



Advent Worship

Wednesday, Dec. 12 & 19

12:15 p.m. Traditional

This service will offer a traditional worship experience in the Sanctuary with Advent hymns and songs. Join us for a soup and sandwich lunch offered at 11:30 a.m. or pick up a sack lunch after worship. A free-will offering will be received for both lunches.

6 p.m. Traditional Blend

This service offers a familiar blend of traditional hymns and songs, drama and special music in the Sanctuary. Families are invited to worship together before children ages 3 to grade 5 are invited to an educational time.

7 p.m. Contemporary Interactive

Our band will offer arrangements of seasonal songs, we will study God's Word and break into small group discussions. We will explore the use of technology via Twitter and text.

2013 Giving Envelopes

Please take a minute and pick up your 2013 giving envelopes on the tables by the north entrance doors in the Narthex.



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



God's Rebuke

"Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes?"
2 Samuel 12:9a

Earthly Kings: The Trials of a King

In Chapter 12, we see the slippery slope of sin within a short span surrounding David, the star-studded slayer of Goliath. It's heart-wrenching, isn't it? One month, he was completely faithful to God and then the next month, he began to slowly compromise his stand with God. An indiscretion here, and then another impropriety there, and quickly he begins to breathe and exhale darkness. How does that happen? One day you love God and the next day your actions indicate otherwise. Doesn't take long to realize that sin and temptation beckons at every corner. Perhaps David's trials can teach us about life's temptations, but more importantly, about our heavenly Father, who is always ready to forgive, inviting us back to his loving arms.

Plan to Attend the Children's Christmas Program

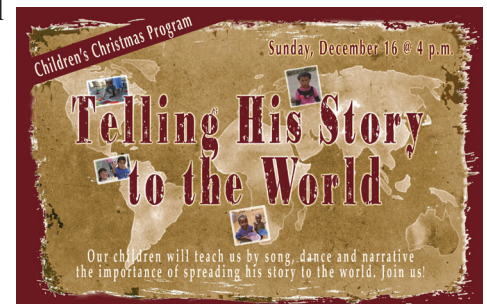
Sunday, Dec. 16 begins in the Sanctuary at 4 p.m.

Travel around the world with the children as they tell about God's great love sent as a baby.

The exciting event begins at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will travel from the Sanctuary to the Center Wing, the Family Life Center, and back to the Sanctuary. The close of the program will inspire us as we see how we can help around the world.

Following the program everyone is invited to taste desserts from around the world and to visit with those who are involved with missions. In addition, we will have global nativity sets on display.

So grab your family and friends and join us for the sights and sounds from around the world through the voices of our children.



Commitment Sheets

A few weeks ago, we learned in the weekend message how we can respond to God's story through our support of the ministry of Gloria Dei. By giving back a portion of our income, we bring glory to God and show our trust in him. As we step out in faith, our trust in him continues to grow stronger.

Planning and preparation of the budget for the next fiscal year will begin early in 2013. The pledge amounts are important to the process of budget preparation.

As a reminder, we have included commitment pledge cards and a return envelope in the Weekly Word.

If you have not yet had a chance to fill out a pledge card, or have misplaced yours, please take the opportunity to prayerfully consider how you will support the ministry of Gloria Dei as we bring Jesus Christ to people for the first time and a lifetime.

2013 | Commitment Pledge

As God gives me the opportunity to see how my lower story fits into his upper story, I am moved to respond with the following financial commitment for the ministry of Gloria Dei for 2013:

I will return to the Lord _____% of my income, totaling:

(\$ _____ Weekly) or (\$ _____ Monthly) or (\$ _____ Annually)

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Please return the cream copy and keep the orange copy for your records.

Join us Christmas Eve!

*Christmas Eve Candlelight
Worship Services
Monday, December 24*

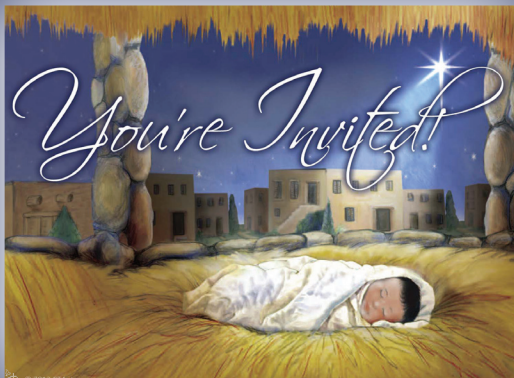
*Family Contemporary Christmas Eve [Family Life Center]
| 4:00 |*

*Traditional Christmas Eve [Sanctuary]
| 3:00 | 4:30 | 6:00 | 7:30 |*

*Contemporary Christmas Eve [Family Life Center]
| 5:30 |*



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The entire congregation is invited to join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus by way of our preschool children. It's bound to be fun. And as you know, preschoolers will do some unexpected things in a play.

Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool Christmas Program

Thursday, Dec. 20, 2012 in the Sanctuary

5:30 p.m. (Two and three-year-olds)

6:30 p.m. (Four-year-olds and PreKs)

Christmas Program Rehearsal

Sunday, Dec. 9, and

Saturday, Dec. 15 at 12:30 p.m.

Program rehearsals are for ages 2 to 5th grade.

Christmas Program Lunch

Sunday, Dec. 9 at 12 p.m.

Join us for lunch and then stay for the rehearsal. Cost: \$2.50 per person: Dec. 9 - Walking Tacos

Midweek Meal

Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 5-6:15 p.m.

Pizza pockets and tossed salad -

Enjoy a meal. The cost is \$5 per adult, and \$2.50 per child, children 2 and under eat free.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 8 a.m. in the Sanctuary is for:

T Tabitha Marie Beyer born on Nov. 14, 2012 to Danny and Kacey (nee Hays) Beyer. Tabitha's spiritual sponsors are Rob and Jenna Connolly.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary is for:

J Josephine Margaret York born on Nov. 8, 2012 to Tyler and Jennifer (nee Hensel) York. Josephine's spiritual sponsors are Kyle Wiederin and Melissa Davis.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary is for:

J Jaxon James Broich born on Nov. 18, 2011 to Matthew and Jodi (nee Russell) Broich. Jaxon's spiritual sponsors are Jason and Melanie Broich.

Peel-n-Save Coupon Cards

The youth ministry is selling a coupon card for \$10. These coupon cards can be used at local Des Moines restaurants such as: Qdoba, Texas Roadhouse, KFC, Godfather's Pizza, Arby's, Culver's, Burger King and many more. Most of the coupons are a buy one and get one free deal.



If you are interested in purchasing one, please see one of our representatives by the sound board in the FLC or the Welcome Center in the Narthex after worship the next two weekends. The funds raised through

these cards will help our teens attend mission trips and other spiritual events. Thank you.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

5:30 p.m. (FLC)
Rev. Ron Burcham

8 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Phil Robarge

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Phil Robarge

10 a.m. (FLC)
Rev. Tim Phillips

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organ

Kathy Brammeier

Acolytes:

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Courtney Wilson

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Hunter Vontalge

Scripture verses:

2 Samuel 12:1-9, 13
(NIV)

Hospitality Teams

5:30 p.m. (FLC)
Team Three

8 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Three

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Two

10 a.m. (FLC)
TBD

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Three

Let's pray!

Prayer requests can be made on the back of the "Welcome" card located in 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 Pastor Phillips in the church office, 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 993-3870 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For our families

For the health of

- Stan Knapp
- Tanya Richards
- Greg Fitzgerald
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Carol Petersen, Peg Petersen-Riddle's sister
- Steve Crouthamel
- Christine Watson
- Stolley Schramm
- Kenny Mullens, Ken and Jane Meythaler's 8-month grandson

And for:

- The conflict in the Middle East
- Dean and Connie Egger and family, who are grieving the loss of Connie's stepfather, Ted Dykstra
- Rain in areas of the country that need it
- Our military
- Our Giving Tree families

Prayer ministry

To join the prayer team, e-mail Pastor Phillips at: tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

Welcome new members!

Welcome! We pray that by making Gloria Dei your church home you will grow in your faith and continue to be strengthened in the Lord.



Katie DeShepper



Nathan and Katie Hinkeldey



Ross and Missy Jensen Hailey, 6, and Kendal, 1



Mike and Meggan Jones



Eric and Laura Marzen Corbin, 2 and Louisa, 4 months



Kelly Moeller and Logan 2. (Not pictured: Jon and Landyn, 4 months)



John and Heather Quandt



Craig and Sara Weatherall, Delaney, 3 months

Not pictured: Ben and Debra Booth, Jenna, 11, Benny, 8 and Christopher, 6; Jason Mohr and Heather Roberts; and Mark and Cindy Sperry, Yana, 10.

Discovery: New to the Lutheran Faith or Transferring?

Thursdays, Jan. 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7 and Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013

This class is for those who desire to join Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, whether new to the Lutheran faith or transferring from another Lutheran church. We will revisit the basics of our beliefs and be encouraged to grow in our faith in God and service to others. Contact Pastor Robarge for additional information or questions regarding the class at 278-5544, ext. 220 or probarge@gloriadeionline.com.

Web Development

We are looking for individuals to volunteer their professional services in a PHP or Drupal project at church. If interested, please contact Karen Kennedy at karen@gloriadeionline.com.

LWMLCircles

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. for a Christmas potluck at the home of Elaine Mueller, 3205 Mary Lynn Dr., Urbandale.

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Dec. 13 at the home of Lois Applehons, 4519 96th St., Urbandale.

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Dec. 13 at Gloria Dei Church. Please bring your wrapped gifts for our foster families.

Gloria Dei Youth Ministry Outreaches

Experience Advent 2012

Wednesdays, Dec. 12 and 19

Junior and Senior High Youth: On Wednesdays during Advent we will meet from 7-8 p.m. in the Family Life Center for a Contemporary Interactive Advent Worship service. This will incorporate our junior high small groups and The Point for our high school youth.

Castaway

Sunday, Dec. 9 at 9:50 and 11:20 a.m.

Join us as we discuss "The Story."

White Elephant Christmas Party

Wednesday, Dec. 19 from 8-9:30 p.m.

Senior High Youth: Want to have fun? Gut-splitting fun? Then join us for our Christmas party. Bring a gift, for the absurd White Elephant Christmas exchange. Bring a friend and a snack to share! There will be door prizes!

High School Bible Study

Sunday, Dec. 9 from 9-10 a.m. We will have some great discussion on "The Story," so join us.

June 2013 Mission trip

June 8 to 16, 2013

Project 52 will travel to the small village of Las Charcas, Dominican Republic for a nine-day construction and medical mission trip. Plans include building a baseball field and working at the Las Charcas Medical Clinic.

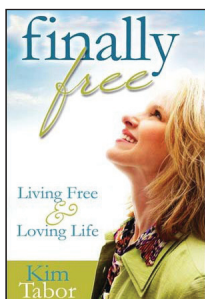
The total cost of the trip is \$1,925 (including airfare). The deadline to provide an application and make a deposit of \$200 is Jan. 15, 2013. First installment of \$800 is due Mar. 15 and final installment of \$925 is due May 15, 2013.

To sign up or for more information, e-mail Bill Clark at bill@p52.org.

Online Women's Bible Study

Study begins January 6, 2013 and will run for 6 weeks.

Mark your 2013 calendar to join us for an online study on "Finally Free - Living Free & Loving Life" by Kim Tabor. You'll only need the book, a Bible, and access to the web.



Overview: "God has given us freedom—freedom to live our lives in peace and joy. As believers we know about it, we sing about it, and we talk about it, but are we actually free? Just knowing we can be free doesn't make us free. Many continue to be bound by fear, anxiety, depression, addictions, or damaging emotions—perhaps you or someone you love."

~ TaborMinistries.org

For more information: Go to www.laurarath.blogspot.com. See you in the new year!

Gloria Dei Book Club

For December, our group donated funds for the purchase of "The Story" books for our Giving Tree families, and will not meet in December. For an after-Christmas holiday celebration, our next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. at the home of Darlene Klages. If you have any questions, send an e-mail to gloriadeibookclub@hotmail.com.

Our January book will be "Too Far to Say Far Enough" by Nancy Rue.

Review: Allison Chamberlain has done everything God required of her—but as he continues to nudge her in the third and final book of The Reluctant Prophet series, she is ready to say, "Enough!"

Week of December 8-15, 2012

Saturday, December 8

- 8:00 a.m. Giving Tree Pick-Up
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 2:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, December 9

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:15 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:50 a.m. Castaway
- 9:50 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Chuck Corell)
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:45 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway
- 12:00 p.m. Christmas Program Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m. Advent Worship Rehearsal
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Brownie 541
- 4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 407
- 4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 806

Monday, December 10

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 3:30 p.m. Archery Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, December 11

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 3:30 p.m. Archery Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Wednesday, December 12

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Advent Lunch
- 12:15 p.m. Traditional Advent Worship
- 1:00 p.m. Senior Adult Ministry MAT
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Traditional Blend Advent Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 7:00 p.m. Contemporary Interactive Advent Worship

Thursday, December 13

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Naomi Circle
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 3:30 p.m. Archery Practice
- 6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Friday, December 14

- 6:00 p.m. Café 923

Saturday, December 15

- 12:30 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Worship (Dec. 1-2)	Attendance	Communion
5:30 p.m. (FLC)	170	
8 a.m. (Sanctuary)	125	100
9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	354	242
10 a.m. (FLC)	99	
11 a.m. (Sanctuary)	212	128
Total	960	470
Advent Worship (Dec. 5)		
12:15 p.m. (Sanctuary)	68	
6 p.m. (Sanctuary)	182	
7 p.m. (FLC)	157	
Total	407	

Outpouring of Love (Dec. 1-2)	
Weekly General Fund Offerings	\$45,128
Weekly General Fund Offering Budget	\$39,000
2nd QTD Offering	\$319,531
2nd QTD Budget	\$358,000
YTD Offering Total	\$674,082
YTD Offering Budget	\$732,000

Week of December 15-22, 2012

Saturday, December 15

- 12:30 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, December 16

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:15 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:50 a.m. Castaway
- 9:50 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Chuck Corell)
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:45 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway
- 2:00 p.m. Chapel at Glen Oaks
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Program
- 5:00 p.m. Advent Worship Rehearsal

Monday, December 17

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Monday, December 17 (continued)

- 3:30 p.m. Archery Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Tuesday, December 18

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 3:30 p.m. Archery Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Wednesday, December 19

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Advent Lunch
- 12:15 p.m. Traditional Advent Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Traditional Blend Advent Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 7:00 p.m. Contemporary Interactive Advent Worship

Thursday, December 20

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 12:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures' Rehearsal
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures' Christmas Program
- 6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures' Christmas Program
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Foundation

Friday, December 21

No scheduled events

Saturday, December 22

- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 8:20 a.m.	Sunday 9:50 a.m.	Sunday 10:20 a.m.	Sunday 11:20 a.m.
Preschool	4	4	16	12	8
Elementary	19	2	53	32	28
Total Children	23	6	69	44	36

Welcome to Gloria Dei! We are glad you are here!

Please note: All of our educational times will not be held this weekend. We encourage families to worship together before children (ages 3-grade 5) are invited to Grace Place on Saturday evenings at 5:50; Sunday mornings at 8:20, 9:50, 10:20 and 11:20. Junior high youth (grades 6-8) are invited to Castaway at 9:50 and 11:20 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Saturday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

This contemporary service offers a unique come-as-you-are worship experience on Saturday evening. A gathering of celebration will be led by our worship team and band in the Family Life Center, inviting worshipers to lift anthems to our God. There will be time for intimacy with God, reflection on his promises and the opportunity to grow as his Word is declared.

8:00 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

This worship service is based on traditional hymns and liturgy. The music is organ led with offerings of special music, offertories and communion hymns led by the piano. Our special music groups and choirs perform on a regular basis.

9:30 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary

This service offers a blend of instruments, from piano and organ to brass and percussion. Large group choirs as well as small group vocal and instrumental ensembles offer special music. The liturgy is specifically designed to enhance the life of the believer, by supporting the current study of God's Word at Gloria Dei.

10:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

This high-energy service offers a casual setting for those who enjoy a come-as-you-are contemporary environment. A gathering of celebration will be led by our worship team and band in the Family Life Center, inviting worshipers to lift anthems to our God. There will be time for intimacy with God, reflection on his promises and the opportunity to grow as his Word is declared via this video venue.

11:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

This contemporary service has a unique style of its own as we combine the present day sounds of contemporary music with a worship band in the awe inspiring setting of the Sanctuary. This service includes uplifting songs of celebration as people gather together responding to our God.

Other important items

Nursery: Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level with access through the doors in the Narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

Cry room: Located in the southwest corner of the Narthex is a room with a full view of the Sanctuary for parents to take their small children.

Weekly Bible reading - 2 Samuel 16:7-9a, 13 (NIV)

Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes?'"

Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die."

Educational times

Children (ages 2- grade 5)

Next Week! Grace Place

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.

Sundays at 8:20, 9:50,
10:20 & 11:20 a.m.

Faith Alive

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Youth (grades 6-12)

Times vary, check page 5.

Adults

Times vary, check pages 6-7.

Communion

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays and Sundays during the services in the Family Life Center.

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. In addition, gluten-free wafers are available, please alert the elders before the service if possible.