

July 4 and 5, 2009

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Faithful to God and Country

by Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion

Michael was an incredible hitter at the age of five. With a bat in hand, he would hit balls out of our friend's yard. His sports legacy continued throughout his school years, where he lettered and earned awards. If it wasn't for a competing dream or "call" in his heart, he would have played professional baseball.

His internal compass pointed to another career—the military. He simply wanted to be a soldier that defends and protects our country. He wanted to enlist after high school, but his parents had one stipulation—college first. So, Michael enrolled in the ROTC Army program at Hofstra University in Long Island, New York. His goal was to obtain the skills and leadership training to become an officer in the United States Army.

On September 10, 2001, he attended his first day of school. His second day was met by a phone call from the Army to help with the aftermath of 9/11. He spent weeks at Ground Zero in 24 hour shifts—eight hours shuffling through rubble to sort out body parts, eight hours providing security to the grounds and eight hours sleeping in a make-shift dormitory, which was adjacent to the temporary morgue.

"In one day, Michael became a man," his father said.

After experiencing the face of destruction, Michael's toughness and dedication did not waver. To match the urgency of the times, he went to his commander to volunteer to fight in Afghanistan. Fortunately, his commander saw the same path that his father requested and told Michael to finish school. "The Army can wait for you, Michael," he said.

I am not sure what Michael thought about when he walked across the stage to receive his diploma, nor when he was commissioned as an officer in the Army, nor when he spent a year in Iraq, but I do know of the man who returned to the States. And even though he had the same determination to be a soldier as he did in his childhood, his appreciation and thankfulness for the freedom in America grows as he serves the country he loves.

*O beautiful, for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.*

As we celebrate the freedom of our country, let's remember the Michaels who have believed in a cause greater than their own lives—our freedom.

Installation Service

You are invited. Philip Robarge will be installed as Gloria Dei's Associate Pastor on Sunday, July 12 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A reception in the Family Life Center will follow.

UP & COMING EVENTS

July 4-5

Grace Place and Castaway will not meet July 4-5.

Summer Camps

If you have not registered for one of our summer camps, it is not too late.

For a list of the camps, see page 8.

For a photo montage of last week's Shapin' Up Fitness Camp, see page 6-7.

Stephen Ministry

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Stephen Minister, see page 4.

America! America!

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Strategic Plan Celebrations

Last Sunday, we lived out our vision to be a beacon to our community by hosting a Patriotic Concert at Living History Farms. Approximately 1,100 people attended the concert where a community-wide orchestra, choir and children's choir paid tribute to those men and women who have served our country. The evening culminated with more than 75 men and women who came up front to state their name, branch of service and where they served.



We continue to receive notes of thanks from those who attended the concert, which will be published in next week's Weekly Word.

Part-time Music Director Sought

We are seeking a part-time music director for the Gloria Dei chorale and/or orchestra. This position can be filled by one or two individuals depending on their expertise.

The candidate(s) will lead worshippers into God's presence through instrumental music and vocal arts in both traditional and contemporary styles. A degree in music and experience in leading and conducting large ensembles (75 or more) of both vocal choirs and orchestra are required. In addition to leading worship, the candidate(s) will help to expand performance, musicality and music education at Gloria Dei. This position will require less than 20 hours per week with required weekend hours.

If interested, please send resumé and cover letter to: Bill Jesse, Executive Director at bjesse@gloriadeionline.com. (Please specify if you are applying for the chorale, orchestra or chorale/orchestra position.):

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Military Care Packages

The Patriotic Choir and Orchestra are putting together care packages to send to military personnel who are currently overseas.

They are collecting the following items: Pop-tarts, hair and body gel, magazines, puzzlebooks, phone cards, personal hygiene items, flat packages of wipes, CDs, movies, snacks that do not melt, individual coffee packets and sunscreen. They are also collecting monetary donations for postage.

All items can be placed in the Military Care Package Bin in the narthex by Sunday, July 19. Please bring your monetary donations to the church office or place them in the offering plate (clearly marked Military Care Package).

If you know of anyone who is overseas and would benefit from a package from home, please let Julie DenHerder know at jrdenher@gmail.com.

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

Visitors: Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today. Please sign the friendship pad in the pew or at the Information Center and check the “visitor” box. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 276-1700.

Discovery 101: Thursday, September 10 thru October 22 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Discovery 101 is a class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided.

Discovery 201: Sunday, Oct. 25 at 3 p.m.

If you are transferring from another Lutheran Church or you have completed Discovery 101, you are invited to Discovery 201. This four-hour event is for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided.

To Register:

To register, please go to the adult ministry page on our Web site.

