



My Chains Are Gone

In the last few weeks, we have observed: the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem; Jesus offering bread and the cup to his twelve disciples at the Passover meal; the intensive struggle at the garden of Gethsemane; and our Lord's arrest, mock trial, beating and crucifixion. Then last weekend, we heard "He is risen!" echoing from the empty tomb. We certainly have observed an incredible story, haven't we?

But the story is not finished. In fact, you now are part of God's story. Wait—hold it! From an observer to a participant? Sounds like our roles have been biblically switched—from a passive observer to an active participant. After all, it is easier to watch an activity than it is to participate in it, isn't it?

But if you have ever played sports, you understand that playing in the game is more fulfilling than watching others play. As we begin today's message series, "My Chains Are Gone," we will focus on how we are invited to experience God's love and forgiveness firsthand by receiving the new life that Jesus made available in Romans.

But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. Romans 5:20b-6:2

As a newly-released prisoner from sin, do you have any thoughts concerning your new-found freedom in Christ? If so, post them by going to our Web site and clicking on the Facebook or Twitter icons.

Tiny Treasures' consignment sale

Friday, April 20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 21 from 8-11 a.m.

Tiny Treasures' spring children's consignment sale is almost here! Items for sale will include: children's, teens', and maternity clothing, toys, books, baby accessories, bedding, décor, DVDs, and children's furniture. All items on Saturday will be half-off. There is still time to register to be a seller at the consignment sale by picking up a registration form at the Welcome Center or on our Web site.



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April 14-15: "I Am Free from Myself"

April 21-22: "I Am Free from Sin"

April 28-29: "I Am Free to Serve"

May 5-6: "I Am Free to Struggle"



"Every Little Crook and Nanny"

If you haven't purchased your dinner theater tickets, do so today!

Show times:

Friday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m.
(doors open at 6 p.m.)

Saturday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m.
(doors open at 6 p.m.)

Saturday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m.
(doors open at 6 p.m.)

Sunday, April 22 at 12 p.m.
(doors open at 11:30 a.m.)

Contact: Tim Kightlinger at tim@gloriadeionline.com

Confirmation

Saturday, May 5 at 5:30 p.m.
in the Sanctuary.

As confirmands prepare to profess their faith, please keep them in your prayers.

Change of address?

Help keep our church records up-to-date. If you have a new address, phone number or e-mail, please contact Diane at 276-1700 or at diane@gloriadeionline.com.

Sunday's Adult Bible class

Sunday's Adult Bible class at 9:10 and 10:15 a.m. will not be held today, but will resume next week.

Discovery 101: New to the Lutheran faith?

Thursday, May 10 to May 31 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Join us for the spring session of Discovery 101 on Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m. This informal four-week class is for all who are new to the Lutheran faith. If you would like to use the childcare services we offer, please indicate this when you register by going to the adult page at www.gloriadeionline.com. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Philip Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Annual spring community clean-up

The Urbandale Community Action Network (UCAN) Caring Corps is seeking volunteers for their annual Urbandale spring clean-up Saturday, May 5 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers will help the elderly and disabled Urbandale residents prepare for spring by cleaning out flower beds, planting and other general yard work. Volunteers should meet at Lions Park shelter, 72nd and Prairie. Please bring work gloves, rakes and trimmers. A continental breakfast will be served to all volunteers. If you have any questions, contact Mary Polson at 278-3936.

Camp Okoboji

Camp Okoboji has teamed up with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans from the Great Plains Region for spring volunteer weekend at Camp Okoboji on April 27-29. Help is needed to prepare the camp for the busy summer months. Work will include: interior and exterior painting, building retaining walls, raking leaves, sewing, laundry, small repair jobs and much more. Thrivent will provide the funding for meals and lodging to all those volunteering. There will be a coffee shop setting on Saturday evening in the Christian Life Center with Glenn Henriksen on the keyboards. Rev. Matt Warnke will hold services in the Christian Life Center at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday. Call 712-337-3325 or e-mail lorene@campokoboji.org to make reservations.

