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August 18-19, 2012 | Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Choose this Day

This week we land in the last chapter of Joshua as he pleads with God's people to serve the Lord. Joshua is committed to serve the Lord until his dying breath, thus setting an example for the people around him. It may not be easy, but he is convinced serving is the only path worth living.

Jesus tell us to do the same: "If you love me, keep my commandments." As Christians we are to stand and live according to the precepts of God, despite the cost, the comfort, the popularity, or the ramifications. We are to serve him.

So, as we end this series, let's take a few minutes to write down the truths or the non-negotiables in life that we are committed to; and if need be, we would die for:

Lord, I am committed to serve you. Help me to be strong, give me courage. I am committed to uphold your truths without yielding. I believe you are _____

Fall message series launches Sept. 8 and 9

An epic fall message series will turn the pages of God's Word to show its living and breathing qualities. Stay tuned as we uncover this amazing journey. Curious? Check today's screens for the riddles.

Fasten your seat belts for an incredible fall

Fall worship begins Saturday, September 8 and Sunday, September 9

As we looked toward the possibilities for our church this fall, we began to review our current worship times. After much discussion, prayer and review of last year's worship survey, the pastors, staff and elders are excited to announce the following worship schedule:

5:30 p.m. Saturday	Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center
8:00 a.m. Sunday	Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Sunday	Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Sunday	Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center
11:00 a.m. Sunday	Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

Midweek Schedule: We are excited about the new following educational schedule beginning Wednesday, Sept. 12:

Midweek Meal (5:00-6:15 p.m.)

Children and Adult (6:00-7:00 p.m.)

6:00-6:15 p.m. Children's Ministry opening in the Family Life Center

6:15-7:00 p.m. Children's Faith Alive classes and adult classes

Youth, Adult and Choir (6:45-8:00 p.m.)

6:45-7:15 p.m. Youth Ministry opening in the Family Life Center

7:15-8:00 p.m. Junior high small groups, senior high The Point, and adult classes

7:00-8:00 p.m. Choir (begins Sept. 5)

Opportunities throughout the week. We have a complete lineup to help each age group grow in faith. To wet your appetite, check out the following pages and visit our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Remodel project

Aug. 18 and 19 and Aug. 25 and 26

Northwind service will be held in the Sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. and H3 worship at 10:30 a.m. will be held in the Youth Center.

Fall education schedule

For information regarding the new fall schedule, please see page 5.

Meals from the Heartland

Sign up today at the table display in the Narthex and Family Life Center to be on one of our teams.
Gloria Dei's goal is to provide 200 volunteers.

Motorcycle dinner ride

Sunday, Aug. 19 at 4:30 p.m.

Join us for a dinner ride. We will meet in the church parking lot at 4:30 p.m., review safe group riding guidelines before heading to Woodward for dinner at Cayannes.

See you there!



Lots of work happening around here

We will do our best to keep you informed of any possible schedule or project changes that could possibly affect you. We are now in the process of:

- Building improvements have started on the east side of the Family Life Center.
 One company will take care of the HVAC, another company will pull the
 rubber membrane roof back, so another company can take out the EIFS and
 start laying brick.
- Working on the center wing remodeling project has started beginning with repairing hardware on and removing the vinyl panels on the moveable walls.
 The vinyl will then be replaced and the exterior walls will also be painted.
 Lastly, new carpet and baseboards will be installed after painting is completed.
- August 20: Shingling the pitched Sanctuary roof will begin and will take about 8-10 days to complete. Once that is finished, the flat roof project will begin.

Bill Jesse will be available to answer questions about the remodeling projects on Sunday, August 19 and 26 from 8:45-9 and 10-10:15 a.m. in rooms 131-33. Please stop by!

Governing Board Decision

The Governing Board, based on the recommendation of the Facilities MAT consisting of Brandon Simpson, Facilities Manager, Bill Jesse, Executive Director, and Greg Cushing, congregation member, authorized at a special Board meeting on July 31, the expenditure of up to \$30,000 for the completion of additional smaller projects to be completed this summer. Funds for the projects will be taken from the Long Term Maintenance Fund. The recommended projects are as follows:

- 1. Sand, prime, and paint all steel lintels especially the north and south main entrances.
- 2. Repair, refinish, and paint the north and south main entrances.
- 3. Replace the windows in the office complex.
- Replace the clouded windows outside the Sanctuary south stained glass windows.
- 5. Replace the clouded window in the west peak of the Sanctuary.
- 6. Scrape and paint the exterior windows of the center wing.
- 7. Paint the patched wall in the Family Life Center.

Some of these projects have been brought to us by members of the congregation, some have been on a maintenance "wish" list for some time, and some were discovered during the pre-bid meetings for our major projects outlined in the capital campaign information. All of these projects will be completed this summer and early fall.

