

WEEKLY WORD



A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

November 27, 2005

The first Sunday in Advent

Little Eyes Experience Thanksgiving

Tiny Treasures Preschool celebrated Thanksgiving with teachings and activities that highlighted the season of giving thanks. The children responded by answering the following question:

What are you thankful for?

“Food to eat.”

“Everything nice God has done for us. I think He should have an award for all He’s done!”

“My house.”

“That it is almost Thanksgiving.”

“Holidays.”

“Presents.”

“Buffalos.”

“God helping us.”

“Balls.”

“Alligators.”



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Advent Schedule

Wednesdays, Nov. 30,
Dec. 7, 14 and 21 at 7:15 p.m.

Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec. 18
at all three services

Cantata

Saturday, Dec 17
5 and 7 p.m.

Bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime.

Ablaze

What is Ablaze?

It only takes a spark... In 2002, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) World Mission launched Ablaze!™, a movement to share the Good News with 100 million people by the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017.



What is Gloria Dei's involvement with Ablaze?

Expect the spark to ignite in January! The Ablaze movement at Gloria Dei begins the third weekend in January with three phases: Rekindle, Refuel and Reveal. The first phase, Rekindle, will include a series of weekly-sermon messages, small group Bible studies and daily devotional readings for six weeks. In addition, a special Sunday-school curriculum has been written by our staff and our Curriculum Ministry Action team for our children and youth.

Saturday Evening Worship

This new “come as you are” service will begin Jan. 21 in the Family Life Center at 5:30 p.m. The music will be a blend of traditional hymns, accompanied by various instruments, and contemporary songs. The service begins with families worshipping together; halfway through the service the children will leave for their educational time. In this way, children will experience both worship and “Sunday school.” In addition, parents will be able to focus on the message knowing their children are also receiving an age-appropriate message. The education time for the children will last longer than worship, so parents will have time to share a cup of coffee and conversation with fellow worshippers.

Missionaries Needed!

In order for the Saturday evening worship service to succeed, we need 100 adult missionaries to make a commitment to worship on Saturday night for 12 months—serving as ushers, greeters, and helping with set-up for Sunday morning. If you feel God's calling to be a Saturday worship missionary, please contact Pastor Burcham at 276-1700 or rburcham@gloriadeionline.com.

Christmas Gift

The Appalachian Mission Trip group wants to send a shopping-card Christmas gift to the family we sponsored in Kentucky. If you want to join our team by sending a gift of hope and love, please contact Peg Riddle at 225-6111, or Kim Phillips at 254-1036 by Dec. 15.

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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



Nov. 27: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 9:30 a.m. service was for:

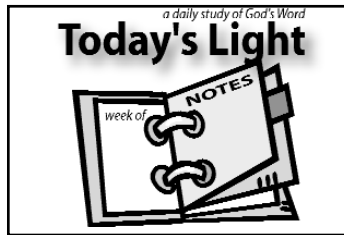
Dayton Allen Wamsley, born June 12, 2005, is the son of Douglas Wamsley and Jeri Martens. Dayton's spiritual sponsors are Curt and Kim Williams.

Grant Thomas Anderson, born October 17, 2005, is the son of Curtis and Nicole (nee Sporrer) Anderson. Grant's spiritual sponsors are Brad and Deb Trickey.



Nov. 24: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the Thanksgiving service was for:

Noah Allan Frederick Kohtz, born October 5, 2005, is the son of Steve and Lynette (nee Bartels) Kohtz. Noah's spiritual sponsors are Janna Bartels, Stan and Ronda Gerken, Nicole Nielsen and Jennifer Gerken.



