



I Am Free from Sin

Christians live in an interesting paradox; a situation that defies logic or reasoning. After the resurrection at Easter, we know the sacrifice was complete. We were guilty and deserved punishment; yet the punishment didn't fall on us, it fell on him. So we are forgiven in Christ and we have the advantage of a new life. Right?

The problem is that we are still sinful people. We strive to do our best but fall short—all the time. This vicious cycle of sinner and saint is one that we struggle with daily. Our penchant to sin oftentimes leads to guilt and remorse, which escorts us deeper into the dark hole of hopelessness and condemnation.

Stop! Haven't we been freed by the blood of our Savior—once and for all?

Hasn't the power of the resurrection freed us from sin and all its ugly counterparts? Today's message will help us to further understand how those binding chains have been eternally destroyed. We are released, set free from the shackles of sin, because of the sacrifice of our Lord.

Save the date

Friday, June 22 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gloria Dei has designated Friday, June 22 to partner with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity by building a house for a family who emigrated from Baghdad, Iraq. We need 15 ministry partners to work on the house (no experience is necessary) as well as individuals to provide, prepare and serve lunch for all the workers. If interested, please register online at www.gloriadeionline.com. If you have any questions, call Bill Clark at 491-8543. *To read about the family who we will be helping, see page 4.*

Stephen Ministry

Our Stephen Ministry, an extension of our Congregational Care Ministry, consists of trained caregivers who help our members navigate through difficult times. They minister to those who are experiencing loneliness, loss of a spouse, retirement changes, unemployment, childbirth, discouragement, hospitalization, divorce, grief and terminal illness. With a caring heart and a listening ear, they encourage people through their current situations.

Our fourth wave of Stephen Ministers will be commissioned Sunday, April 21 at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Bill VanVliete and Gary Wasko will join the ranks of the other men and women who have been commissioned as Stephen Ministers. *For more information about these men, see page 4.*

If you or someone you know need extra support through a difficult time, please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204. All conversations are completely confidential.



My Chains Are Gone

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:

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.

DMARC envelopes

Enclosed in today's Weekly Word is a DMARC envelope.

Please consider donating to helping those in need.

See page 3 for more details.

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. Register by going to the adult page at www.gloriadeionline.com. If childcare is needed, please indicate this when you register. 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 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.

Book signing

Sunday, May 6 from 8:30-9 and 10-10:30 a.m. in room 129

The GirlZ of Faith will host author Jade Miller at a book-signing event Sunday, May 6.



Jade, a 12-year-old girl, who is involved with a variety of church activities from children's ministry to dinner theater to playing the piano in the Sanctuary will present her newly released book, "Sybil's Ride of Courage." This 28-page soft-bound historical fiction is based on a true story about a teenage girl during the American Revolution. Books can be purchased for \$10.60; a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Children's Ministry. If you have any questions, contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext, 217. Books can also be purchased at the Toolshoppe starting May 6.

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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. This is a moving sequel to "Even Now."

Memorial service

Tuesday, May 15 at 5 p.m. at Gloria Dei - The congregation is invited to remember those police officers across our nation who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, April 22 at the 7:45 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



B Brady Rance Nichols born on March 7, 1998 to Preston and Angela (nee Joens) Nichols. Brady's spiritual sponsor is Judy Duffield.

DMARC: helping the needy

Gloria Dei is sponsoring a spring food drive for DMARC, Des Moines Area Religious Council. DMARC will purchase, package, follow the dietary guidelines and transport the non-perishable food items to the Urbandale Food Pantry and to others in need. Last fall, we collected \$1,225 to help DMARC purchase food for families in need.

Make checks payable to Gloria Dei with "DMARC" and your offering envelope number on the memo line. Please insert cash or check into the enclosed envelope and place it in today's offering or drop it by the office. We appreciate your help in helping those in need. If you have any questions, contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

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.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

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

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Tim Phillips

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

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

Preacher

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organ

Lynn Hays

Acolytes

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Aaron Siems

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Brandon Timmerman

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Devon Valle

Scripture readings:

Romans 6:6-14 and
Hebrews 9:11-15 (NIV)

Hospitality Teams

Northwind (FLC)
Team Two

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

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Four

10:30 a.m. (FLC)
TBD

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

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:

- 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
- Matthew Nelson

And for:

- The family of Brad and Angie Gage, who are grieving the loss of Angie's uncle and grandfather

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.

Financial Peace University

Tuesday, May 29 to Aug. 28
from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a 13-week journey that teaches how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, increasing your ability to give and much, much more.

Register on the adult page at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Stephen Ministers

We are thankful to introduce the following two individuals who have completed the Stephen Ministry training.

Bill Van Vliete



“I look forward to helping others who are suffering with whatever calamity has overcome them as well as the opportunity to come closer to Christ through this ministry,” says Bill.

Bill and Marilynn have been married for 48 years. Their daughter, Beth is married to Brian McConville. Bill enjoys performing arts, gardening and time spent with good friends.