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Online book study

A 10-week online study on "The Shelter of God's Promises" by



Sheila Walsh will begin Sept. 2.
Laura Rath will lead this online study by offering a suggested reading schedule for

the week, posting thoughts on the reading and encouraging the participants to post their comments as well.

For more information, visit Laura's blog at http://www. laurarath.blogspot.com or e-mail Laura at laurajrath@gmail.com.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, Aug. 18 at the 5:30 p.m. worship service is for:



Gavin Michael Giesking born on April 2, 2012 to Curtis and Amy (nee Terrazzino) Giesking. Gavin's spiritual sponsors are Cory Giesking and Brooke Maine.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Aug. 19 are placed by Jack and Marsha Fries in celebration of their 35th anniversary on Aug. 20.

Gloria Dei Chorale

The Gloria Dei Chorale will begin meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. No experience is necessary. We will be working on songs for the Cantata, as well as our anthems for Sundays. The choir will sing during worship one Sunday a month and at additional festival services. Come join us!

Financial Peace University reunion

Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

All graduates of Financial Peace University are invited to FPU reunion at 7:30 p.m. Please come and share your success stories with each other and the new graduates of FPU. Refreshments will be provided.

Leaders needed for Youth Ministry

Are you interested in equipping the next generation to love and serve God? We need you to join our small group ministry team. Please contact Tim Kightlinger at tim@gloriadeionline.com.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist: 5:30 p.m. (FLC): Rev. Phil Robarge

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary): Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (Sanctuary): Rev. Ron Burcham

10:30 a.m. (FLC): Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary) Rev. Phil Robarge

Preacher Rev. Phil Robarge Organ
Jennette Morrison

Acolytes
7:45 a.m.
Emily Fluegge

9 a.m.Connor Corbin

10:30 a.m. Sara Clausen

Scripture verses:

Joshua 24:14-16, 19-21; John 14:6-14 (NIV) Hospitality Teams Northwind (FLC) Team Three

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Three

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team One

10:30 a.m. (FLC)TBD

10:30 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 Jack and Marsha Fries celebrating their 35th anniversary on Aug. 20
- For Doug and Julie Pals celebrating their 23rd anniversary on Aug. 19
- Dick and Elaine Mueller celebrating 46 years of marriage on Aug. 20

For the health of

- Stan Knapp
- Carol Petersen, Peg Petersen-Riddle's sister
- Steve Crouthamel
- Emma Anderson
- Mary Kuefner
- Vicki Giesselmann

And for:

- Our military
- Our children as they head back to school
- · Our nation and world

Prayer ministry

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

Adult Opportunities

Financial Peace University

Tuesdays, Sept. 4-Oct. 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a nine-week life-changing program that teaches how to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and making a plan for your money to change your family tree forever. To register, go to the adult page on our Web site and click on the FPU link. Cost is \$95. Contact Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

Lifelight Bible Study

Sundays, Sept. 9-May 5, 9:50-10:50 a.m.

An in-depth journey through the Bible using materials from the Lifelight series. Childcare is provided. This fall they will begin studying 1 and 2 Samuel. Facilitator: Chuck Corell. Contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com.

33 The Series: Volume 2: A Man and His Design

Wednesday, Sept. 5 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. @ OverTime Saturday, Sept. 8 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. @ Gloria Dei

Join us for a six-week study. Every man must understand and come to grips with the defining moments and key relationships that have shaped his unique story. Suggested donation for the book is \$20. Contact Bill Clark at BillClark@mchsi.com or register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Support Groups/Care Night

Thursdays, Sept. 6-Nov. 8, 2012, 6:30-8 p.m.

Our support groups are designed to help people who are facing difficult situations. We provide support for adults and children who are experiencing grief or divorce.

The individual support groups meet at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 8 p.m. Childcare is provided. Please register by going to our Web site or contact Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

DivorceCare Support Group: DivorceCare is a 10-week program for those experiencing the pain of divorce.

DC4K (**DivorceCare for Kids**): DC4K is a five-week program for children whose parents are divorcing.

GriefShare: GriefShare, a 10-week program, helps those who have suffered the death of a close friend or relative.

Stepping Stones (GriefShare for Children): Children need to process and understand the grieving process. This 5-week course will assist children who have lost a friend or relative.

Small groups and studies

Message-series small groups starting Sept. 8 and 9. We will have lots of opportunities to connect to a small group. More information will follow.

Tuesday afternoon Bible study from 2:30-4 p.m. We are gearing up to study the book "Radical" by David Platt.

Pastor's Bible study on Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. Join this ongoing group as we study the Lectionary Series.

Men's Bible study on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 a.m. We have lots of coffee, prayer, study and discussion. Join us at anytime.

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com.

