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WEEKLY WORD



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March 19, 2006

Third Sunday in Lent

Crime Scene Investigation: A Field of Blood

by Pastor Kendall Meyer,
Director of Adult Ministry

Last week, we looked at the crime scene of doubt with Adam and Eve in Genesis 3. This week's crime scene is the story of Cain and Abel.

After the fall, God continues a relationship with Adam and Eve, even though their intimate fellowship was broken. Their relationship with God becomes one of faith and they begin to teach their sons about God, the creator.

Abel becomes a shepherd and offers fat portions from the first-born of his flocks to God while Cain works the soil but brings only some of the fruits of the soil to God. God accepts Abel's offering and is displeased with Cain's offering.

So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it." Genesis 4:5b-7

God gives Cain great advice about facing the temptations of sin. Unfortunately, Cain becomes prideful when he does not follow the advice and elevates his own thinking above God's. In his pridefulness, he wants to become the judge instead of God; he rejects God's judgment of himself and his brother. He is angry with God. His anger turns to calculating hatred, and he murders the man whom God was pleased with. Cain's anger was undoubtedly rooted in pride. He couldn't bear that his brother was accepted before God and he was not.

Pride at its root is self-centeredness. It is the desire that everything revolves around our own perceived needs and wants, and our refusal to empathize with others. When we let pride control us, we cut ourselves off from God and others. How can we guard against pride controlling our lives? Hebrews 11:4 gives us direction:

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By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead. Hebrews 11:4

We learn from Abel's example to keep our attitude right before God. Abel approached God with a right attitude; he came in worship and acknowledged God as worthy of his best. In other words, he came before God in humility and submission.

Throughout the Bible, God exhorts us to shed our pride and be clothed with humility.

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. I Peter 5:5b-6

Cain and Abel exemplify the two options that we face daily: Do we submit to God or to ourselves? Paul addresses this dilemma in Romans 9:20 when he asks the question: *But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'"*

In those terms, the most logical road is to follow God's direction in our lives and leave our own ideas in the dust, where they belong.

Sermon Series

C S I

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

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Tool Shoppe

Check out the new spring items in our bookstore, the Tool Shoppe. We have lots of Easter and Confirmation items. Pictured to the left is *Resurrection Morning* by Max Lucado, who writes about the story of a Roman soldier assigned to carry out Jesus's crucifixion and guard his tomb.



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

(Last week, the altar flowers were not ordered; our apologies to the Greenwood family.)

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

- 7:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Blended Service in the Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Northwind Service in Family Life Center
- 10:00 a.m. Blended Service in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service in Family Life Center

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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 Northwind is for:



Hunter Russell Hanisch, born October 1, 2005 to James Hanisch and Natasha Helle. Hunter's spiritual sponsors are Athina Helle and Anthony Meyers.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday at 11 a.m. is for:



Catherine Elyse McCullough, born February 16, 2006 to Aaron and Charlotte (nee Palmer) McCullough. Catherine's spiritual sponsor is Justinn Jenkins.

The Sacrament of adult Holy Baptism on Sunday at 11 a.m. is for:



Andrea "Andie" Mervyn Vaughn, born December 8, 1981.

Servers

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| <p>Elders: Tim Mueller Tim Radig Randy Walford</p> <p>8 a.m. Larry Baak Paul Cook Randy Dickey Wendell Dickey Terry Ebke Jamie Grimm Bruce Grimm Bill Kickbush</p> | <p>David Morrison Tim Radig</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Randy Bamsey Brian Blaylock Bruce Boettcher Dale Engelken Duane Haas Mark Jobst Tom Junge Gene Krumm Michael Martens Jim Uden</p> | <p>11 a.m. Mark Pierson Todd Schwartz Randy Walford</p> <p>Organist: Lynn Hays</p> <p>Acolytes: Allie Collins Michael Schinstock Khael Rosburg</p> |
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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

Prayers

- For grieving family of Harold Mindermann
- For our VBS this week
- For Mark Lowman, who is hospitalized
- For Chad Follis, who left for Iraq
- For Phil Olson, who is recovering from surgery
- For Harold Burmester, who is recovering from surgery
- For Blake Cheeseman, who has been hospitalized
- For the safe travels of Pastor Burcham, Steve Kohtz and Chris James, traveling from Uganda
- For the health of John Dixon
- For the safety of spring break travelers
- For the health of Leona Standridge

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.



Activities & Meetings

Spring into Sisterhood Night

Mark Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. for our “Spring into Sisterhood” night. This fun night of fellowship will include selecting the recipient of our Craft Fair proceeds. Typically we select three local, state or international mission projects as well as supporting the mission trips of our own Gloria Dei youth. We will also play a rousing game of bingo followed by dessert. Come and enjoy an evening out and meet new friends.

LWML Circles

Please drop off your list of mission project ideas to Pennie at the church office so the ballot can be prepared for our “Spring into Sisterhood” night.