Peace officers' memorial service

Tuesday, May 15 at 5 p.m. at Gloria Dei

The congregation is invited to remember those officers across our nation who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

Gloria Dei's Production Ministry seminar

Gloria Dei Production Ministry along with Rieman Music hosted a church audio seminar that focused on microphones and sound boards. A pro audio microphone representative came from Kansas City to talk to the attendees, which represented 16 LCMS and area churches.



Mike Maly from Rieman Music demonstrates a sound board. Mike is also a ministry partner at Gloria Dei.

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Gloria Dei Book Club

The Gloria Dei Book Club will discuss Karen Kingsbury's, "Ever After," Wednesday, May 2 at 6:15 p.m. in the cry room. In this moving sequel to "Even Now," Emily Anderson, now twenty, is attending college on a soccer scholarship when she meets the man who changes everything for her: Army reservist Justin Baker.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, April 15 are provided by Jerry and Barb Koepp in celebration of their 35th anniversary.

Senior Adult Ministry weekend outing

Join the Senior Adult Ministry for a weekend vacation in the Ozarks from Nov. 7-10, 2012. This trip includes round-trip motor coach, 3 nights lodging, 6 shows, 3 dinners, 3 breakfasts, a tour of Christmas lights in the Branson area and shopping at the Branson Landing. Cost is: \$595 per person double occupancy, \$561 per person quad occupancy and \$703 single occupancy.

A \$50 deposit reserves your seat on the motor coach; the balance is due by Sept. 7, 2012. There is an early-bird discount if you make your reservations at least 90 days prior to the tour date, saving \$20 per person off the balance due. Space is limited to 50; to date, there are only 25 seats left—so book soon!

For reservations, call Margaret at Leisure Tours, Inc. at 515-223-1468. Send all payments to Leisure Tours, Inc. P.O. Box 71598, Clive, IA 50325. For any questions, call either Leisure Tours or Eloise Rinderknecht at 225-2225.

Presentation by woman serving in Asia

Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3223 University Ave., Des Moines

The congregation is invited to Michelle (Hoepfner) Cagnin's presentation concerning her work through LCMS World Mission. Michelle serves as the facilitator for human care in Asia and the area facilitator for Southeast Asia. In this role, Michelle works with missionaries and local leaders to explore new human care opportunities and oversees current human care ministries throughout the region. For more information, contact Kathryn at 279-1123.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

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

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Phil Robarge

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

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

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organ

Sue Jesse

Acolytes

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Collin Jones

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Spencer Nyberg

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Sarah Gibson

Scripture readings:

Romans 5:20-6:5 and
John 8:31-38 (NIV)

Hospitality Teams

Northwind (FLC)
Team One

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

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Three

10:30 a.m. (FLC)
TBD

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team One

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 Jerry and Barb Koepp, celebrating their anniversary
- For the birth of Kendal and Diana Cook's healthy grandson, Jackson Scott, on March 29, 2012

For the health of:

- Steve Crouthamel
- Ron Guilloz
- Randy Meyer
- Ellie McGee
- Molly Woodley and family
- Sue Anderson
- Brenda Barron
- Ed Mautz
- John Biondi
- Tom and Carol Beedle
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Rudy Petersen
- Stan Knapp
- Jennifer Ohrart
- Bruce Hill's mother

And for:

- The beauty of spring

Prayer ministry

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

Mission at Gloria Dei

Spreading the news of Jesus to people for the first time and a lifetime is at the heart of what we do at Gloria Dei. Part of that heart extends to reaching out to other nations,

one of which is Taiwan. For the last several years, we have helped to support Dr. Stephen Oliver, who teaches in the seminary. The following is an update from Dr. Oliver:

My Greek students at China Lutheran Seminary are very happy: they just received their new Greek Bibles, complements of a donation from a congregation. Reading the Bible in its original language opens up a wealth of understanding, enabling us to have richer and deeper insights into God's Word. China Lutheran Seminary students are interested in Greek for their own biblical edification as well as for serving others in the many different kinds of callings in which they will serve (missions, evangelism, teaching, pastoral ministry, administration, counseling, youth work, children work, Christian organization work, Christian literature work, etc.).



