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Patterns of destruction and mercy

by Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion

We are still visiting the divided nation in today's destination. In the northern kingdom, King Ahab and his side-kick Jezebel, brought the religious life to an unprecedented low as they suffered three years without rain, and were eventually exiled from the Promised Land. In



the southern kingdom, King Hezekiel and King Josiah encouraged Judah to follow the Lord. Unfortunately, when these two kings died, other kings ruled who ignored God's advice.

It doesn't take long to see a pattern emerge from the pages of the Old Testament. God strongly directs the kings to put him first. No idols—only true allegiance to the one true God will suffice. When leaders put him first, battles were won, food and water were plentiful and enemies were

kept at bay. However, when kings forsook God, severe consequences occurred, not the least of which was leading an entire nation to idolatry.

Furthermore, all the leaders of the priests and the people became more and more unfaithful, following all the detestable practices of the nations and defiling the temple of the Lord, which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. 2 Chronicles 36:14

We also see another pattern emerge from this dark period—God's faithfulness surpasses people's unfaithfulness as stated in the next verse:

The Lord, the God of their ancestors, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling place. 2 Chronicles 36:15

In today's message, we will witness the horrific details of the fall of Jerusalem as men, women, and children were murdered, the temple was burned, and the survivors became servants in Babylon. We will also see that God's main desire was and will always be to save his people from destruction. But when they mocked, despised and scoffed at God's words, there was "no remedy" for their self-inflicted condition; and therefore, destruction shattered their lives. Are there lessons we can learn from their tragedy? And if so, what are those lessons?

Dinner theater runs this weekend



Tickets still available!

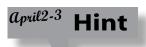
There is still time to join us for the dinner theater. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Saturday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 27 at 12 p.m.

Friday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Ticket prices: \$10 - adults; \$8 under 10 and over 55.

March 26 and 27, 2011 | Third Sunday in Lent



Next week's destination *Hint:* Old Testament Prophets.... New Testament Jesus. God speaks directly to us. Do we listen?

Write your answer here.

Lenten Worship

Join us Wednesday, March 30 at 12:15 and 6 p.m.

"Were You There? When He Was Condemned"

All worshippers are invited to our midweek meal (grilled cheese/ hotdog chili dog) from 5-5:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Adults eat for \$4 and children and youth eat for \$2. Children under 2 eat free.

Easter

We are excited about our Easter worship services. Invite a friend or a neighbor to come along with you.

For more details, see page 4.

Worship survey results

A few weeks ago, we conducted a worship survey of the congregation that will help with future planning.

See page 2 for more details.

The dinner theater crew takes a moment to add gravity to their dress rehearsal.

Worship survey results

As a large congregation, we are always trying to find ways to gather feedback and suggestions from our members. Since it is impossible to personally ask every member about what he or she is experiencing, from time to time we provide avenues where members can voice their thoughts, such as the worship survey that was conducted a few weeks ago. It is our belief that by obtaining a "pulse" of those worshipping at Gloria Dei, we can plan more effective ways to engage and minister to the congregation in our mission to bring Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime.

The 14-question worship survey was issued for the purpose of gathering feedback and data allowing worship ministry staff to evaluate the effectiveness of the services, to determine what are the major influences affecting attendance, to evaluate the elements in the services, including the messages, the study guides, and the overall feeling of the ability of the service to foster a relationship with God. Demographic information was also gathered to allow worship ministry staff to study data related to service preference, home location, and age.

We had 297 surveys returned, both hard copy and electronic versions. This would account for nearly 30 percent of the average weekly attendance at Gloria Dei. If we were to take into consideration nearly 200 children and youth are counted toward the average attendance but were not invited to respond, the percentage of completed surveys would rise to about 37 percent. The response to the survey will give us a great feel for what the congregation is thinking and feeling about the services at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

In the next few weeks, the worship ministry along with the pastoral staff will further analyze the data to evaluate what changes should occur based upon this survey.

From an overview we discovered:

1. Convenient time was the first influence on when people attend services while music style was the second influence.

2. If service times were changed on Sunday morning to 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m., 39 percent of the respondents indicated they liked the change; while 37 percent indicated it did not matter to them; 23 percent of the respondents did not like the potential change. When analyzing the responses from only the 10:30 a.m. service respondents, 50 percent did not like the move to 11 a.m.

3. An overwhelming majority of respondents (93.4 percent) to the survey experience a sense of God's presence, gain knowledge of God, have opportunities for vulnerability, and interact with God in Word and deeds in every service and venue often or most of the time.

4. An overwhelming majority of respondents (97.7 percent) agree or strongly agree that the messages provide sound doctrine and are biblically accurate, applicable to personal life, are engaging and personally inspiring.

5. The three cities representing the largest concentration of respondents were Urbandale, Johnston, and West Des Moines. Des Moines and Clive rank as number four and five.

A series of articles in the Weekly Word detailing more of the results will be published in the near future. If you have any questions, contact Bill Jesse, at 278-5544, ext. 217.



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It's time for softball

Spring will shortly be upon us, which means softball season is right around the corner. We are organizing a fun, winning

Gloria Dei team. Are you in yet? Most games are played on



Mondays or Tuesdays with a few Thursdays scattered throughout the season. Cost will be determined based on the number of players who want to play. If interested, notify Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com immediately.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, March 27 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



Michael Brian Martin born February 4, 2011 to Brian and Megan (nee Graney) Martin. Michael's spiritual sponsors are Patrick Garland and Kirsten Garland.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, March 27 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:

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Cohen John Giesking born December 9, 2010 to Curtis and Amy

(nee Terrazzino) Giesking. Cohen's spiritual sponsors are Matt and Michelle Marek.

Relief work for Japan

President Harrison announced that The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will send \$200,000 to two Japanese Lutheran church bodies. He also encourages every LCMS individual to respond by prayer and financial support. To donate, please go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com and click on the "to help" link.

Habitat for Humanity

Monday, May 2-Saturday, June 11, 2011: Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity will build a home with our friends at Thrivent and members of the Lutheran community. Our 2011 Thrivent Lutheran building opportunity begins with a Raise the Roof week starting Monday, May 2, and we invite you to join the fun. Friday, May 6 is the day designated for Gloria Dei to help, but you can serve anytime during the week. Please take a look at the available volunteer opportunities and sign up at: http://gdmhabitat.volunteerlocal.com. After selecting your opportunity, make sure to open your confirmation email. This is a critical step in the registration process. For more information, contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.

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

9 *a.m. (FLC):* Rev. Tim Phillips

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

Preacher: Rev. Phil Robarge Organist: Lynn Hays

Acolytes: 7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary): Sophia Vogeler

9 a.m. (Sanctuary): Brady Nichols

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary): Hunter Vontalge

Scripture Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:15-19 Hospitality Team Northwind Team Four

7:45 a.m. Team Four

9 a.m. Team Four

9 a.m. (FLC) Dan and Becky Thomas and Family

10:30 a.m. Team Four

Let's pray!

Blue prayer request cards are beneath the pews. Please indicate your prayer request and place the card in the offering plate. We have both e-mail and phone prayer chains available. Call 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

Prayers

For the health of:

- Addison Blythe
- Brandon Smith
- Gene Osby
- Irene Holroyd
- Marjorie, Penny and Patricia Peters

And for:

- For Marla Byers' test results and Scott Byers' surgery
- For the people of Japan and Libya
- All of our military and workers serving around the world specifically for Tom Kennedy, Nat Wunsch, Matt Price, Joe Phillips, Jeremy Strachan, Scott LeClair, Eric Lampe, Chad Stone, Craig Scott, Joshua Phillips and Trent Lumley

Prayer team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail Pastor Phillips at: tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

2011 Holy Week and Easter services

Even though Easter is late in April, you may be thinking about making Easter plans with your family. The following information about Holy Week and Easter worship services may be helpful as you make plans with your friends and family.