Window Team

The window team has made great progress on our current project. We meet every other Saturday at Gloria Dei. If you’d like to get involved or just want to see what all of the excitement is about, contact Jeff Steinfeldt at JeffSteinfeldt@mchsi.com. or Steve Kohtz at 278-5544, ext. 205.

Lost and Found

Clothing Items

Gloria Dei’s lost and found is overflowing with items waiting to be claimed. Please check the table in the narthex for your lost items. If you have any questions, contact Pennie Doss at 276-1700.

Kitchen Items

Please check the table in the narthex for any kitchen items (pans, bowls, etc.) you may have left in the church kitchen. Any unclaimed items will be donated by April 1. Thanks for your help.

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. For more information, see Pastor Phillips.

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, April 8 from 8 a.m. to noon as we gather at church to do our annual spring cleaning. Please sign up today at the Information Center. If you have any questions, contact Larry Rix at 276-1700.



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; a Saturday tournament is 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 at 276-2517 or



wclark@mnlife.com.

Mission Updates

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP

The following items are needed for the Honduras mission trip. Please bring the items to the narthex as soon as possible. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext 204.

- Lice shampoo
- Hair combs
- Hair Pretties (barrettes, clips, etc)
- Children's Motrin
- Children's Tylenol
- Children's chewable vitamins (30,000 for 1 week)
- Cash donations for Spanish bibles and to defray costs
- Ziploc bags (to repack the pills for travel)

APPALACHIAN MISSION TRIP

June 17-25

Junior and senior high students are invited to join us as we team with Habitat for Humanity in southeast Kentucky. No construction experience is needed; there is room for everyone. If you are interested, contact Kim Phillips at 254-1036.

Thank You

Our son has received his salvation and we are left to grieve and anticipate a blessed reunion in the not-too-distant future.



The past year and a half has given us the comfort of being among the communion of saints—so many kind words and gestures—so many prayers!

We thank you for the support you have given us along the way, and the cards, letters and memorials sent since Brad's death. We especially felt warmed by the presence of those who traveled to Wisconsin for a memorable and uplifting Christian service. We are blessed to be considered your friends. A special thank you goes to our pastors for their prayers, calls and comfort.
—Bill and Lois Engel

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.

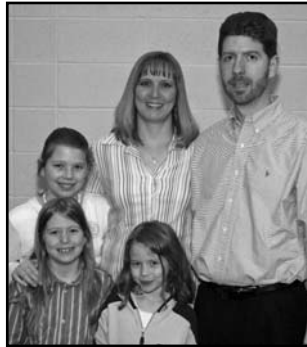
Every three seconds someone needs blood. Each day in the United States 32,000 units of blood are used. The Blood Center of Iowa services 34 hospitals in 33 central and northern Iowa counties.

Donors must generally be 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.

Welcome new members



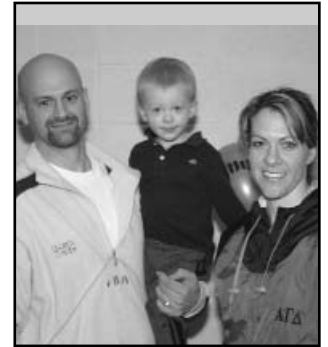
Lance Beyer and
Samantha Heiden



Jeff, Debbie, Shannon,
Heather, and Jessica Burke



Bob Carlson



Ivan, Kristen and
Drew Daniels



Monica and Jacob Duncalf



Jaime and Victor Fageroos



Cindy and Kevin Freese



Mitchell Golay



Richard Hargin



Todd Hibbing and
Deidra Dunn



Natasha Helle

Please welcome the newest members to our church family. We are thankful for each of their lives. We pray that their experiences at Gloria Dei will enrich their relationship with Christ.



Ben and Tera Heyer



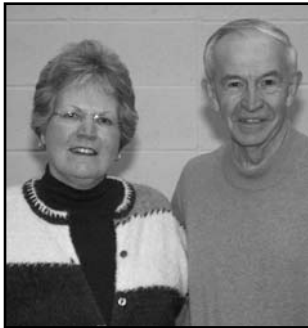
Becky and Eric Hoffman



Eric and April Hoover



Kevin Kreutz and
Andie Vaughn



Mary and Bob Kuefner



Ken and DeAnn Lee



Kristina McMillan



Melissa (Missy) Mintle



Scott and Becky Nichols



Julie Nyberg



Peter and Ana Olsen



Donna Scrimager

The following new members were not available for pictures: Jennifer Golay, Alexandra Olsen, Eric and Michelle Protzman, Emmalee Daniels, Alec Freese, Hannah and Nathan Fageroos, Alexandra Olsen, and Jason and Tina Hoffman.

30-Hour Famine

On February 24-25, approximately 50 teenagers fasted to make a difference in the world. They exceeded last year's funds of \$5,700 by raising \$8,237. Another change from last year was the addition of teens and youth leaders from Mt. Olive Lutheran Church.