Message Series

The “What’s On Your Mind” message series will continue through July. The topics were based on the questionnaire sheets we received when we asked the members of the congregation what was on their minds.

July 4-5:

Faithful to God and Country

July 11-12:

Life Issues

July 18-19:

Baptism

July 25-26:

Is the End Near?

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Tim Phillips

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

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

9 a.m. (FLC):
Mr. Steve Kohtz

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

Preacher:

Rev. Tim Phillips

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Ross Kromminga

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Natalie Larimer

Elders:

Vic Kesse
Steve Junge
Tim Radig

Ushers:

Northwind
Mike Mazza
Tim Mueller

7:45 a.m.

Bruce Amendt
Lou Grotheer
Mo Grotheer
Arlyn Hesse
Jim Johnson
Dick Mueller

9 a.m.

Greg Haessler
Doug Kumm
Jim Miles
Chad Oehlert
Dan Johnson

Scripture Readings:

Acts 4:8-20 and Romans 13:1-7 (NIV)

God’s People in Prayer

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 freedom
- For the men and women serving in the military
- For our nation
- For our families
- For our Honduras mission team

Prayers

- For the health concerns of Elaine Gebhardt
- For Dorothy Wohlers, who is recovering from surgery
- For Heather Grabovskis, Mindy Dammen’s sister, who was injured in a motorcycle accident
- For the health of Carol Dickey’s sister
- For Tom and Joyce Westby mourning the loss of Tom’s sister, Pat Boal
- For Janet Tysee following knee surgery
- For the continued health of Zachary Duncalf
- For the health of Ed Mautz
- For Megan Thompson, a 19-year-old girl, who is battling cancer

Prayer ministry team

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

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Freedom for Youth Ministries

Freedom for Youth Ministries, located at 2301 Hickman Road in Des Moines, welcomes any small group or individual to help with a project this summer. They have a variety of opportunities available. Please contact Melanie at 282-4822 for more information on volunteering for a project.

Thrivent Builds

Saturday, July 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m

Gloria Dei has a day designated to help Thrivent Builds on Saturday, July 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or for half of a day). Meet us at the 1200 block of 10th Street, Des Moines where we will then be assigned to do light work on a few of the Habitat for Humanity houses. Lunch will be provided. If interested, please contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.

Pantry Requests

Urbandale Food Pantry requests



toothbrushes for July. Please place the items in the boxes in the narthex or by the

Family Life Center. Thanks to everyone who brought toothpaste in June.

Tiny Treasures Openings

Lead teachers: We are seeking two lead teachers for 3-year-olds; one for Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. and the other for Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Applicants must have teaching and child development education and experience.



Preschool Director: We are requesting applications for the position of Preschool Director for Tiny Treasures Preschool. Tiny Treasures Preschool is a vital ministry area of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. The preschool enjoys a stellar reputation. Tiny Treasures has received National Lutheran School Accreditation and is the first early childhood accredited preschool in Iowa District West.

The staff of Tiny Treasures is a caring, dedicated, and talented Christian staff who are devoted to sharing the gospel with the children of God.

The successful candidate for the Director position must be ministry minded, possess an insight into academic excellence and understands and manages the process to achieve this excellence.

A teaching degree with Early Childhood teaching experience is preferred. Experience creating and managing an annual budget, grant writing, and managing teachers and assistants is also desirable.

Applications: An application can be found on our Web site. Return the completed application and a resumé to Bill Jesse, Executive Director to the church office.

Stephen Ministry Informational Seminars

People are precious and when they hurt or suffer, they deserve the best care and support we can offer. This is why we offer Stephen Ministry. The training, commitment and service make the Stephen Ministers skilled at providing care for people in need.

If you have ever thought about being involved in Stephen Ministry, here is your chance to learn about the details of the requirements and commitment of becoming a Stephen Minister.

Please attend one of the following informational meetings:

- Tuesday, July 14 6:30-7:30 p.m. Youth Center
- Monday, July 20 6:30-7:30 p.m. Youth Center

In addition, you may drop in anytime Sunday, July 19 from 8:45 a.m. to noon in room 135/137 to ask questions and gather information.



Amelia Bedelia Plans to Visit

Storytime, July 10 at 6 p.m.



Amelia Bedelia will visit us Friday, July 10 for an enactment of her zany life. Refreshments will follow.

Who is Amelia Bedelia? Amelia Bedelia is the protagonist and title character of a series of American children's books written by Peggy Parish. "Amelia Bedelia" was based on a maid in Cameroon, where the author spent some time during her formative years. Her vast collection of hats, notorious for their extensive plumage, inspired her to write an assortment of tales based on her experiences in North Africa. Some of the stories involve Amelia repeatedly misunderstanding various commands of her employer, causing her to perform wrong actions with comical effect.