Worship Services on Maundy Thursday, April 21

12:15 p.m.	Traditional (Sanctuary)
6 p.m.	Traditional (Sanctuary)
7:30 p.m.	Contemporary-blend (Sanctuary)
Worship Services on Good Friday, April 22	

12:15 p.m.	Traditional (Sanctuary)
4:30 p.m.	H3 (Family Life Center)
6 n m	Traditional (Sanctuary)

7:30 p.m. Contemporary-blend (Sanctuary)

Easter Worship on Saturday, April 23

5:30 p.m. Contemporary (Family Life Center)7 p.m. Contemporary-blend (Sanctuary)

Easter Worship on Sunday, April 24

8 a.m.	Traditional (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m.	Traditional (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m.	H3 (Family Life Center)
11 a.m.	Contemporary (Sanctuary)

Joppa Homeless Camp Cleanups

Joppa ministry, coordinated with the Street Outreach Coalition and the local unsheltered homeless community, invites the congregation to help clean up homeless camps in Des Moines on Saturday, April 2 and April 9 from 8:30 to noon. Please meet at the American Red Cross, 2116 Grand Ave., Des Moines; bring work gloves, boots and outdoor apparel. If you have any questions, call 577-7768.

The Iowa Prayer Breakfast

The fiftieth annual Iowa Prayer Breakfast with state and community leaders will be held Thursday, April 21 from 7:15-8:45 a.m. at the Polk County Convention Complex, 501 Grand Ave., Des Moines. Brannon Howse will speak on "Put Your Beliefs To the Test." For breakfast registration information or questions call 515-223-1500 by April 13. Tickets cost \$10 for students and \$20 for adults.

Kids Radio Mania

Kids Radio Mania will celebrate its 10th anniversary of all-weekend children's music with a free party Saturday, April 2 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Iowa Machine Shed restaurant. Prizes include CDs, Iowa Cubs tickets, DVDs, State Fair tickets, books and a pool birthday party for ten at the Wildwood Lodge. Every child gets one prize and those that bring this church bulletin get two prizes while supplies last. Kids Radio Mania plays family music Saturday and Sunday until 6 p.m. on 88.1 FM.

LWML Rally

Join the Des Moines West Zone Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Sunday, April 3 at 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3223 University Ave., Des Moines. Rev. Mark Gerken, Executive Assistant for Missions and Human Care, Iowa District West will speak. The cost is \$5; register by calling Kathryn Sprecher at 279-1123.

Spring clean up

We are getting the grounds ready for Easter. Join us Saturday, April

9 from 8 a.m. to noon as we rake and clean up our grounds. If we have extra people, we will move inside to clean pews and windows. For more details, contact Brandon Simpson at 710-5483.

Items needed

Urbandale Food Pantry - Please consider donating Kleenex and paper towels to the "Food Pantry" bin in the narthex.

Honduras Mission - Please drop off hair pretties, combs, hair gel and hair detangler to the "Honduras" bin in the narthex.

Eyeglasses - The Honduras team is also collecting eyeglasses to take with them. Place them in the "Honduras" bin in the narthex as soon as possible so the optometrist can determine their strength.





Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

30 Hour Famine

Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9

Mandatory Meeting - Sunday, March 27 from 10-10:20 a.m. in the Youth Center

Registration forms and checks are due. This meeting is for youth signed up for the 30 Hour Famine and their parents. Information on what to bring and what will happen during the event will be given at this time.

If you have questions, contact Kim Phillips at tnk4jc1@msn.com.

Summer Mission Trip (Grades 8-12)

Ripley, Tennessee from July 10-16, 2011. Cost is \$650. We will join 400 other teens/adults from around the United States to form work groups to perform home repairs and improvements on homes of the poor and elderly. If interested, contact Tim.

Junior high (6-8)

Sunday: Castaway: Expect fun times at Castaway hour on Sundays from 9-10 a.m. The discussion topic will follow the "Destination - Resurrection" message series.

Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m. Students in grades 6-8 meet in small groups to discuss topics relevant to their lives.

