

Participants in Sunday leadership for November, 2022

Date	Reader	Liturgist (Prayers)	Greeter
Nov 6	Pam	Jett	Larry
Nov 13	Katharine	Monica	Jerry
Nov 20	Monica	Jett	Rocky
Nov 27	Jett	Monica	Ralph

Readings and prayers available on the "Sunday Service" page (and archive) 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.

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*Clouds of light surround the table; ancient followers appear,
saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt and fear.
Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight;*

Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light. ACS #977

As we come to the end of the church-year, we remember the saints who have gone before us; All Saints Day is the first day of November, and All Saints Sunday is the first Sunday of the month.

I love the image we lift up every time we join in Communion – the words of the preface include: “with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: *Holy, holy, holy...*” That must be sung! We are joining our song to that of all the faithful of all time and space – what a beautiful vision of unity and grace!

As we remember those who have gone before us, we hold up especially the good memories, and their successes. But we know that not all of life experience is good, and not all ventures in life are success-filled. Looking at lives lived keeps us mindful of how we live, and how our lives are unfolding. As the hymnist writes, the saints (and we) may have in life “wrestled with their guilt, their doubt and fear.”

Even as the realities of life sometimes weigh us down, may our lives point to a broader, unfolding picture of God’s grace through the ages. May we find hope in the lives of the saints, and may our lives point to the hope eternal we have in Christ.

Blessed be their memory. Peace be with you!

-Pastor Tyler

*All Saints Sunday,
November 6 @ 7pm*

**Evening Musical Service
of Remembrance**

*with Melissa Gingrich playing
Gloria Dei's Casavant pipe organ*



**MNO THANKSGIVING YOUTH RETREAT
by Ellie Ring**

On October 7th, I left for Luther village on a bus not knowing what to expect not knowing I was going to have so much fun and learn about why God loves us in every moment, our highs and our lows. The first thing I noticed was the kindness of people and how everyone was brought together some people had only one thing in common and that was faith. People were very accepting to everyone and always interested in what people were saying, that was very important because you didn't know if your answer was right, but because of how accepting people you weren't afraid to say it. We learn new songs, new ways to clap (Deacon Michelle taught of instead of clapping to snap so we would snap for that). On October 10th, I came home sad to leave; waiting for next year reminded God loves and will always love me.



Ladies Luncheon

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 12-noon

at Taverna Rodos,

corner of Roblin Blvd. and Harstone St.

RSVP to Marlene Herman

by Tuesday morning, Nov. 8.

Invite a friend! Masks optional.



CANADIAN LUTHERAN
ANGLICAN YOUTH
GATHERING

August 10-13, 2023

Waterloo, Ontario

www.CLAYgathering.ca

What is **International Day** for the **Elimination of Violence Against Women?**

Taking a Stand Against Gender-Based Violence

Despite the adoption of the Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) by the UN General Assembly in 1979, violence against women and girls remains a pervasive problem worldwide.

To that end, the General Assembly issued resolution 48/104, laying the foundation for the road towards a world free of gender-based violence.

Another bold step in the right direction was embodied by an initiative launched in 2008 and known as the UNiTE to End Violence against Women. It aims to raise public awareness around the issue as well as increase both policymaking and resources dedicated to ending violence against women and girls worldwide.

Yet, there is still a long way to go at the global scale. To date, only two out of three countries have outlawed domestic violence, while 37 countries worldwide still exempt rape perpetrators from prosecution if they are married to or eventually marry the victim and 49 countries currently have no laws protecting women from domestic violence.

A Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Women's rights activists have observed 25 November as a day against gender-based violence since 1981. This date was selected to honour the Mirabal sisters, three political activists from the Dominican Republic who were brutally murdered in 1960 by order of the country's ruler, Rafael Trujillo (1930-1961).

On 20 December 1993, the General Assembly adopts the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women through resolution 48/104. Finally, on 7 February 2000, the General Assembly adopts resolution 54/134, officially designating 25 November as the International day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

(<https://www.un.org/en/observances/ending-violence-against-women-day/background>)

The **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women** (French: *Journée Nationale de Commémoration et d'Action Contre la Violence à l'Égard des Femmes*), also known informally as **White Ribbon Day** (*Jour du Ruban Blanc*), is a day commemorated in Canada each December 6, the anniversary of the 1989 École Polytechnique massacre. (Wikipedia)

Join the World Council of Churches for **Thursdays in Black** – towards a world without rape and gender-based violence.



Journey Towards RIC What will this mean for Gloria Dei?



As you would have heard, our Adult Christian Education program has been engaging conversation about *Reconciling In Christ* for a number of weeks, and our Social Justice committee has brought some information to council about a desire that Gloria Dei join this roster of welcoming congregations and communities. Our MNO Synod has recently joined the *Reconciling In Christ* roster.

The purpose of the Reconciling in Christ (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.

To be recognized as a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Partner, your faith community will:

1. Clearly state a welcome to people of "***all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions***" or "***LGBTQIA+***" and name its commitment to "***racial equity***" or "***anti-racism***" in its welcome statement.
2. ***Be open to calling*** an LGBTQIA+ and Black, Brown, Indigenous, Person of Color (BIPOC) Rostered Leader.
3. Allow sanctuary/community space/ to be used for ***LGBTQIA+ weddings and blessings***.
4. ***Make a meaningful contribution annually*** to support the national RIC program.

**"But we're already welcoming! Why do we need to say so?"
...to leave nothing unsaid.**

Sadly, our LGBTQIA+, and Black, Brown, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) siblings continue to experience exclusion and harm from people supposedly acting in the name of Christianity. Even churches who declare "All are welcome" often demonstrate to LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC individuals and families that "All" does not include them. For this reason, the welcoming invitation RIC partners create is explicit, recognize the injustices have occurred in the name of faith. As an RIC partner your commitment to work towards the full welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy of all names in your welcome statement is a lifelong commitment of your community.

www.ReconcilingWorks.org