The 30 hours were filled with many activities such as: three Bible studies entitled "The Top 10 Hunger Stories in the Bible," a trip to Sportsplex West and bowling at Merle Hay Lanes.

This year the teens were sent out in groups to obtain food items from the Urbandale area. In less than two hours, 1,442 food items were collected and later donated to the Des Moines Area Religious Council.

A huge thank-you goes to the adults who supported the event, to the teens who participated and to the entire congregation for the outpouring of donations. Many lives have been saved because of your effort.
Praise God!



Tiny Treasures Fundraising

Tiny Treasures plans to raise money for the new playground by



tiny treasures
lutheran preschool

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.

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



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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

Grades 9-12 in Y. C.

Today: Ultimate Authority, Part 2

Next Week: Where Do Others Rank?

Wednesday Studies at 6:15 p.m.

Confirmation: Grades 6-8

No Confirmation this Wednesday, March 22.

High School: Grades 9-12

No High School studies Wednesday, March 22. You can choose from the following three studies Wednesday, March 29:

- Is my Faith Growing?
- Bible Perspective: Sex
- Helping Friends in Crisis

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

No Parents' Bible Study Wednesday, March 22.

Dinner Theatre Tickets

Dinner theatre tickets will go on sale the week of March 27.

Reserved seating, so get your tickets early. Show times:

April 27-29 at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

No rehearsals this week. We will resume March 26 from 5:30-7 p.m. for all scenes.

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.

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
- 1:00 p.m. VBS Decorating Time
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Rm 109

Monday, March 20

- No Preschool
- 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, March 21

- No Preschool
- 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
- No Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 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
- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 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

- 9:00 a.m. Stained Glass Class
- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik
- 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service with Communion

| Outpouring of Love for the Lord | |
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| General Fund Offerings | \$21,646 |
| YTD Offering | \$869,012 |
| YTD Budget | \$836,820 |

| Attendance | | | |
|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|-----|
| Northwind | 173 | Communion, Northwind | 111 |
| 8:00 a.m. | 250 | Communion, 11 a.m. | 131 |
| 9:30 a.m. | 395 | Wednesday, March 8 | 227 |
| 11 a.m. | 201 | | |
| Total | 1019 | | |

Week of March 26-April 1

Sunday, March 26

No Sunday School
 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service
 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Communion
 11:00 a.m. S.H.A.P.E.
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

Monday, March 27

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, March 28

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik
 1:00 p.m. Christcare Bible Study Group
 6:00 p.m. BSF
 6:30 p.m. Volleyball
 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders

Wednesday, March 29

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. 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 30

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Knitters
 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University - Rm 139
 6:30 p.m. Strategic Planning MAT
 7:00 p.m. Starfish Savers

Friday, March 31

Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, April 1

McMillian/Rives Wedding
 8:00 a.m. Caring Corp Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. Stained Glass Class
 9:00 a.m. Thrivent Meeting
 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik
 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service

| Grace Place, Sunday School and Faith Alive Attendance | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Sat., Early Childhood | 16 | Sun., Early Childhood | 54 | Faith Alive, Early Childhood | 31 |
| Sat., Grades 1-5 | 18 | Sun., Grades 1-5 | 79 | Faith Alive, Grades 1-5 | 53 |
| Junior High | 5 | Sun., Grades 6-12 | 58 | Faith Alive, Grades 6-12 | 38 |
| Total | 39 | Total | 191 | Total | 122 |
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CSI: Talking about Pride; Dealing with Murder • March 18 and 19, 2006

Northwind

"In the Secret"

"Come Now is the Time to Worship"

Welcome and Welcome New Members

"Everyday"

"Trading My Sorrows"

"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

"There is None Like You"

Confession and Forgiveness

"Draw Me Close to You"

"Word of God Speak"

Old Testament Reading: (NIV) Genesis 4:1-16

Gospel Reading: (NIV) Luke 9:46-48

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Children are Invited to Grace Place

Offering

"Shout to the Lord"

Sermon: Pastor Kendall Meyer,
Director of Adult Ministry

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Blessing

"Forever"

8:00 a.m.

Welcome

"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" LW 202, 3 Vs.

Confession and Forgiveness

"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" LW 202, 1 Vs.

Old Testament Reading: (NIV) Genesis 4:1-16

Gospel Reading: (NIV) Luke 9:46-48

Apostles' Creed

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain," LW 96, 2 Vs.

Sermon: Pastor Kendall Meyer,
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"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain," LW 96, 2 Vs.

Offering

New Member Welcome

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Celebration of Holy Communion

"Jesus Refuge of the Weary," LW 90, 3 Vs.

"Christ the Life of All the Living," TLH 151, 3 Vs.

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed," TLH 154, 5 Vs.

Benediction

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me," LW 512, 1 VS

9:30 a.m.

Welcome

"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" LW 202, 3 Vs.

Confession and Forgiveness

"Draw Me Close to You"

"Word of God Speak"

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11:00 a.m.

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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.