Senior high (9-12)

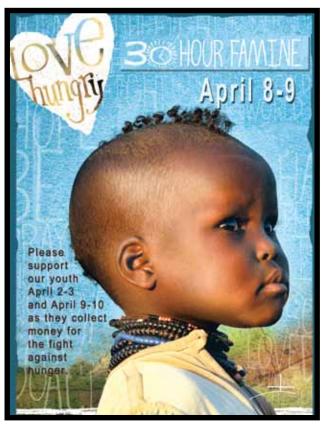
The Point: Join us this Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m. in the Youth Center for praise, large-group Bible study and small-group discussion.

Senior High Bible Study: Join us for Bible study on Sunday morning from 9-10 a.m.

30 Hour Famine

The youth will collect donations after worship services next weekend. Funds raised will help feed and care for children in poverty-afflicted countries around the globe and nationally.

Please pray for our youth as they prepare for the famine.



Tiny Treasures' **Consignment Sale**

Friday, April 15 from 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 16 from 7:30-11 a.m.

Twice a year Tiny Treasures holds a consignment sale that sells gently-used



items for children. This event is open to the public, so invite your friends and neighbors.

Sellers: Sellers can print a registration

form online or pick up a form at one of the Welcome Centers.

Volunteers: Lots of volunteers are needed for the sale. If interested, sign up at the sheet posted on the window of the preschool office.

Week of March 26-April 2, 2011

Saturday March 26

1:00 p.m. Bridal Shower

- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in
- Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theater

Sunday, March 27

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 7:45 a.m. H3 Worship Practice
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Castaway
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:30 a.m. Baptism Brunch for Michael Martin
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater
- 1:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #659

Monday, March 28

- 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study The Patriarchs
- 3:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study The Patriarchs
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training
- 6:30 p.m. Brownie Troop #786
- 7:00 p.m. Bell Ensemble

Tuesday, March 29

- 6:30 a.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 4:50 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 5:00 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 5:15 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:05 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University

Tuesday, March 29 (Continued)

- 6:40 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 30

10:00 a.m.	Pastor Robarge's Bible Study	
12:15 p.m.	Midday Lenten Worship Service	
5:00 p.m.	Midweek Meal	
6:00 p.m.	Faith Alive	
6:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship Service	
6:00 p.m.	Junior High Small Groups	
6:00 p.m.	Senior High - The Point	
7:00 p.m.	Gloria Dei Chorale	
7:00 p.m.	Alleluia Ringers	
7:30 p.m.	Foreign Missions MAT	
Thursday, March 31		
6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	
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10:00 a.m.	Joyful Stitchers
2:00 p.m.	Home School Choir
6:00 p.m.	Infusion Practice
6:30 p.m.	Care Night
6:30 p.m.	Health and Fitness
6:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball

Friday, April 1

9:30 a.m.	MOM's Club of West Des Moines
6:30 p.m.	Dinner Theater

Saturday, April 2

3:45 p.m.	Northwind Worship Team Practice
5:30 p.m.	Northwind Worship Service in
	Family Life Center
5:50 p.m.	Grace Place
6:30 p.m.	Dinner Theater

Worship (March 19-20)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	161	
7:45 a.m.	134	104
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	248	192
9 a.m. (FLC)	71	
10:30 a.m.	260	171
Total	874	467

Lenten Worship	
(March 23)	Attendance
12:15 p.m.	64
6 p.m.	370
Total	434

Outpouring of Love (March 19-20)	
General Fund Offerings	\$24,258
3rd QTD Offering	\$353,185
3rd QTD Budget	\$361,000

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Week of April 2-9, 2011

Saturday, April 2

3:45 p.m.	Northwind Worship Team Practice
5:30 p.m.	Northwind Worship Service in
	Family Life Center
5:50 p.m.	Grace Place
6:30 p.m.	Dinner Theater

Sunday, April 3

7:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
	with Communion
7:45 a.m.	H3 Worship Practice
9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
	with Communion
9:00 a.m.	H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
9:00 a.m.	Castaway
9:00 a.m.	Senior High Bible Study
9:00 a.m.	Parents and Teens Bible Study -
	"What are We To do?"
9:10 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
9:20 a.m.	Grace Place
9:20 a.m.	Lifelight Adult Bible Study

- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place

Monday, April 4

- 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study The Patriarchs
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision afternoon
- 3:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study The Patriarchs
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision evening
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training
- 7:00 p.m. Bell Ensemble

Tuesday, April 5

- 6:30 a.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 4:50 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 5:00 p.m. Health and Fitness

Children's Attendance	Wednesday 6:15 p.m.
Preschool	27
Elementary	104
Total Children	131

Tuesday, April 5 (Continued)

5:15 p.m.	Carilloneurs
6:00 p.m.	Beginning Dance
6:05 p.m.	Kindermusik Our Time
6:30 p.m.	Financial Peace University
6:40 p.m.	Kindermusik Imagine That
6:45 p.m.	Creative Dance
7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	/, April 6
10:00 a.m.	Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
12:15 p.m.	Midday Lenten Worship Service
5:00 p.m.	Midweek Meal
6:00 p.m.	Faith Alive
6:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship Service
6:00 p.m.	Junior High Small Groups
6:00 p.m.	Senior High - The Point
7:00 p.m.	Gloria Dei Chorale
7:00 p.m.	Alleluia RIngers

Thursday, April 7

6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	Joyful Stitchers
2:00 p.m.	Home School Choir
6:00 p.m.	Infusion Practice
6:30 p.m.	Care Night
6:30 p.m.	Strategic Planning MAT Meetings
6:30 p.m.	Health and Fitness
6:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball

Friday, April 8

8:00 a.m.	Urbandale Police Honor Guard Practice
10:00 a.m.	Teachers' Conference Planning
5:00 p.m.	30 Hour Famine

Saturday, April 9

12:00 a.m.	30 Hour Famine Continues
8:00 a.m.	Spring Clean Up
3:45 p.m.	Northwind Worship Team Practice
5:30 p.m.	Northwind Worship Service in
	Family Life Center with Communion
5:50 p.m.	Grace Place

Youth Attendance	Wednesday 6:15 p.m.
Junior High	82
Senior High	28
Total Youth	110

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

Welcome! Please take some time to get to know us. If you have any questions, ask any of our member or stop by the Welcome Center today!

Weekend Worship Services

Northwind Contemporary Worship Service: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center: This come-as-you-are service offers high-energy worship. Families are encourage to worship together; children will be invited to an educational time 20 minutes after the service begins.

Traditional Worship Service: Sunday at 7:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Join us in this classical Lutheran worship service that utilizes all the divine services and hymns from the new Lutheran Service Book.

Traditional Worship Service: Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Our classical Lutheran worship makes use of written and free-flow liturgy with traditional hymns. Families are encourage to worship together; children and youth will be invited to an educational time 20 minutes after the service begins.

H-3 Family Worship Service: Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center: Experience the wonder of a child in this casual and friendly-family atmosphere where families with young children worship together. Toe-tapping hymns, lively praise music and puppets will capture the heart of all family members. Families are encourage to worship together; children and youth will be invited to an educational time 20 minutes after the service begins.

Infusion-Contemporary Worship: Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary: This service offers high-energy worship using contemporary Christian songs and praise music. Families are encourage to worship together; children and youth will be invited to an educational time 20 minutes after the service begins.

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.

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.

Weekly Bible Reading

2 Chronicles 36:15-19 (NIV)

The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling place. But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the LORD was aroused against his people and there was no remedy. He brought up against them the king of the Babylonians, who killed their young men with the sword in the sanctuary, and spared neither young man nor young woman, old man or aged. God handed all of them over to Nebuchadnezzar. He carried to Babylon all the articles from the temple of God, both large and small, and the treasures of the LORD's temple and the treasures of the king and his officials. They set fire to God's temple and broke down the wall of Jerusalem; they burned all the palaces and destroyed everything of value there.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary Children's Educational Times: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon