

Participants in Video Devotions for March, 2021

Date	Worship Assistant (Psalm)	Reader (reading)	Prayer leader/reader
Mar 7	Marilyn C	Katharine B	Monica P
Mar 14	Jett I	Kim D	Tim L
Mar 21	Monica P	Pam R	Tom R
Mar 28 Palm Sunday	Tim L	Mark S	Katharine B

Video clips need to be submitted in advance; contact Pastor Tyler if unclear about parts.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is located on original lands of Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-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.

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Sharing your bread with the hungry and welcoming homeless in, offering hope and offering help, this is what God requires

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The Lenten disciplines, as we heard on Ash Wednesday, are fasting, alms-giving, and prayer.

In March, society invites us to hold up a few occasions of note: International Women’s Day (March 8th), International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21st), and World Water Day (March 22nd). Invariably, these days land within the season of Lent in our church-year, each year. And, in some ways, there’s something appropriate about holding these up alongside our Lenten disciplines. Each of them are, after all, about drawing us out of ourselves – perhaps even to uncomfortable places – and seeking the good of all.

If you have grown up in the church, there’s a good chance that you *gave something up* for the season of Lent along the way. That has been the way we’ve ‘fasted’ at times – no chocolate, or no desserts, or such, until Easter.

Perhaps the personal stock we might take, and test out for a time (like the season of Lent), is how our lives impact others. Do we work towards breaking down racist systems in our daily living? Are we conscious of water resources, how we use this finite resource that is being depleted at alarming rates in some parts of the world, and how we might conserve fresh water? Can we consciously work against the patriarchy that oppresses people?

We are called to offer hope in the world, and to help our neighbour.

-Pastor Tyler

Wednesdays – 9:30am Virtual Coffee Hour

Sundays – 9:30am Bible Study,

10am time of prayer:

- those who are ill
- those who have experienced loss
- those celebrating birthdays, and other good news

zoom

To join in these social times, follow the link provided in the e-news.
Once per month, our prayer time includes online Eucharist (see calendar) – have some bread and juice ready!



Holy Week

Holy Week at Gloria Dei

During Lent, on Wednesday mornings, we're following a brief Service of the Word at the end of our morning coffee hour on Zoom. This provides "real-time, face-to-face" gathering. For those for whom this timing doesn't work, we will have a pre-recorded service uploaded as a mid-week Lenten devotion, including the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer liturgy. Look for that on our YouTube channel!

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion, which is March 28th, this year. So, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil are the first days of April.

We will gather on Zoom on Maundy Thursday so we might break bread together, as well as have a pre-recorded devotion; Good Friday will be pre-recorded, as well. Look for those services on our YouTube channel, and keep an eye out in our e-news for notices about them!

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A BAROQUE RECITAL

Allen Harrington and Melissa Gingrich invite you to attend their online recital for saxophone and pipe organ in Gloria Dei's sanctuary.

Sunday, March 7th at 7pm

on Gloria Dei's YouTube channel.



*Daylight savings
begins on
March 14th*



March 8th

IWD 2021 campaign theme: #ChooseToChallenge

A challenged world is an alert world. Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions - all day, every day. We can all choose to challenge and call out gender bias and inequality. We can all choose to seek out and celebrate women's achievements. Collectively, we can all help create an inclusive world.

From challenge comes change, so let's all **choose to challenge**.

www.internationalwomensday.com

Did you know?

- Women earn 23% less than men globally.
- Women occupy only 24% of parliamentary seats worldwide.
- 1 in 3 have experiences physical or sexual violence and 200 M of girls-women have suffered genital mutilation.

The **Sustainable Development Goals** are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice. There are 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Gender equality is not only a fundamental human right, but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world.

There has been progress over the last decades: More girls are going to school, fewer girls are forced into early marriage, more women are serving in parliament and positions of leadership, and laws are being reformed to advance gender equality.

Despite these gains, many challenges remain: discriminatory laws and social norms remain pervasive, women continue to be underrepresented at all levels of political leadership, and 1 in 5 women and girls between the ages of 15 and 49 report experiencing physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner within a 12-month period.

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/gender-equality/>

DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Created as a response to the killing of 69 protesters at a peaceful anti-apartheid demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa in 1960, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination has been observed around the world every year on March 21 since 1966.

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. (1 Corinthians 12:26)

"Canadians are not immune to prejudice and racial injustice. We join in with resounding force against the questionable circumstances surrounding the death of Regis Korchinski-Paquet in Toronto, and the desecration of a Jewish synagogue in Montreal. As the whole people of God called to manifest God's mission in the world, we must not be complacent and silent in our status quo. The Spirit moves us to stand courageously, to advocate persistently, and to act compassionately as people of faith.

We are not living out God's vision for community.

Furthermore, when we fail to speak out against acts of racism, we become silent perpetrators of injustice. In short, if we do not condemn racism, then we are guilty of it. It is our work, particularly as a community of faith, to speak out against acts of racism. It is our work to say loudly and clearly that we do not accept this reality. We must call out racism as sinful and deadly. That is only the beginning, for once we speak out against it, we must do the work of dismantling the systems that oppress." (Eastern Synod Racial Justice Advisory Committee)

WORLD WATER DAY

On 22 March, 2021, World Water Day will be celebrated in an online event. The World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the global water crisis, and a core focus of the observance is to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030.

The theme of World Water Day 2021 is valuing water

www.worldwaterday.org

