

Participants in Video Devotions for October, 2020

Date	Worship Assistant (Psalm)	Reader (reading)	Prayer leader
Oct 4	Tim L	Monica P	Jett I
Oct 11	Jett I	Pam R	Kara R
Oct 18	Monica P	Christa M	Katharine B
Oct 25	Tom R	Mark S	Kim D

Please submit video clips by Thursday; 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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*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

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“I might get a bit wet in the rain.”

“There might be bugs.”

“It could be windy or cold out!”

While I enjoy a good hike, I’ve tended to gravitate to indoor locations when getting together with others, in the past. This Summer and Fall, I’ve been getting outside more because of the need for fresh air and open spaces, particularly when being with a few others.

My family moved to Winnipeg in 2012, but there are a number of outdoor sites we’ve visited this Summer that we had heard of, but had never been to, before! The blue skies, and the fall leaves on the trees have been glorious! We’ve been making good use of our provincial park pass!

I look forward – in a big way – to the time when we can gather safely inside our church sanctuary as a church family, again. While it’s more “desk-work,” it’s a joy to put together our weekly video worship, and collaborate with you in a ‘virtual’ environment. How will our church be different on the day we’re able to gather in-person, indoors, again?

I know there are a number of things I am doing differently as a result of this pandemic time; going outside more is one of them. This time is challenging, but it is stretching, too!

God’s love surrounds us in all kinds of ways. May it be visible to you in new ways in this time!

Peace and health to you,

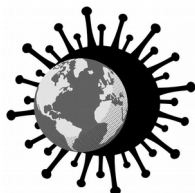
-Pastor Tyler

We Continue to Gather Online

We risk our health to gather indoors in these times

At our September council meeting, the motion was passed: "That regularly scheduled indoor worship services continue to be suspended until the council reviews them on January 11, 2021."

It is difficult to wear masks, it is difficult to keep socially distant. We feel like we have been doing this for long enough. We see shops and restaurants opening; even schools are in session.



We are moving into a "new normal," so what we knew will not be what we return to in church life (Communion, sharing the peace, receiving offering, singing – these will likely be done differently).

The pandemic is not over: a second wave can be worse than what we have already seen (a second wave is a "statistical certainty" according to infectious disease expert, Dr. Gabriel Leung). "Canada is at a crossroads and individual action to reduce contact rates will decide our path," says a late-September modelling on the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to continue social distancing, and wearing masks. (CBC and CTV News)

"when it comes to talking in close proximity, which appears to play a major role in COVID-19 transmission, droplets are less important than... aerosols. Many diseases, including COVID-19, infect most effectively at close proximity. [...] Talking, and especially singing and shouting increase aerosol exhalation by factors of 10 and 50, respectively. Indeed, we are finding that outbreaks often occur when people gather in crowded, insufficiently ventilated indoor spaces, such as singing at karaoke parties, cheering at clubs, having conversations in bars, and exercising in gyms. Superspreading events, where one person infects many, occur almost exclusively in indoor locations and are driving the pandemic. These observations are easily explained by aerosols" (COVID-19 Is Transmitted Through Aerosols. We Have Enough Evidence, Now It Is Time to Act, Time Magazine, August 25, 2020)

CREST – Yazidi community

Dear friends, supporters, and partners,

We have officially wrapped up the 2020 Healing Farm project! We want to thank all of you for your continued support and generosity.

We had a great harvesting season thanks to our amazing Yazidi volunteers who were out on the farm almost everyday planting, harvesting and who are now in full clean-up mode.

This year the Healing Farm provided fresh produce to over 50 Yazidi families, multiple different organizations throughout the city and also provided produce to 3 local businesses!

The farm has had a significantly positive impact mainly on the Yazidi women and children who are still suffering from PTSD and trauma. Being out on the farm has provided much needed psychological and therapeutic support to them.

We want to send out a special thank you to Bo and Gloria Wohlers, who generously provided the land, seeds and equipment to make this all possible again this year. A thank you to Jewish Child and Family Service for the donation of the passenger van that allowed us to bring Yazidi volunteers to the farm and a special thank you to Jewish Foundation of Manitoba for the generous grant given to the Canadian Yazidi Association for this year's farming project.

COVID-19 changed many of our plans this year but thanks to Charleswood United Church, Asper Jewish Community Campus, Old Grace Co-operative, and Shelmerdine Garden Centre we were able to set-up farmers markets throughout the summer and raise funds to support a Food Assistance Program, which will provide food to families in need over the winter months.

If you are able and would like to support the Food Assistance Program we will coordinate through the fall and winter months ahead, please let us know!

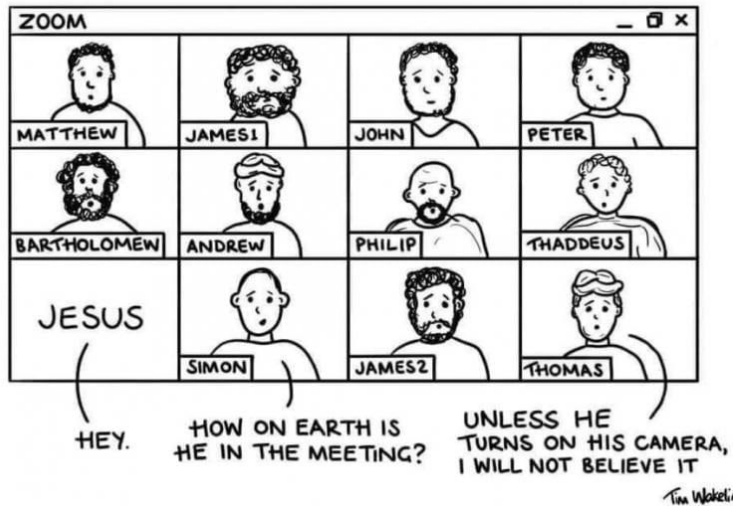
Again, we thank you and are so appreciative for all the support to the community and in particular for the Healing Farm project. We look forward to the next farming season and hope to continue to pay it forward.



Wishing everyone a safe and healthy year ahead.

With much gratitude, The Healing Farm Team

9:30am on Wednesdays - Virtual Coffee Hour



**Sundays – 9:30am conversation and study,
10am – we hold in 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.
On the first Sunday of the month, our prayer time includes online Eucharist – have some bread and juice ready!

Early Zoom Meeting



ABOUT WORLD FOOD DAY – OCTOBER 16

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) created World Food Day to commemorate its founding in Quebec City, October 16, 1945. The goal of the FAO is to free humanity from hunger and malnutrition, and to effectively manage the global food system. World Food Day events are organized in over 150 countries across the world, making it one of the most celebrated days of the UN calendar. These events promote worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and help strengthen the link between agriculture and food security.

THURSDAY REFLECTIONS

#ThursdaysInBlack #TBT



On our YouTube channel, Pastor Tyler has been offering Thursday reflections – tune in for a time of thought and prayer, and a ‘throw-back Thursday’ (aka “TBT”) clip with someone offering pearls of wisdom! (Clips remain on YouTube to be viewed at anytime!)

REFORMATION DAY – OCTOBER 31st

What does it mean to you to be Lutheran? On October 31st, 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses to the castle-church door in Wittenberg, Germany. He was calling for change in the church he loved.

We observe this occasion as a moment where, out of love for the greater good, we consider how our Christian faith points us to awareness and new living in the world. As a verse in Luther’s beloved hymn goes, “God’s Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it.” God’s Word takes on flesh in the life of Jesus, and we – Jesus’ followers – are Christ in the world. We work towards the compassion and justice, and mercy and forgiveness of God that leads to peace in the world!