August Summer Grace Place Ministry Partners Needed!

We need ministry partners for our "Trip Around the World" Summer Grace Place in August. Can you help for a week? If you would like to join in on the fun, contact DeAnn McCue or Penny Schramm at 276-1700.

Book Club

Join us as we discuss Christian books. We will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the dates listed below in the cry room:

Wednesday, July 8

"Boneman's Daughter"

by Ted Dekker

Wednesday, August 12

"The Someday List"

by Stacy Hawkins Adams

Books can be purchased in the Toolshoppe. For more information, contact Heather Schmitz at hlschmitz@mchsi.com or at 371-5875.

Scrapbook Fun

Friday, July 10

8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Saturday, July 11

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Scrapbook Fellowship is open to anyone

who wants to dedicate time to organize and assemble their pictures into

scrapbooks (even digital). They meet in room 131-133. For more information about this fun activity, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324.



Childcare: If you need childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, July 8 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

Gloria Dei Gardeners

Saturday, July 11

from 8 a.m. to noon

Join the fun and help keep our grounds beautiful. We will meet in the parking lot at 8 a.m. and spend the morning weeding, raking and working on other gardening activities.

Families are invited to work together!

If you have any questions, call Brandon at 710-5483.


Glorious Dei
gardeners

Shapin' Up Camp Trains for a Healthy Lifestyle



Children of all ages came to Shapin' Up Camp last week. They learned how to lead a healthy lifestyle while learning some new active and jamming moves. The children embraced the new games and healthy food choices with increased enthusiasm. And rumor has it, they enjoyed them!



Hot Fun in the Summer

We are excited to provide lots of children's activities this summer. For more information, contact DeAnn McCue, Director of Family Ministry at 278-5544, ext. 207 or Penny Schramm, Associate Director of Children's Ministry or pick up one of our summer brochures located at the Information Center.

God's Amazing Creation Science Camps

This camp will be held July 6 to July 9. Specific camps for ages 3-5, grades K-1 and grades 2-5. Come discover God's amazing creation through hands-on activities and experiments. Register for the camp by picking up a summer camp brochure today.



Things That Move

This camp will be held July 13 to July 16 from 9-11 a.m. This camp is for preschool children ages 3-5. Preschool children will explore all types of transportation—things with wings, things with wheels, and lots of big machines that make learning fun. Register for this camp by picking up a summer camp brochure today.



Girls in Her Story Camps

These camps will be held July 13-17. Girls in grades K-1, 2-3 and 4-5 are invited to travel back into time with their dolls to learn about life in America. Lots of stories, hands-on activities, crafts and cooking are a part of this camp. Register for this camp by picking up a summer camp brochure today.

Family Game Night

Family Game Night is Sunday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m. Open to all families. Let's have some wild and wacky fun celebrating families. We'll play some great outdoor games, eat some snacks and end with devotions around a campfire, all on the church grounds. This no-cost event will have your family talking and laughing for a long time. In case of rain the event will be held inside.

Fine Arts Camp

This camp will be held July 20-23. Children ages 3-5 years old and grades K-5 will have the opportunity to dabble into activities that will encourage the little artist. Register for this camp by picking up a summer camp brochure today.

Dove Real Beauty Workshop

This workshop will be held Tuesday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m. Dove Beauty is an exciting workshop for girls ages 8-12 and their mothers. This free workshop will help the girls see their inner beauty as God created them. Register for this camp by picking up a summer camp brochure.



Family Time at Clive Water Park

Saturday, August 15 from 9:15-11:15 a.m. This is a no-cost family event that will cool you off and keep you laughing. Open to all families. No registration required.

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Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

Please note: Summer Castaway is offered at 9:20 a.m.

No Castaway on July 5

July's Topic: Bad Girls of the Bible

July 12: Sinful Woman

July 19: Delilah

July 26: Lot's Wife

August 3: Woman Caught in Adultery

Lunch and a Movie

Sunday, July 26 from 12-4 p.m.

We will depart from church at noon and head for a bite to eat before we hit a movie. Cost is approximately \$15.

Senior High Grades 9-12

The Point

Wednesday evenings during the month of July will be a time when senior high students can gather with friends and study some hot topics from the Bible and then enjoy a fellowship activity following the study.

Bible study: Join us in the Youth Center at 6 p.m.

July's Topic: Controversial Issues

July 8: Should Christians Date Non-Christians?

