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The Scene of the Crime

by Karen Kennedy, staff

One of my favorite childhood games was Clue, where Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock, Miss Scarlet or Colonel Mustard

could at any given moment commit a crime in nine different rooms using six possible weapons. Under the rules of the game, several crime scene "clues" would eventually expose the secret deeds of the evil offender.

On a much larger scale, God's given us his rule book, the Bible, to reveal the secret crimes of mankind.

For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Ephesians 5:12-14

Since most crimes are done in secret and thrive in darkness, it becomes imperative to examine them through the light from God's Word. In the next few weeks, we will examine the crime scenes of doubt, pride, coveting, betrayal and fickleness from the Bible. This week, we find ourselves in the crime scene of doubt in Genesis 3 when the serpent asked Eve "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" Thus, the seed of doubt was sown.

The seed of doubt still lurks today whenever we question God's instructions. For example, what

would we do if God asked us to do something out of the ordinary? Would we doubt his love? Would we doubt his voice? What would happen if God asked us to...

Sermon Series C S I March 11 and 12 Doubt in the Garden March 18 and 19 Pride of Cain March 25 and 26 Coveting of David April 1 and 2 Betrayal with Judas April 8 and 9 Fickleness on the streets of Jerusalem – Leave Iowa on foot to an unknown destination and then during your retirement years, get the nursery ready because you will soon become a parent.

- Get the tools out of the garage because you are going to build a boat larger than your backyard.

 Dust off your band instruments and for seven days walk around Des Moines tooting and hollering.

These are all far-fetched ideas, completely absurd, and yet we know these were real-life directives from God to Abraham, Noah and Joshua. God gave specific guidelines to individuals, which required them to "walk by faith and not by sight." They

could have easily followed Eve's example of doubt, but they chose the less traveled road of faith. Society probably labeled these men as lunatics, but God labels them in his "great clouds of witnesses."

God encourages us to leave the "doubt" crime scene of Genesis 3 and join him on the salvation scene of faith, where we can live in full confidence knowing that he will fulfill his promises.

The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. Psalm 145:13b

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Lead Gloria Dei

Join us for our last session of Lead Gloria Dei as we examine the topic of "Demographics of Our Community" Wednesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. in the board room.

Easter Services

Lenten Services, Wednesdays

• 7:15 p.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Service, April 13

• 7:00 p.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Good Friday Services, April 14

- 4:30 p.m. Family-friendly Service in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Easter Services on Sunday, April 16

- 7 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Blended Service in the Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. Northwind Service in Family Life Center
- 10 a.m. Blended Service in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service in Family Life Center

Tiny Treasures Fundraising

Tiny Treasures plans to raise money for the new playground by selling cards with money-saving coupons to local restaurants. The cards cost \$10, which gives \$5 to the playground. Cards will be available at the Information Center. In addition, Terry has several cards in her pocket that you can buy. Thanks for your support.



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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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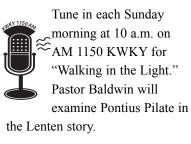
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Altar Flowers

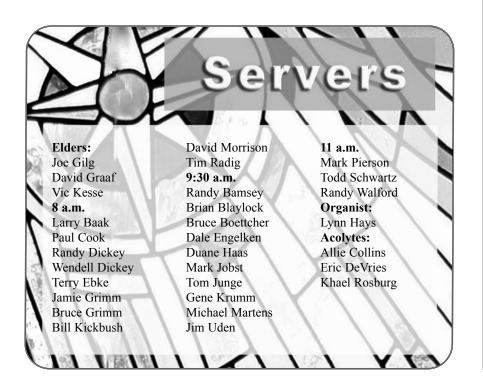
Today's flowers are placed on the altar in memory of Charles and Isabelle Greenwood.

Walking in the Light



Missing Our Soldiers Together

M.O.S.T. has been formed for families in Iowa who have soldiers deployed. All spouses and significant others and their children are invited to a monthly support meeting Saturday, April 8 from 2-4 p.m. at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 3510 72nd Street, Urbandale. The meeting will help encourage, equip and energize families during this time of separation. If you have any questions, please contact Tobi Roesler at 251-8468 or roeslercrew6@aol.com.



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 our nation and military
- For our children

Prayers

- For Harold Mindermann, who is undergoing tests
- For Phil Olson, who will be having surgery Monday
- For Connie Olson, who is recovering from surgery
- For Chip Miller, who is recovering from surgery
- For the two mission teams going to Uganda and Louisiana
- For the health of John Dickson
- For the safety of spring break travelers

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.



Miriam Circle

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at Alice Wegner's, 3916 79th Street, Urbandale, 276-1456.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on Monday, March 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Elaine Mueller, 4213 66th St, Urbandale.

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will meet on Monday, March 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Julie Kammeyer, 3310 78th Street, Urbandale, 278-5141

S.H.A.P.E

Join us for the class that will help you discover the way in which God individually formed you March 19 and 26 at 11 a.m. If you are interested, please call the church office at 276-1700 or register online.



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 at 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

June 11 from 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. Dinner and childcare is provided.

Sign up

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

Spring Cleaning



Mark your calendar for Saturday morning, April 8. We will gather at church to do our annual spring cleaning. More information will follow. If you have any questions, contact Larry Rix at 276-1700.

Senior Health Insurance Information

A representative from SHIIP, Senior Health Insurance Information Program, will be presenting information on Medicare, Part D, Monday, March 13 at 1:30 p.m. at the Luther Park Community Center, 1555 Hull Ave, Des Moines. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting. If you have any questions, contact Lynette Krambeer at lkrambeer@luthercareservices.org.

Let's Play Ball!

Come and join the fun this spring on Gloria Dei's men's softball team. It is for men over age 18. We play 14 games from April to June and a Saturday Tournament tentatively set for June 24. The cost is approximately \$35 per person. Openings are limited, so register today. If you are interested, contact Bill Clark 276-2517 or wclark@mnlife.com.



Blood Drive

One pint can make a difference. Donate blood Saturday, April 1 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 3600 75th Street, Urbandale IA.

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. If you have any questions, contact Cheryl Gilg at 278-9423.

Lost and Found

If you have been looking continuously for that favorite glove or earring, we may have found it! Gloria Dei's lost and found is overflowing with items waiting to be claimed. Please check the area labeled "lost and found" in the coat racks by the narthex. If you have any questions, contact Pennie Doss at 276-1700.

Christian One-liners

- When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.
- Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.
- God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
- If God is your co-pilot, swap seats!
- Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.
- God grades on the cross, not the curve.
- Don't give God instructions--just report for duty.
- The will of God never takes you to where the grace of God will not protect you.
- We don't change the message, the message changes us.

Thank You

The Louisiana Mission team extends a sincere "thank you" to the members of Gloria Dei. On Sunday, March 5, we collected \$2,041. The district office matched \$2,000 for a total of \$4041. Your prayers and financial support regarding our mission trip from March 11-18 are greatly appreciated.

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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

Topical Studies Available

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Grades 9–12 in Y. C.

Today: Ultimate Authority Next Week: Where Do Others Rank

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.

6th Grade Rooms 130, 131-133

7th Grade Rooms 135-137

8th Grade FLC

High School: Grades 9–12

Small-group Bible studies continue Wednesday. Various topics available to choose from.

Parents' Bible Study/Support Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

Please join us for discussion, support and encouragement. Led by Vicki Larimer. Topics: "Its All About Love: It's a Three-letter Word"

30-Hour Famine

Thank you for your prayers and financial support during the 30-hour famine.

Parent Resources

March edition available! Parents can pick up our newsletter with calendar; *Plugged In*, a magazine published by Focus on the Family, which concentrates on the teen culture, and other various publications at the display near the youth bulletin board down in the educational wing.

Senior High Youth

Summer Mission Trip, July 6-17

Planning Meeting will be held Sunday, March 12 from 12:30-2 p.m. in the Youth Center.

We have 22 teens and five adults signed up for our mission trip to New York this summer. We will run a VBS for the inner city churches. If you are still interested, please talk to Tim as soon as possible.

Dinner Theatre Rehearsals

Join us Sunday in the Youth Center from 5:30-7 p.m. and Wednesday 8-9 p.m.

Junior High Youth

Stock the Kitchen

If your name begins with R-Z, it's your month to help stock the Youth Center kitchen with snacks and drinks. Please drop off the supplies in Tim's office.

If you would rather make a cash donation for kitchen supplies, a donation drop box is located outside the Youth Center. Thanks!

Teen Band Rehearsal

Teen band rehearsal will not meet today.



Tim Kightlinger celebrates

his 40th birthday during a

staff birthday luncheon at



Register today

Pick up a summer camp brochure at the Information Center or go online.

Join the fun

this summer

Preschool fun for ages 3-5 Preschoolers and Parents

We will create and take home a food project made from this Saturday morning class.

- Dates: Saturday mornings from 9-10:30 a.m. June 17, July 8 and 22
- Cost: \$10 per session; register for all three and save \$5!

Preschool fun for ages 3-5

Beginning Ballet

Dancers should come ready to have fun. Please bring a ballet leotard, tights and ballet shoes.

Dates: Mondays from 6:30-7 p.m. June 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Cost: \$25

Preschool fun for ages 3-5 Friday Story Time

Each day will feature a story theme with a story teller and activity. Parent/adult must attend.

Dates: Fridays at 9:30 a.m. June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, and July 21.

Cost: Free

Ages 7-17

Drama Camp

Learn and perform a full-length musical in one week. The musical "Snow White" will be the featured show.

Dates: June 26-30 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost: \$125

www.gloriadeionline.com

Completed Grades 1-5 Science Camp

Each day campers will discover God's power in his awesome creation.

Dates: July 10-14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost: \$125

Completed Grades K-5

Sports Camp

Join the fun as we learn the basics of basketball and soccer.

Dates: July 24-28 from 9-11:30 a.m. Cost: \$30

Completed Grades K-5

Fine Arts Camp

Students will have the opportunity to discover the finer arts during this camp.

Dates: July 24-28 from 1-3 p.m. Cost: \$50

Completed Grades K-7

Girls Camps

Girls Camps are designed for girls to experience what life was like in a gone-by era.

Little Girl Camp (Completed K-1)

Dates: July17-21 from 9 to 11:30 am. Cost: \$75

Girl Camp (Completed 2-4)

Dates: July17-21 from 9 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$125

Next Generation Girl Camp (Completed 5-7)

Dates: July17-21 from 9 to 3 p.m.

Cost: \$125

children's ministry happenings

Ministry Action Teams

Children's Ministry Action Teams are forming! We are looking for lots of people with different God-given abilities. We need creative people to help write and refine curriculum to be used on Saturday and Sunday. We need writers and editors for our Music Alive curriculum this fall. Do you have a third or fourth-grader? We'd like your involvement as we seek new and innovative ways to reach this age group. Do you enjoy reading the fine print? Join the team as we evaluate our safety policy!

A booklet of all of the ministry action teams for Children's Ministry is available in the Information Center. If you would like to help with one of the teams, simply fill out the postcard enclosed in the booklet.

Lent Schedule

All Faith Alive classes end at 7:05 p.m. during Lent. Music Alive and the Wednesday night meal times remain the same.

- Music Alive from 5:30-6:10 pm
- Faith Alive meal from 5-6 pm.

Kids Count with Christ



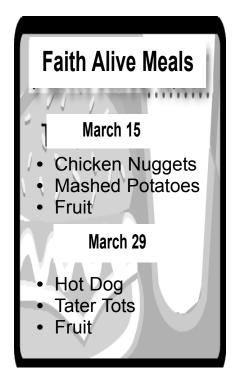
Kids Count with Christ will bowl Sunday, March 12 at 2 p.m. at Plaza Lanes on Douglas Avenue in Des Moines. The cost for two lanes of bowling and shoes is \$10.50 per person. Join the fun and bring your friends! Questions? Contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

An Invitation to All

Please join us as the third-fifth grade Music Alive students offer "The Lions and their Den-er Guest," a bell drama on Sunday, March 12 at 9:30 a.m in the Family Life Center. This bell comedy will last about 15 minutes. We will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and all Sunday school children will be able to attend.

VBS Offering

Children involved in Vacation Bible School will offer a song at the worship service Wednesday, March 22 at 7:15 p.m.



Spring Break Schedule

March 20-22

VBS from 9-11:30 a.m.

Monday, March 20 Kindermusik

Wednesday, March 22

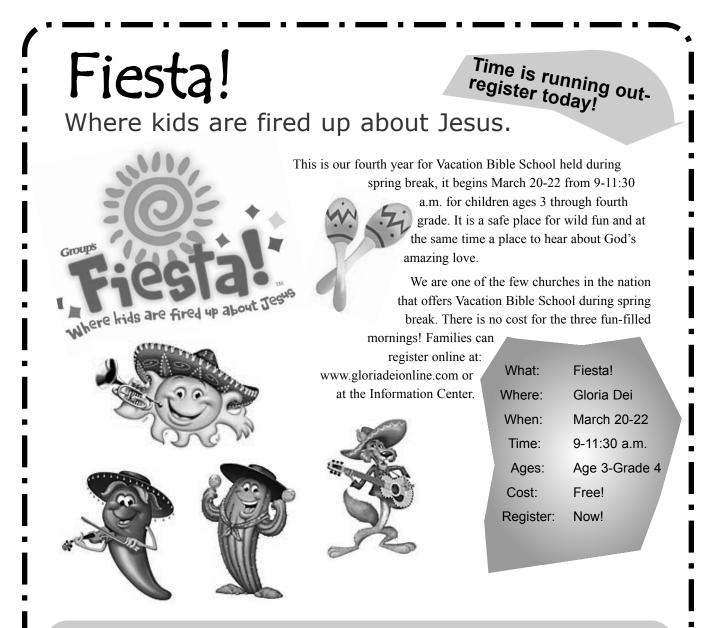
No Faith Alive

VBS students will offer a song during Lenten Service at 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 25

Grace Place

Sunday, March 26 No Sunday School



Volunteers Needed

We need you!

For three fun-filled mornings, don't miss this opportunity to serve. We always have lots of children at our VBS, so we need lots of people to help. We need teachers and helpers at every level. If you can help, contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Week of March 12-18

Sunday, March 12

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8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
9:30 a.m.	Blended Worship Service
9:30 a.m.	Lifelight - Gospel of Luke
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	What the Bible says About Parenting
9:30 a.m.	The Study of Bioethics
11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service with Communion
7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting - RM 109
Monday, M	larch 13
6:00 a.m.	BSF Leaders meeting
6:00 p.m.	Kindermusik
6:45 p.m.	Men's Basketball
7:00 p.m.	Women's Connections
7:00 p.m.	Together In Transition
Tuesday, N	larch 14
9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Kindermusik
1:00 p.m.	Christcare Bible Study Group
6:00 p.m.	BSF
6:00 p.m.	Governing Board
6:30 p.m.	Co-Ed Volleyball
Wednesda	y, March 15
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
5:45 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. LEAD - Board Room

6:00 p.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	The Gloria Dei Chorale
6:15 p.m.	Faith Alive Education
6:15 p.m.	Bible Study: What the Bible Says about
	Parenting
6:15 p.m.	10 Keys to Unlock the Bible Study
7:15 p.m.	Lenten Service
8:00 p.m.	Hand Bell Practice
8:15 p.m.	Gloria Dei Orchestra
Thursday,	March 16
10:00 a.m.	Thursday Morning Knitters
6:30 p.m.	Financial Peace University - Rm 139
7:00 p.m.	Starfish Savers
Friday, Ma	rch 17
No Prescho	ol
6:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday M	
Marla Kenn	ey Wedding
9:00 a.m.	Stained Glass Class
	Kindermusik
5:30 p.m.	Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service

Outpouring of Love for the Lord			
General Fund Offerings	\$20,832		
YTD Offering	\$847,101		
YTD Budget	\$813,575		

Attendance			
Northwind	218	Communion, 8 a.m.	166
8:00 a.m.	196	Communion, 9:30 a.m.	238
9:30 a.m.	297	Wednesday, March 8	280
11 a.m.	217		
Total	928		

Week of March 19-25

Sunday, March 19

8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service with Communion
9:30 a.m.	Blended Worship Service with Communion
9:30 a.m.	Lifelight - Gospel of Luke
9:30 a.m.	The Study of Bioethics
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	What the Bible says About Parenting
11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service
11:00 a.m.	S.H.A.P.E
7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting - Rm 109
Monday, M	arch 20
No Prescho	lool
9:00 a.m.	Spring Break Vacation Bible School
6:00 p.m.	Kindermusik
6:45 p.m.	Men's Basketball - FLC
7:00 p.m.	Together In Transition
Tuesday, N	larch 21
No Prescho	lool
9:00 a.m.	Spring Break Vacation Bible School
9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting - Board Room
1:00 p.m.	Christcare Bible Study Group
5:30 p.m.	Foundation Board Meeting - RM 127/129

6:30 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball

Wednesday, March 22 No Preschool No Faith Alive 9:00 a.m. Spring Break Vacation Bible School 5:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. The Gloria Dei Chorale 7:15 p.m. Lenten Service 8:00 p.m. Hand Bell Practice 8:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Thursday, March 23 No Preschool 10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Knitters 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University - Rm 139 7:00 p.m. Starfish Savers Friday, March 24 No Preschool Saturday, March 25 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik 9:00 a.m. Stained Glass Class Ostundary Eventing (NI 5:30 p.m.

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	with Communion		

Grace Place, Sunday School and Faith Alive Attendance					
Sat., Early Childhood	19	Sun., Early Childhood	54	Faith Alive, Early Childhood	32
Sat., Grades 1-5	19	Sun., Grades 1-5	70	Faith Alive, Grades 1-5	79
Junior High	7	Sun., Grades 6-12	64	Faith Alive, Grades 6-12	114
Total	43	43 Total		Total	225

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"Halleluiah" (Your Love is Amazing) "Shout" "Majestic" "Love the Lord" **Confession and Forgiveness** "Lord, I LIft Your Name on High" "Shout to the Lord" Gospel Reading: (NIV) John 8:42-47 "Be the Centre" Children are Invited to Grace Place Offering "Nothing But the Blood" Sermon: Pastor Ron Burcham Prayers Lord's Prayer **Celebration of Holy Communion** "The Wondrous Cross" "Grace Flows Down" "My Glorious" **Blessing and Announcements**

Welcome

"Come Unto Me, Ye Weary" TLH 276, 3 Vs. **Confession and Forgiveness** "Grant, Lord Jesus, that My Healing" LW 95, 2 Vs. Old Testament Reading: (NIV) Genesis 3:1-24 Gospel Reading: (NIV) John 8:42-47 **Apostles' Creed** "Holy Spirit, Light Divine," LW 166, 3 Vs. Sermon: Pastor Ron Burcham "Holy Spirit, Light Divine," LW 166, 2 Vs. Offerina Musical Offering: "Arab Dance," Offered by the Alleluia Ringers Pravers Lord's Prayer Benediction "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus," LW 381, 2 Vs.

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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.