A public open house will be Thursday, February 2 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to start registration to the community.

Fall 2006 Schedule

3-year-olds
(must be 3 by 9/15/06)
Tuesday and Thursday
9-11:30 a.m.

4-year-olds
(must be 4 by 9/15/06)
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9-11:30 a.m.

Pre-kindergarten
(must be 4 by 9/15/06
and going to school fall 2007)
Monday-Friday
9-11:30 a.m.



Week of January 22-January 28

Sunday, January 22

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Ablaze Bible Study (FLC)
- 9:30 a.m. Discovery 101
- 9:30 a.m. Lighthouse - Gospel of Luke
- 9:30 a.m. Revelation: Feeling a Little Left Behind?
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. What the Bible says About Parenting
- 10:45 a.m. Revelation: Feeling a Little Left Behind?
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Communion
- 11:00 a.m. S.H.A.P.E. Class
- 12:30 p.m. Jr. High mission trip meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Sr. High Mission trip meeting
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

Monday, January 23

- 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 24

- 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

Wednesday, January 25

- 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
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 7:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, January 26

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Knitters
- 6:00 p.m. Assimilation MAT
- 7:00 p.m. Starfish Savers

Friday, January 27

- 9:00 p.m. Senior High Cafe 923

Saturday, January 28

- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik
- 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service

Outpouring of Love for the Lord	
General Fund Offerings	\$22,647
YTD Offering	\$677,106
YTD Budget	\$650,860

Attendance			
Northwind	90	Communion	57
8:00 a.m.	270	Communion	202
9:30 a.m.	397	Communion	284
11 a.m.	240		
Total	997		

Week of January 29-February 4

Sunday, January 29

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service
 9:30 a.m. Ablaze Bible Study (FLC)
 9:30 a.m. Discovery 101
 9:30 a.m. Lifelight - Gospel of Luke
 9:30 a.m. Revelation: Feeling a Little Left Behind?
 9:30 a.m. What the Bible says About Parenting
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Revelation: Feeling a Little Left Behind?
 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
 12:15 p.m. Appalachia Planning Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Appalachia Reunion Potluck Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Town Hall Meeting (FLC)
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

Monday, January 30

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

Tuesday, January 31

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik
 1:00 p.m. Christcare Bible Study Group
 1:00 p.m. Medicare Educational Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Support Group - MAT
 6:00 p.m. BSF
 6:30 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, February 1

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
 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Meeting
 7:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice
 7:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, February 2

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 8:00 a.m. Purpose Driven Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Knitters
 5:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Open House
 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Board
 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
 7:00 p.m. Starfish Savers

Friday, February 3

6:00 p.m. Jr. High Cafe 923
 6:00 p.m. Oil Painting

Saturday, February 4

8:00 a.m. Town Hall Meeting
 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik
 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service with Communion (FLC)

Sunday School and Faith Alive Attendance					
Sun., Early Childhood	64	Sunday School Helpers	29	Faith Alive, Early Childhood	34
Sun., Grades 1-5	92	Faith Alive Meal	114	Faith Alive, Grades 1-5	86
Sun., Grades 6-12	72	Music Alive	67	Faith Alive, Grades 6-12	111
Sun., Adults	61	Wednesday Helpers	34	Total	231
Total	289				

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Northwind

"Jesus, Your Name"
"Blessed Be Your Name"
"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"
"Majestic"
"My Glorious"
Drama: "What Am I Missing?"
"I Surrender All"
Confession and Forgiveness
"Jesus, Draw Me Close"
Old Testament Reading: (NIV) Exodus 3:1-11
"Jesus, Draw Me Close"
Offering
"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"
Children are excused for "Grace Place"
Sermon: Pastor Ron Burcham
Gospel Reading: (NIV) Matthew 28:18-20
Prayers
Lord's Prayer
"Lord, Reign in Me"
Blessing
Announcements and Fellowship

8:00 a.m.

Drama: "What Am I Missing?"
Welcome
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LW 444; 3 Vs.
Invocation
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LW 444; 1 Vs.
Confession and Forgiveness
"God of Grace and God of Glory" LW 398; 2 Vs.
Old Testament Reading: (NIV) Exodus 3:1-11
Musical Offering: *"Be the One"*
Offered by The Gloria Dei Chorale
Gospel Reading: (NIV) Matthew 28:18-20
Apostles' Creed
"O God, My Faithful God" LW 371; 2 Vs.
Sermon: Pastor Ron Burcham
"O God, My Faithful God" LW 371; 2 Vs.
Gathering of the Offerings
Prayers
Lord's Prayer
Benediction
Savior, Thy Dying Love LW 374; 2 Vs.

9:30 a.m.

Drama: "What Am I Missing?"
Welcome
Sacrament of Holy Baptism
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LW 444; 3 Vs.
Invocation
Musical Offering: *"Be the One"*
Offered by The Gloria Dei Chorale
Confession and Forgiveness
"Jesus, Draw Me Close"
"Word of God Speak"
Old Testament Reading: (NIV) Exodus 3:1-11
"Word of God Speak"
Gospel Reading: (NIV) Matthew 28:18-20
Apostles' Creed
"O God, My Faithful God" LW 371; 2 Vs.
Sermon: Pastor Ron Burcham
"O God, My Faithful God" LW 371; 2 Vs.
Gathering of the Offerings
Prayers
Lord's Prayer
Benediction
Savior, Thy Dying Love LW 374; 2 Vs.

11:00 a.m.

"Jesus, Your Name"
"Shout to the Lord"
"Blessed Be Your Name"
"Majestic"
"My Glorious"
Drama: "What Am I Missing?"
"Rescue"
Confession and Forgiveness
"Jesus, Draw Me Close"
Old Testament Reading: (NIV) Exodus 3:1-11
"Jesus, Draw Me Close"
Celebration of Holy Communion:
"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"
"Above All"
"Worthy is the Lamb"
Sermon: Pastor Ron Burcham
Gospel Reading: (NIV) Matthew 28:18-20
Offering
Prayers
The Lord's Prayer
Blessing
"Sweeter"

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.