Fellowship Opportunity: 7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 8: Movie at Cobblestone
Cost \$10

Wednesday, July 15: No Point - Mission Trip to Montana July 10-17

Wednesday, July 22: Senior High Café 923

Wednesday, July 29: Bar-b-que and mud-sliding at Tim Kightlinger's house

Senior High Surveys

www.gloriadeionline.com/youth/youth.asp

We want your feedback. In order for us to further develop our senior high ministry, we need your input. Please take 5 minutes to complete an online survey, which can be assessed on the youth page of our Web site. Parents and youth need to fill out separate surveys. Thanks so much.

Junior and Senior High Grades 6-12

Ice Skating and Broom Ball

Thursday, July 30 from 8-10 p.m.

Meet us at Metro Ice Sports Facility, 5100 NW 72nd Street, Urbandale for some refreshing time out of the heat. Sign up and pay by July 26. The cost is \$10.

Week of July 4 to 11, 2009

Saturday, July 4

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center

Sunday, July 5

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, July 6

- 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation Science Camps
- 9:15 a.m. Summer Women's Connections a.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Beginning Tumbling Class
- 6:00 p.m. Healthy Spirit, Healthy Body
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:00 p.m. Hip Hop Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Summer Women's Connections p.m.

Tuesday, July 7

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Meeting at Machine Shed
- 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation Science Camps
- 6:30 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare for Children
- 7:00 p.m. Iowa District West Youth Gathering Informational Meeting

Wednesday, July 8

- 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation Science Camps
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:30 p.m. Book Club
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, July 9

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation Science Camps
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 4:45 p.m. Fourth Grade Basketball Practice

Friday, July 10

- Youth Mission Trip to Ashland, Montana
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 10:00 a.m. July Summer Story Time
- 6:00 p.m. Hansen/Wheeler Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. July Summer Story Time

Saturday, July 11

- 8:00 a.m. Glorious Dei Gardeners
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 4:00 p.m. Nicole Hansen and Brock Wheeler Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Scripture Base on Giving:

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." Malachi 3:10-11

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	143	84
7:45 a.m.	125	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	374	
9 a.m. (FLC)	50	24
10:30 a.m.	234	
Total	926	108

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$14,674
YTD Offering	\$1,541,208
YTD Budget	\$1,744,994

Week of July 11 to 18, 2009

Saturday, July 11

- 8:00 a.m. Glorious Dei Gardeners
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 4:00 p.m. Nicole Hansen and Brock Wheeler
Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in
Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Sunday, July 12

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
with Communion
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in
Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 4:00 p.m. Rev. Philip Robarge Installation Service
- 5:00 p.m. Rev. Philip Robarge Reception
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, July 13

- 9:00 a.m. Girls in "Her" Story Camps
- 9:00 a.m. Things That Move Camp
- 9:15 a.m. Summer Women's Connections a.m.
(Daniel study not meeting.)
- 5:30 p.m. Beginning Tumbling Class
- 6:00 p.m. Healthy Spirit, Healthy Body
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:00 p.m. Hip Hop Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Summer Women's Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club Meeting

Tuesday, July 14

- 9:00 a.m. Girls in "Her" Story Camps
- 9:00 a.m. Things That Move Camp
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare for Children
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Informational Seminar

Wednesday, July 15

- 9:00 a.m. Girls in "Her" Story Camps
- 9:00 a.m. Things That Move Camp
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, July 16

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Girls in "Her" Story Camps
- 9:00 a.m. Things That Move Camp
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 4:45 p.m. Fourth Grade Basketball Practice

Friday, July 17

- Youth Mission Trip Return from Ashland, Montana
- 9:00 a.m. Girls in "Her" Story Camps
- 5:30 p.m. Jobst/Hutzell Rehearsal

Saturday, July 18

- 4:00 p.m. Laura Jobst and Ryan Hutzell
Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in
Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

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

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! We seek to be a place where people can come and discover God's perspective on life, a place where you can find real answers to today's questions. Please take some time to get to know us. We have lots of programs and activities for you and your family. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members or stop by the Information Center.

Nursery

Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level with access is 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.

Families worship together

At both 9 a.m. services, families are encouraged to worship together before the children are invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them. Of course, if children would rather be with adults throughout the service, they are more than welcome.

Children

Grace Place:

Join us for Summer Grace Place as we offer educational opportunities for children ages 2 through grade 5 Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Families are welcome to worship together before the children are excused for Grace Place 20 minutes into the service, or families can take their children to the classrooms.

Youth

Castaway next week: For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center Sunday at 9:20 a.m. And don't forget to look at page 9 for all the other summer activities.

Senior high students: Lots of activities are planned for our senior high youth this summer; see page 9 for all the details.

Adults

There are lots of community groups forming. For more information, contact the church office at 276-1700.



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.

Weekly Bible Reading: Romans 13:1-7

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

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

Summer Grace Place: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon