

Participants in Sunday leadership for June, 2023

Date	Reader	Liturgist	Greeter	Acolyte
Sat, June 3				
June 11	Pam		Larry	Ellie
June 18	Jennifer	Monica	Jerry	Ellie
June 25	Monica	Jennifer	Ralph	Anna

Readings and prayers are available on the "Sunday Service" page of our website.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is located on original lands of Anishinaabe, Cree, Ojibwe-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

Each of us is a unique creation drawn into being by the Source of Life. While committed to the Christian path, we do not all believe the exact same things; there is room at Gloria Dei for doubt, exploration, and diversity.

We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts among us. We strive to be an open and affirming congregation to all, welcoming and including in our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space. We believe that through our openness, we all grow in our faith following Christ's model of love, respect, kindness, and generosity.

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*O holy Wisdom, soaring pow'r,
encompass us with wings unfurled,
and carry us, encircling all
above, below, and through the world.*

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I know there have been many times when I think *I know best*. I may know the best deal for buying the groceries, I may have the best idea for a musical arrangement, I think I know the ins and outs of a situation I've heard about *even better* than someone who's actually living it...! The thing with knowing *best*, or *being right*, is that it leaves out the possibility of another's experience where they know best, or can speak for themselves, or may have a better handle on things.

In June, we observe Pride, and we'll lift up our Reconciling In Christ status. We'll also observe Indigenous Peoples' Day as we arrive on the longest day of the year. Is it possible that, in times when our church tradition excluded some people (whether it was the unbaptized from receiving Communion, or women as pastors, or people of different sexual orientations and gender identities from full participation in the life of the church, or welcome of BIPOC people, or *what-have-you*), we were declaring that we knew best, that we were right, that – maybe – we even *spoke for God*?

The hymnist writes about the divine as holy Wisdom, and that it is above us, figuratively speaking. Perhaps part of our call as followers of the way of Jesus Christ is to set aside those issues we would cling to that keep us apart, and to humble ourselves when it is a matter of being open to another's experience and humanity.

Diversity is God's image in the world, and how good God is to gift us with life everyday! Thanks be to God for the love God has for all!

-Pastor Tyler

Join in the Ministry at Gloria Dei!

Greeters (ushers) greet people and point them to the bulletin and offering plate, and remind people to keep some distance between households.

Readers read the first lesson, psalm, and second lesson.

Liturgists lead the prayers of intercession, offertory prayer, post-Communion prayer, and dismissal, and assist with distribution of Communion.

Acolytes are young people who help with lighting and extinguishing the altar candles, and reading our land acknowledgement and welcome statement to start the service

AND... we need to build up our "**tech team**" to help with powerpoint and livestream. Is this something you are able and willing to do (or learn to do)?

If you are able and willing to help on Sundays, please let Karen in our office know! Email: gdeiwp@gmail.com

If you are *unable* to usher, read, or assist on a scheduled date, please find a replacement and let Pastor Tyler know.



Will you help to host Sunday coffee at church?

See the sign-up sheet in our narthex!

THANK YOU

to all those who serve as readers, liturgists, acolytes, altar guild, fellowship, council...
We are grateful for your part in our life together!



Want to hear a joke about a roof?

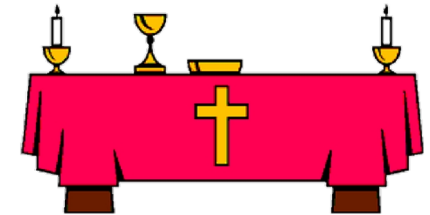
The first one's on the house. 😊

ALTAR GUILD

Move of Altar Guild Room from Basement to Main Floor

The move of our Altar Guild room from the basement to the main floor is pretty much complete with the exception of bringing up a few items not used on a weekly basis.

Thank you to everyone for your offers to help with the move.



A special thank you to my daughter, Laurel and my son-in-law, Alan who painted the room, assembled a new storage cupboard and brought the fridge up from the basement altar guild room. Thank you also to Laurel for the lovely plant she donated.

Thank you to Eric Nazar and Al Isleifson who assembled the kitchen work/storage station.

Thank you to Barb Magnusson who sewed a beautiful curtain for the window. (It is so nice to have a room with a window!) Barb is now on the lookout for a wall clock.

Thank you to Ralph Oswald and Don Zimmerman for moving the cupboard that stores the fair linens and paraments up from the basement.

The Altar Guild has a lovely space in which to work and no stairs to climb!
-Karen Flaming



POTLUCK PICNIC

after Sunday service on June 18



What's the difference between a poorly dressed man on a unicycle and a well-dressed man on a bicycle? Attire.



Ladies Lunch

The ladies of GD, some friends, and sometimes a few men get together for lunch the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Taverna Rodos, at the corner of Harstone Rd. and Roblin Blvd. at 12 noon. You are invited to join us. The next lunch will be June 14, 12noon at the above restaurant. Anyone wishing to attend **needs to RSVP** to Marlene Herman at 204 895-1628 or e-mail her at alvinmar@shaw.ca by **Monday, June 12.**

RECONCILING IN CHRIST

(info reprinted from July-August, 2021 *Gloria Daily* newsletter)

ReconcilingWorks believes **representation matters**. So we are excited to have a **NEW Reconciling in Christ (RIC) logo!** Inspired by the Progressive Pride Flag design, these updates to the RIC logo include the colors



blue, pink, and white to represent our transgender siblings, as well as a black and brown stripe, to represent the fullness of our Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Community brings to the queer community.

Since 1983, the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program has been a public way for faith communities to see, name, celebrate, and advocate for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions in the Lutheran church. The RIC Program is made up of congregations, synods, colleges, seminaries, outdoor ministries, and other Lutheran organizations.

Every ministry setting begins this journey from their own unique context and *ReconcilingWorks* is here to help you create an authentic welcome journey that is customized to your community.

The purpose of the RIC Program is to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; work for racial equity and commit to anti-racist work and support the national program. <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/ric/aboutric/>

◆ We celebrate joining the RIC roster in a special service on June 3rd! ◆



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Juneteeth

Juneteenth is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Deriving its name from combining "June" and "nineteenth", it is celebrated on the anniversary of the order, issued by Major General Gordon Granger on **June 19, 1865**, proclaiming freedom for slaves in Texas. Originating in Galveston, Juneteenth has since been observed annually in various parts of the United States, often broadly celebrating African-American culture. The day was first recognized as a federal holiday in 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law after the efforts of Lula Briggs Galloway, Opal Lee, and others.

World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day is an international day organized every year on 20 June by the United Nations. It is designed to celebrate and honour refugees from around the world. The day was first established on **20 June 2001**, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees. The event aims to recognize the strength of the refugees who have fled the conflict and persecution of their country in hope of finding sanctuary and living a better life.

National Indigenous Peoples Day

National Aboriginal Day (informally National Indigenous Peoples Day) is a day recognizing and celebrating the cultures and contributions of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Indigenous peoples of Canada. The day was first celebrated in 1996, after it was proclaimed that year by then Governor General of Canada Roméo LeBlanc, to be celebrated annually on **21 June**. This date was chosen as the statutory holiday for many reasons, including its cultural significance as the Summer solstice, and the fact that it is a day on which many Indigenous peoples and communities traditionally celebrate their heritage.

Pride Month

LGBT Pride Month is a month, typically **June**, dedicated to celebration and commemoration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) pride. The concept of Pride Month began with the Stonewall riots, a series of riots for gay liberation that took place over several days beginning on June 28, 1969.