Arts and Craft Show

Saturday, Oct. 13 @ 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Vendors are needed for the 20th Annual Art and Craft Show. Feel free to tell your friends and neighbors that space is available for the upcoming show in October. Proceeds help Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Hope Ministries, Joppa Outreach and Gloria Dei's Youth Ministry.

Children's Ministry teacher orientation

All leaders for Grace Place and Faith Alive are strongly encouraged to attend an orientation meeting before we begin in September. Please select one of the dates and times below that works best with your schedule. Thank you!

Saturday, Aug. 25 at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26 at 8:45 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 26 at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29 at 6 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact DeAnn at deann@gloriadeionline.com.



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger tim@gloriadeionline.com

Castaway

Castaway will not meet in August; will resume Sunday, Sept. 9.

Junior High Families

Join us on Wednesday, August 22 or Wednesday, August 29 as we outline this year's junior high ministry opportunities.

Select the dates that are applicable to you:

Wednesday, Aug. 22 6 p.m. 8th grade families Wednesday, Aug. 29 6 p.m. 6th grade families

7 p.m. 7th grade families

7 p.m. 6-8th make up

Senior High Ministry

Families are invited on Sunday, Aug. 26 from 6-7 p.m. in the Youth Center. Join us as we share about direction and opportunities for this year's Senior High Ministry.

The Point will not meet on Wednesday, Aug. 22.

Third Grade Bible Highlighting

Wednesdays, Sept. 12-Oct. 10, 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Third grade students and parents are invited to take a 6-week journey through the Bible, highlighting important Scripture passages.

Bibles are given to students to highlight and make their own as they listen to how God is leading them.

Preteen Girls

The Real You: Moms and Preteen Daughters: Sunday, Sept. 9, 6-7:15 p.m.

This event is designed specifically for girls in grades 4 and 5, and their moms or an important female. We'll look at how we remain true to God while being real in school, at home, and with friends. Register for this event on our Web site. Cost is \$10 for mom and daughter.

GirlZ of Faith: Sunday, Sept. 16, 6-7:15 p.m.

Girls in grades 4 and 5 are invited for Bible study, crafts and lots of laughter. No registration needed.

Preteen Boys

Sleuth Truth: Dads and Preteen Sons: Sunday, Sept. 9, 6-7:15 p.m.

This event is designed specifically for boys in grades 4 and 5, and their dads or an important adult male. Become a detective for the evening and journey together to uncover the truth! Register for this event on our Web site. Cost is \$10 for dad and son.

BoyZ of Faith: Sunday, Sept. 23, 6-7:15 p.m.

Boys in grades 4 and 5 are invited for Bible study, hands-on activities and yummy snacks. No registration needed.

To register go to: w.w.w.gloriadeionline.com

Fall Schedule

Weekend schedule (starts Sept. 8-9)

5:30 p.m. Saturday Contemporary (FLC) Grace Place will be offered.

8:00 a.m. SundayTraditional (Sanctuary)
Grace Place will be offered.

9:30 a.m. Sunday
Traditional Blend
(Sanctuary)
Grace Place, Castaway and
Senior High Bible Study

will be offered.

10 a.m. Sunday Contemporary (FLC) Grace Place will be offered.

11 a.m. Sunday

Contemporary (Sanctuary) Grace Place and Castaway will be offered.

Wednesday schedule (starts Sept. 12)

5-6:15 p.m. Midweek meal

6-7 p.m. Faith Alive

6:45-8 p.m. Jr. and Sr. Youth educational times

Week of August 18-25, 2012

Saturday, August 18

4:00 p.m. Caleb Brainerd and Allison Grunst

Wedding

5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the

Family Life Center

Sunday, August 19

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in

Sanctuary with Communion

8:45 a.m. Construction Update with Bill Jesse9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in

Sanctuary with Communion

10:00 a.m. Construction Update with Bill Jesse

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

in Sanctuary with Communion

10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life

Center

2:00 p.m. Chapel at Emeritus

Monday, August 20

9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance

1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Tuesday, August 21

1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting

Tuesday, August 21 (continued)

2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University

7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Wednesday, August 22

10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance

6:00 p.m. Jr. High Ministry Orientation - 8th grade 7:00 p.m. Jr. High Ministry Orientation - 7th grade

Thursday, August 23

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitches

Friday, August 24

5:30 p.m. Andy Strachan and Hannah Ladage

Wedding Rehersal

Saturday, August 25

4:00 p.m. Andy Strachan and Hannah Ladage

Wedding

5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the

Family Life Center with Communion

6:30 p.m. Teacher Orientation

Items needed

UCAN (**Urbandale Community Action Network**) needs Kleenex and disinfecting wipes for the schools. Please place those items in the "UCAN" bin in the Narthex. Contact - Ruth Ebke at 371-8646.

Urbandale Food Pantry is requesting toothpaste during the month of August. Please place your donation in the "Urbandale Food Pantry" bin that is located in the Narthex.