Gary Wasko



“I want to serve by being a Christian caregiver and a friend to the body of Christ,” says Gary.

Bill and Grace have been married for 31 years and have three children: Lisa, who is married to David, Jason, and Kristine. Gary likes to ride motorcycles, walk his German Shepherd dogs and landscape his yard.

Helping a family build a house

Originally from Iraq, Asaad, Nagham, and their son Bashar, 10, emigrated from Baghdad, Iraq in January 2008. Asaad works as a warehouse associate at Hillyard as well as working as an interpreter for Lutheran Services in Iowa. Nagham works completing data entry at Rain & Hail Insurance, Inc. Asaad and Nagham both enjoy listening to music and using the computer and internet. Bashar enjoys playing basketball and skateboarding. In addition to these hobbies, the family is also active within the community working to connect elderly families with local supportive service agencies through Lutheran Services in Iowa.

Asaad and Nagham were active participants of the Blueprint to Homeownership education series including topics on financial education, life as a homeowner, and home maintenance tasks and tips—their contributions to classes enhanced the learning experiences of their classmates. Bashar also completed the Youth Financial Education classes during the summer of 2011 and his contributions to classes matched that of his parents. They have worked steadily to complete their sweat equity

requirement, working on other Habitat Homebuyer’s houses, working in the ReStore, working on office projects, and eventually, they will be working on their own house.



Bashar, Nagham and Asaad are anticipating building and owning a home through Habitat for Humanity.

When asked how life will be different after becoming a homeowner, Asaad commented on the sense of pride that comes with achieving such a large goal. He further explained that for his family “having a house like a home is a great feeling; to have our own privacy and own space is the best thing ever.” To Asaad and Nagham, homeownership is a “sensible thing to do: buy a house, raise a family, pay off the house, and live in comfort in old age. The home is a good investment.”

Gloria Dei’s Construction Day!

Friday, June 22 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
2910 1st Street, Des Moines

Need 15 ministry partners to help with construction, and individuals to provide, prepare and serve lunch.

Register on our Web site.



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.

End of year celebration

Wednesday, April 25

5-5:45 p.m. - Free dinner at Gloria Dei

6-7:15 p.m. - Bowling at Merle Hay Lanes.

Cost is \$5 for two games and shoes.

Sign-up by Sunday on the bulletin board.



Dinner Theater -
This year's cast of characters continue to be a source of laughter and talent. We are thankful for the crew and all those who helped with this year's dinner theater.

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.

GirlZ of Faith

Thursday, May 3 at 6 p.m.

GirlZ of Faith (grades 4-5) allows time for fellowship, Bible study and what girls do best—having fun!

Midweek meal

Wednesdays from 5-5:45 p.m. Enjoy a meal with the entire family of Gloria Dei. **April 25: Grilled Hamburgers**

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 night

Wednesday, April 25 at 5 p.m.

We are mixing things up a bit. Come to the Family Life Center from 5-5:45 p.m. for free hamburgers and hot dogs. We will then travel to Merle Hay Lanes to bowl. Parents are responsible for transportation. Cost for bowling is \$5 for two games and shoes.

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.

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
- 4:30 p.m. Picture Me Green Artist Visit
- 6:00 p.m. Boyz of Faith
- 6:30 p.m. Alpha MAT

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

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. End-of-Year Celebration Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. Bowling at Merle Hay Lanes
- 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

- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Group Service Project

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

Upcoming Events

Hinge Event

Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Led by Transforming Churches Network, a revitalization arm of LCMS, Hinge Events gather passionate people who are looking to become deliberate in their actions for reaching people with the love of Jesus Christ. If interested, contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Service Breakfast

Saturday, May 12 from 9 -10:30 a.m.

Join the east and west circuits at Trinity Lutheran Church (32nd and University Ave.) to learn ways on how to serve together. If interested, call 279-3609.

Worship (April 14-15)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	137	
7:45 a.m.	114	88
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	252	192
10:30 a.m (Sanctuary)	210	137
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	92	
Total	805	417

Outpouring of Love (April 14-20)	
General Fund Offerings	\$31,648
4th QTD Offering	\$100,412
4th QTD Budget	\$109,000

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.—2 Corinthians 9:7

Week of April 28-May 5, 2012

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

Sunday, April 29

- 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
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 6:00 p.m. Lisa Merfeld Piano Recital

Monday, April 30

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 7:00 p.m. Celebration Home School Choir Concert

Tuesday, May 1

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Central Iowa Knitters

Wednesday, May 2

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Pictures and Rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study - 33 Series (Off-site)

Thursday, May 3

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:00 p.m. Girlz of Faith
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, May 4

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 5:00 p.m. John Rohrs and Lynnette Wilson Rehearsal

Saturday, May 5

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - 33 Series
- 11:00 a.m. Wedding Luncheon
- 3:30 p.m. John Rohrs and Lynnette Wilson Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

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!

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.

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday April 18
Preschool	6	16	21	23
Elementary	23	35	41	84
Total Children	29	51	62	107

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 6:6-14 (NIV)

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

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.