Dr. Oliver's students proudly display their new Greek Bibles.

Please continue to pray for those who serve in other countries.

Want to find out more about those serving overseas? Check out our Web site for a listing of missionaries presenting their stories in Iowa this spring and summer.

Spring studies not to be missed

Women's Bible Connections

Starts Monday, April 16 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 6:30-8 p.m.

"Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" by Joanna Weaver.



This 12-week study shows women how to blend intimacy with Jesus and service for him together. It's an invitation from Jesus to every woman who feels she isn't godly enough, good enough or struggles with the busyness of life. Jesus' invitation that he extended to the two sisters of Bethany applies to every woman.

If interested, contact Lisa Scherer at scherer_family@q.com or call 490-4108.

Men's study - 33 Series

Meets on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at OverTime, 4810 86th Street, Urbandale and Saturdays, at 7:30 a.m. at the church.

The 33 Series is based on a DVD series that concentrates on the qualities of Jesus, who lived for 33 years. The DVD presentations as well as discussion will help to



encourage men to live like Jesus to their families, work and community. Suggested donation for the book is \$15.

If interested, please contact Bill Clark at BillClark@mchsi.com or at 491-8543.

Women's online study

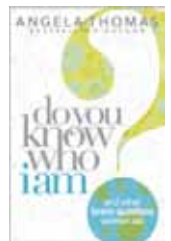
April 29-July 21

"Do You Know Who I Am?" by Angela Thomas.

This 12-week study will look at Angela Thomas' heart questions to God. In each chapter, she asks a different question, such as: Do you know I am afraid? Do you know I am lonely?

Angela's innate ability to connect with women on both an emotional and spiritual level reveals that the secret to being known and loved lies in an intimate understanding of who God is.

If interested, go to Laura Rath's blog at www.laurarath.blogspot.com.





Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger
tim@gloriadeionline.com

Senior high (9-12)

Bible Study Sunday at 9 a.m.

Bible study for high school students will end on May 6; will resume in the fall.

The Point - Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Bible study/fellowship for senior high youth will continue through the summer.

Junior high (6-8)

Castaway - Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m.

Castaway for junior high students will continue through May 6; will resume June 3-July 29.

Small Group - Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m.

Confirmation will end April 25; will resume in the fall.

The Well

“Sacrifice a little, so someone can have a lot.” The youth ministry students have been challenged to raise \$5,600 to build a well in Niger, Africa. To date, we have raised \$707.

If you would like to help, contact TK.

Dinner Theater

April 13-14 and April 21-22 It's not too late to purchase your tickets. Tickets will be available to purchase before and after worship services. They can also be purchased weekdays in the youth office by contacting TK or Lisa Gibson. Ticket Prices: \$10 adults; \$7 under 10 and over 55. Free childcare is available.

GirlZ of Faith

Thursday, April 19 at 6 p.m.

GirlZ of Faith is a group for girls in grades 4 and 5, which meets twice a month for fellowship, Bible study, crafts, snacks and tons of fun. This Thursday's meeting will concentrate on how God has made the girls his masterpieces.

BoysZ of Faith

Sunday, April 22 at 6 p.m.

Boyz of Faith will meet at Gloria Dei. Pastor Phillips will share about what God expects and then teach about archery.

The Wave

Sunday, April 15 at 3-4:30 p.m.

The Wave will meet at Tokens in West Des Moines for laser tag and pizza! The cost is \$6 per person.

Summer Camps

Coming soon! Information is on Gloria Dei's Web site, or in booklet form at the Welcome Centers. Register today; some camps have limited space!

Family game night

Last night of Faith Alive is Wednesday, April 25.

We'll celebrate together with a family game night! Families should bring a snack to share. We'll have lots of games available and ready to play. Don't miss the fun as we wrap up another fantastic year of Faith Alive.

Honduras mission trip

The Honduras mission trip is looking for cash donations for items to be purchased in Honduras and for the purchase of Spanish Bibles. If you are interested, please put your cash donation or check in the offering plate with “Honduras” in the memo line. You can also donate online (www.gloriadeionline.com) by clicking on “To give online today” link. Thank you for your support!

Additional items needed in April for the Honduras mission are adult vitamins, calcium and Vitamin E. Please place items in the “Honduras” bin in the Narthex.

Week of April 14-21, 2012

Saturday, April 14

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - 33 Series (off-site)
 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
 9:00 a.m. Smart Discipline Workshop
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theater

Sunday, April 15

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. Castaway
 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
 10:50 a.m. Castaway
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
 2:00 p.m. Chapel at Emeritus
 3:00 p.m. The Wave

Monday, April 16

9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
 2:00 p.m. Senior Adult Ministry MAT
 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Tuesday, April 17

1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Study

Wednesday, April 18

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
 7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study - 33 Series (off-site)
 7:30 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale setup

Thursday, April 19

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures' Consignment Sale setup
 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
 2:00 p.m. Celebration Home School Choir
 2:00 p.m. Senior Adult Ministry MAT
 6:00 p.m. Girlz of Faith

Friday, April 20

8:00 a.m. Urbandale Police Color Guard
 8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale

Saturday, April 21

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - 33 Series
 8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures' Consignment Sale
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theater

Maundy Thursday Services	Attendance
12:15 p.m. (Sanctuary)	82
6:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)	180
7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)	77
Total	339

Good Friday Services	Attendance
12:15 p.m. (Sanctuary)	94
4:30 p.m. (FLC)	82
6:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)	313
7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)	147
Total	636

Easter Worship Services	Attendance
5:30 p.m. (Family Life Center)	179
7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)	128
8:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)	379
9:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)	82
9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	745
10:30 a.m. (Family Life Center)	172
11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)	308
Total	1,993

Week of April 21-28, 2012

Saturday, April 21

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - 33 Series
- 8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures' Consignment Sale
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theater

Sunday, April 22

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater
- 2:30 p.m. Angie Gage Music Recital
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout - Brownies
- 6:00 p.m. Boyz of Faith
- 6:30 p.m. Picture Me Green Artist Visit

Monday, April 23

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections

Important dates

School-year Faith Alive and junior high small groups ends April 25; will resume in the fall.

School-year Grace Place ends May 6.

Summer Grace Place/Castaway runs from June 2-3 to July 28-29.

Summer VBS begins July 11.

Outpouring of Love (April 7-13)	
General Fund Offerings	\$34,035
4th QTD Offering	\$68,765
4th QTD Budget	\$77,000

Tuesday, April 24

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. Restorative Justice
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Study

Wednesday, April 25

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive Family Game Night
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High and Senior High End-of-Year Celebration
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

Thursday, April 26

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Celebration Home School Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Restorative Justice
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study - 33 Series (Off-site)

Friday, April 27

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, April 28

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - 33 Series
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Ankeny Christian Academy

Ankeny Christian Academy is hosting a spring craft and vendor fair Saturday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1604 West 1st Street, Ankeny.

Ways to help

Urbandale Food Pantry - Consider donating toilet paper in April to the "Food Pantry" bin in the Narthex.

Honduras Mission - Additional items needed in April for the Honduras mission are adult vitamins, calcium and vitamin E. Please place items in the "Honduras" bin in the Narthex.

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

Educational time. We value families, so we encourage families to worship together. We will then invite the children to educational time on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.; and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

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

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

Our H3 (Worship with your Head, Heart and Hands) casual service offers an atmosphere in which families are encouraged to worship together. Expect lively praise music, puppets and themed family activities. A pastor will lead the service, and the message will be a simulcast from Saturday night's service. 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 awe-inspiring. 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 - Romans 5:20-6:5 (NIV)

The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

If you have any questions, please ask one of our members or stop by the Welcome Centers.

Education times

Children (ages 2- grade 5)

Grace Place

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.
Sundays at 9:20 & 10:50 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.