Project 52 Mission Trip

Project 52 is proud to announce that we have partnered with Lighthouse Projects in the Dominican Republic and are committed to providing for the needs of families in the community of Los Alcarrizos and showing them the love of Jesus Christ.

Join us as we travel to Los Alcarrizos to help build a home, visit Compass Point School and other activities from Feb. 22-March 2. The cost is \$1,750 and includes airfare, lodging and meals. A \$200 deposit is due Sept. 1, 2012, For more information, contact Bill Clark at 491-8543 or bill@p52.org.

Worship (Aug. 11-12)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	126	84
7:45 a.m.	89	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	265	
10:30 a.m (Sanctuary)	244	
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	86	39
Total	810	123

Outpouring of Love (Aug. 11-18)				
General Fund Offerings	\$29,988			
First QTD Offering	\$129,323			
First QTD Budget	\$149,000			

Week of August 25-September 1, 2012

Saturday, August 25

4:00 p.m. Andy Strachan and Hannah Ladage

Wedding

5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the

Family Life Center with Communion

6:30 p.m. Teacher Orientation

Sunday, August 26

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in

Sanctuary

8:45 a.m. Teacher Orientation

8:45 a.m. Construction Update with Bill Jesse

9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in

Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Teacher Orientation

10:00 a.m. Construction Update with Bill Jesse

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

in Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life

Center with Communion

5:00 p.m. The Story Promotion Meeting

6:00 p.m. Sr. High Ministry Presentation

Monday, August 27

9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance

Tuesday, August 28

1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting

2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University

7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Wednesday, August 29

10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Teacher Orientation

6:00 p.m. Jr. High Ministry Orientation - 6th grade 7:00 p.m. Jr. High Ministry Orientation - 6th-8th

grades

Thursday, August 30

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitches

6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures' Parent Orientation

Friday, August 31

6:30 p.m. Café 923

Saturday, September 1

5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the

Family Life Center

Urbandale Whiz Kids Program

The Whiz Kids program will begin on Monday, Sept. 10. The program is being jointly sponsored by Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Freedom for Youth Ministries and the Urbandale Community Action Network (UCAN).

Location: Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 3600 75th Street

Days: Monday afternoons when school is in session. **Time:** 3:45 until 6 p.m.

Schedule: 3:45-4:30 gym time/activity, 4:30-5 Bible study/lesson, 5-5:20 meal, 5:20-5:50 tutoring (grade level reading comprehension & math) and 5:50-6 clean-up/shut down

The program is available to youth in first through fifth grades who attend school in Urbandale.

Volunteer opportunities include supervising/interacting with the youth during gym/activity and meal time, and/or tutoring time. For those who may wish to be exclusively involved in tutoring, the expectation is that you will work with 1-2 students each week. It is important that you be there each week barring unusual or unforeseen circumstances. Materials will be provided. No prior teaching or tutoring experience is required. Training will be provided. A background check is required.

Volunteers are also being sought to provide a meal for up to 70 (50 children, 20 adults).

For more information contact LuAnne Postel at 278-0466.

Gloria Dei book club

Join the book club as they discuss "The Note II: Taking a Chance on Love" by Angela Elwell Hunt on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 6:15 p.m. in the cry room.

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

Educational times. Starting Sept. 8 and 9: We value families, so we encourage families to worship together. We will then invite the children (ages 3 - grade 5) to educational time on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.; and Sundays at 8:20, 9:50 and 10:20 and 11:20 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Saturday Northwind Contemporary in the Family Life Center Please note: Due to construction, we will meet in the Sanctuary. Discover reflection and celebration at this casual Saturday evening worship service. Communion will be offered the second and fourth Saturdays of every month.

7:45 a.m. Sunday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

This worship service uses organ and piano-led hymns as well as responsive liturgy. Our special music groups also perform on a regular basis. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

9 a.m. Sunday Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary

This worship service uses organ and piano-led hymns and songs as well as responsive liturgy. Our special music groups also perform on a regular basis. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

10:30 a.m. Sunday H3 Young Family Worship in the Family Life Center Please note: Due to construction, we will meet in the Youth Center. Our H3 (Worship with your Head, Heart and Hands) casual service offers an atmosphere in which families are encouraged to worship together. Communion is offered the second and fourth Sundays of every month.

10:30 a.m. Sunday Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

Join us in the Sanctuary for high-energy and reflective worship that is aweinspiring. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of every month.

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 when they are upset or crying.

Weekly Bible reading - Joshua 24:14-16, 19-21 (NIV)

"Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods!"

Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you."

But the people said to Joshua, "No! We will serve the Lord."

Educational times resume Sept. 8 and 9.

Educational times

Children (ages 2- grade 5)

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. Join us in Sept. 12.

Youth (grades 6-12) Times vary, check page 5.

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, nonalcoholic 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.