November 28-December 3

Monday, Nov. 28

1 Peter 1:1-25

Tuesday, Nov. 29

1 Peter 2:1-25

Wednesday, Nov. 30

1 Peter 3:1-4:19

Thursday, Dec. 1

1 Peter 5:1-14

Friday, Dec. 2

2 Peter 1:1-2:22

Saturday, Dec. 3

2 Peter 3:1-18

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 the freedom we enjoy in this country
- For our families

Prayers

- For the Katrina relief effort
- For the health of Jana Amendt's father, Elton Hight
- For our college students as they travel back to school
- For our soldiers who are away during the holidays
- For all the upcoming plans at Gloria Dei
- For the Karen Kennedy's mother-in-law, Connie, who will be having heart surgery on Tuesday
- For safe travel during the holidays
- For the health of Connie Mautz's mother, Doris Walsh

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:

Tim Mueller
Steve Junge
Tim Radig
8 a.m.
Randy Bosworth
Lee Dau
Dick Fastenau
Bob Kollmorgen
Ken Meythaler
Lou Schroedel
Jim Wollslager

9:30 a.m.

Dennis Appelhons
Brett Hosch
Keith Nicolet
Rob Schau
Dave Schramm
Bonnie Wharton

11 a.m.

Jared Nicol
Gary Wasko
Ryan Wedemeyer

Organist:

Kathy Stange
Acolytes:
Kaitlin Boettcher
Kevin Johnson
Alex Brunsen

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
Sunday, January 8
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

Activities & Meetings



Mary Esther

Mary Esther Circle will meet Saturday, December 10 at 11:30 a.m. at Bravo Cucino.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet at church Thursday, Dec. 8 at 9:30 a.m. for a Christmas ornament exchange.

Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. at Lois Appelhons, 4519 96th St., Urbandale, 276-6287.

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who donated to the Michellville prison inmates. Miriam Circle appreciates your generosity and so do the inmates. God bless you – Marolyn Carstens.

Bake Sale

Bring your change to the Naomi's bake sale on Sunday, Dec. 4 from 8 a.m. to noon. Proceeds go to Naomi missions.

Advent by Candlelight



Advent by Candlelight is a special night for all women of Gloria Dei; it includes music, fellowship, dessert, a special program and beautifully decorated tables. It will be held Monday, Dec. 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. If you would like to host a table for 8-10 women, please sign up today in the narthex; a \$10 hostess fee is required. Any questions, please call Michelle Burcham at 270-9463.

Monday, Dec. 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Last chance before Christmas. Come and finish the last little gift book you're making for someone special. We meet Friday, Dec 9 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. in rooms 131/133 beside the kitchen. Come and go as you need to. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.

Appalachian Mission Trip

Do you want to be part of the Gloria Dei family mission team this summer? Is God calling you to serve in SE Kentucky? We will meet in January to discuss details about our next trip planned for June 17-25, 2006. For questions, talk with Pastor Tim at 276-1700, ext. 204, or Kim Phillips.

ChristCare Group Reminder

Please return your greeter cards to Alice Wegner by calling or mailing them to her. You can also drop them off at the church office.

A Musical Experience

The Gloria Dei Christmas Cantata will be Saturday Dec. 17 at 5 and 7 p.m.

The Cantata, "O Magnum Mysterium" (the Mighty Mystery), will feature a combined chorus of the Gloria Dei Chorale and the Gloria Dei Chapel Choir, as well as the Gloria Dei Orchestra and the Alleluia Ringers.

This worship concert is on Saturday to help the families and friends who will also come to see the children in the Christmas programs during the Sunday worship on Dec. 18. This is a worship concert, which means it will be a musical performance in a worship-filled setting with multimedia, special lighting and effects that will enhance the musical experience.

Please mark your calendars now and share the word with co-workers, neighbors, family and friends.

Nursery will be open.

Men's Bible Study

Men from all walks of life gather together to study God's word and apply it to their daily walk on Thursday mornings at 6:30 a.m.

We are starting a new study, "Forged by the Fire," that studies a couple of Old Testament men (fathers of faith) who heard the calling of God and followed in his leading. It is a great study to help us understand God's calling on our life and how to respond.

This is causal bible study, completed by 7:30 so you can make it to work on time. Coffee is served continuously, and the fellowship is like no other.

"Forged by the Fire" is a short study, so try it out—you might find out that 6:30 isn't so early after all!

Oil Painting Class

Adults are welcome to join the oil painting class on Friday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. in room 131/133. Stop by the Information Center for a complete supply list. For more information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Welcome new members

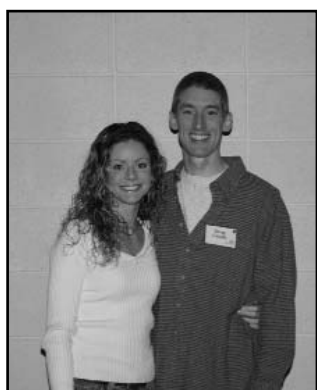
Please take some time to welcome the newest members to our church family. We are thankful for each of their lives. We pray that their experiences at Gloria Dei will enrich their relationships with Christ.



Mike and Beverly Bellile



David and Kay Buchholz



Doug and Beth Casady



Cindy and Lloyd Chalfant



Mike and Kara Cobb



Jennifer Dorale



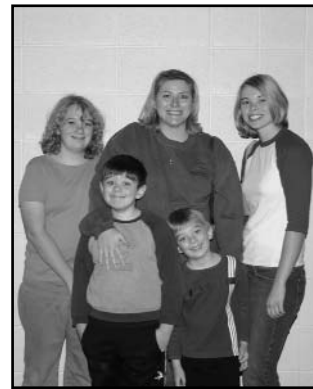
Carrie Ernst



Greta Ganske



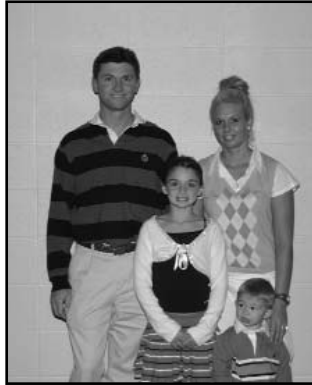
Brittanie Hand and Bobby Kahn



Rebecca, April, Felicia, Joshua and Zach Hoover



Kristel and Nick Linberg



Michael and Trina Mazza
Brooklyn, Austin



Tim and Sandy McClelland



Dan and Lori McDowell



Andrew and Kateri Mears



Phil and Connie Olson



Jack and Mary Ann Redfearn



Karen Seltz



Floyd and Betsey Sturgeon



Kelsey Uhl



Deanna VanMeeteren



Joshua and Billie Vest

The following new members were not available for pictures: Helen Jane Blank, Derek Buchholz, Sarah Marie Buchholz, Hannah Chalfant, Jacob Chalfant, Noah Chalfant, Samantha Chalfant, Samuel Cobb, Zachary Cobb, Kay Lea Cobb, Dave LaRosee, Cole McClelland, Maggie McClelland, Molly McClelland, Ashley McDowell, Elisa McDowell, Grant McDowell, Isaiah Mears, Thomas Mears, Millie Seltz, Matthew Sturgeon and Michael Sturgeon.

December's Activities

December 11

Kids Count with Christ Christmas Party

Kids Count with Christ (students in grades 4-5) will have a Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 11 from 2-3:30 p.m. Students are asked to bring one non-perishable food item as their gift. We will play wacky games and eat great food! Don't miss the fun! No need to sign up, just come and have fun! Bring your friends! We will meet in room 131.

December 18 at the 9:30 a.m. service

Preschool and Kindergarten Christmas Program

Preschool and kindergarten children (including 2-year-old Sunday school class) are working on their songs and rhymes for their Christmas program at the 9:30 service on Dec. 18. They will practice on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 8-9:30 a.m. Children should come in the east entrance and go directly to their classrooms and will be dismissed from there.

December 18 at the 8 a.m. service

First and Second Grade Christmas Musical

First and second grades will offer a Christmas musical at the 8 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Dec. 18. We will not have musical rehearsal Saturday, Nov. 26. Musical rehearsals will resume on Saturday, December 3 from 8-10 a.m. It's not too late to join the musical! If you would like to join, please talk to DeAnn to get a copy of the CD. Just a reminder, all December rehearsals are from 8-10 a.m. on Saturdays.

December 18 at the 8 and 9:30 a.m. services

Third-Fifth Grade Christmas Music Offerings

All 3rd to 5th graders are invited to join Music Alive on Wednesday evenings to rehearse for worship at the 8 and 9:30 services on Dec. 18. We will offer a chime, a boom, a vocal and a combination piece. Join the fun! Rehearsals will be Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:10 p.m. in rooms 130/132.

December 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Tiny Treasures Christmas Program

The Tiny Treasures Christmas program will be held on Dec. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Faith Alive Schedule

Due to Advent Services, Faith Alive will dismiss at 7:05 p.m. this week until Dec. 14. Faith Alive will not meet Dec. 21 or 28. Classes will resume on Jan. 4 from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Sunday School Schedule

Sunday School will not be held today. Classes will resume Dec. 4 and 11. Sunday School will not meet on Dec. 18, 25 or Jan. 1. Classes will resume on Jan. 8.



Reunion Rescheduled

The Appalachian mission trip potluck lunch has been postponed to January. Exact date will be picked soon.



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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.

Sunday School will not be held today. See you next week!

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

Join us Wednesday in the Youth Center as we dive into three different studies for the next three weeks.

Parents' Bible Study/Support

We are offering a new study for parents to get together on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. for support, learning and encouragement. Please join us.

Do you shop online?

A new fundraiser is available and easy to use. Just go to 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.

Junior High Youth

Mission Trip

Sign up has begun for the mission trip to Osceola, Iowa, July 30 to August 5. A \$50 deposit is due by Dec. 1. Talk with Tim for more information.



Cafe 923

Join us the on following Fridays when we hang out and have fun together in the Family Life Center and Youth Center.

Junior High Youth

Friday, Dec. 2

6 – 9 p.m.

Senior High Youth

Friday, Dec. 9

8:30 –11:30 p.m.

Week of November 27 to December 3

Sunday, November 27

- 8:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. No Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) with Communion
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, November 28

- 6:00 a.m. BSF Leader's Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Spirit Nourishers Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik
- 6:45 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Together in Transition

Tuesday, November 29

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik
- 1:00 p.m. Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. BSF
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Playground Mtg
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Beginnings Class

Wednesday, November 30

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Faith Alive Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Alive Orchestra (FLC/Stage)
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:15 p.m. Adult Studies
- 7:15 p.m. Advent Service

Thursday, December 1

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Knitters
- 6:00 p.m. Seasoned with Love Freezer Cooking
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Preschool Ministry Action Team
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Class
- 7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Bible Study (Rm 130)
- 7:00 p.m. Starfish Savers (Rm 127)

Friday, December 2

- 6:00 p.m. Oil Painting (Rm 131/133)
- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Cafe 923 (FLC and Youth Center)
- 6:30 p.m. Ablaze Children's Curriculum Writing Team

Saturday, December 3

- 8:00 a.m. Musical Rehearsals for 1st and 2nd grades (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik

Outpouring of Love for the Lord

General Fund Offerings	\$18,651
YTD Offering	\$419,050
YTD Budget	\$464,900

Weekly Attendance

8 a.m.	256	Communion, 8 a.m.	226
9:30 a.m.	395	Communion, 9:30 a.m.	353
11 a.m.	244		
Total	895		

Week of December 4 to December 10

Sunday, December 4

- 8:00 a.m. Naomi Circle Bake Sale
- 8:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) with Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) with Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Miracles (FLC)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:30 p.m. Teen Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 p.m. Created to Praise (Rm 134/36/38)
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, December 5

- 6:00 a.m. BSF Leader's Meeting (137/139)
- 7:00 p.m. Service of Remembrance
- 6:30 p.m. Advent by Candlelight
- 6:15 p.m. Spirit Nourishers Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. ChristCare Study on Psalms (Rm 139)
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik
- 7:00 p.m. Together in Transition

Tuesday, December 6

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ's (Off-site)
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik
- 1:00 p.m. Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. BSF
- 6:30 p.m. Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Beginnings Class

Wednesday, December 7

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Faith Alive Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Alive Orchestra (FLC/Stage)
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:15 p.m. Adult Studies
- 7:15 p.m. Advent Service

Thursday, December 8

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Ablaze Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle (Church)
- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Knitters
- 7:00 p.m. Starfish Savers (Rm 127)

Friday, December 9

- 8:00 a.m. Fellowship Scrapbooking
- 8:30 p.m. Senior High Cafe 923

Saturday, December 10

- 9:00 a.m. 1st and 2nd Musical Rehearsals
- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik

Sunday School and Faith Alive Attendance					
Sun., Early Childhood	67	Sunday School Helpers	36	Faith Alive, Early Childhood	N/A
Sun., Grades 1-5	94	Faith Alive Meal	N/A	Faith Alive, Grades 1-5	N/A
Sun., Grades 6-12	79	Music Alive	N/A	Faith Alive, Grades 6-12	N/A
Total	240	Wednesday Helpers	N/A	Total	N/A

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God in my neighborhood, Who is my neighbor

November 27, 2005

8:00 a.m.

Welcome

"Come, O Precious Ransom, Come"

TLH 55; 2 Vs.

Call to Worship John 1: 1-14

"Come, O Precious Ransom, Come"

TLH 55; 1 Vs.

Confession and Forgiveness

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" LW 19; 2 Vs.

Epistle (NIV) Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel (NIV) Luke 10:25-29

The Nicene Creed

"Prepare the Royal Highway" LW 27; 2 Vs.

Sermon – Pastor Tim Phillips

"Prepare the Royal Highway" LW 27; 1 Vs.

Offering

Presenting God our Commitments for 2006

"Praise and Thanksgiving" LW 403; 3 Vs.

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

"The Advent of Our God" LW 12; 3 Vs.

9:30 a.m.

Welcome

Sacrament of Holy Baptisms

"Come, O Precious Ransom, Come"

TLH 55; 2 Vs.

Call to Worship John 1: 1-14

Confession and Forgiveness

"Be the Centre"

"Word of God, Speak"

Epistle (NIV) Colossians 3:12-17

"Word of God, Speak"

Gospel (NIV) Luke 10:25-29

"We Believe"

Offered by the Gloria Dei Chapel Choir

Accompanied by Chris James

"Prepare the Royal Highway" LW 27; 2 Vs.

Sermon – Pastor Tim Phillips

"Prepare the Royal Highway" LW 27; 1 Vs.

Offering "Offering"

Presenting God our Commitments for 2006

"Give Thanks"

"Good to Me"

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

"The Advent of Our God" LW 12; 3 Vs.

11:00 a.m.

Welcome

"In the Secret"

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

"Be Still"

Offered by the Gloria Dei Chapel Choir

Accompanied by Chris James

Confession and Forgiveness

"We Believe"

Offered by the Gloria Dei Chapel Choir

Accompanied by Chris James

The Celebration of Holy Communion

"Be the Centre"

"Meet with Me"

"Grace Flows Down"

"Word of God, Speak"

Epistle (NIV) Colossians 3:12-17

"Word of God, Speak"

Gospel (NIV) Luke 10:25-29

Sermon – Pastor Tim Phillips

Offering "Offering"

Presenting God our Commitments for 2006

"Give Thanks"

"Good to Me"

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

The Blessing

"Halleluiah (Your love is Amazing)"

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.