

Participants in Worship for April, 2020

Date	Worship Assistant	Reader	Prayer leader	Ushers	Servers
April 5	<p>In-person Worship Suspended until further notice</p> <p>join us online – see GloriaDeiWinnipeg.org</p>				
April 12					
April 19					
April 26					

*You are responsible to find your own replacement. Please to be sure to advise the church office if you switch with someone else.
Email: gdeiwp@gmail.com*

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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*Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
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Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?*

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These are challenging times! And things are changing by the day! It's hard to believe that a month ago, we were anticipating that weekly gatherings at 637 Buckingham Road would continue – coronavirus was thought to be something happening far away.

On March 8th, we shared the peace with “elbow bumps.” On March 15th, we took even more precautions to avoid physical contact, and to sanitize. And, by March 17th, we had made the call to discontinue in-person gatherings and suspend worship at Gloria Dei. Now, Manitoba's chief provincial public health officer has declared that gatherings of more than 10 won't be allowed starting March 30th.

I don't know about you, but there is an uneasy feeling that draws to mind apocalyptic movies, or “being in a bunker,” in this new time of isolation in which we find ourselves.

An illness, with no cure and few options for treatment, that is sweeping across the globe is cause for great concern. Lives are at risk. We are bound to know people who get the virus. And, being at home, we are “cut off” enough that it can stir added anxiety.

Perhaps the darkness of Good Friday lasts longer, in this time. Not knowing it, we had our Maundy Thursday “last supper” gathering on March 15th – our last time together. But Easter breaks through; we also live the eschatological moment of “already-not-yet” - we know the Resurrected presence of Christ is with us because we are baptized and we are connected. Peace be with you in this time! *See you online!*

-Pastor Tyler

ONLINE CHURCH IN THE TIME OF A PANDEMIC

"How Does This Work??"

There are sites on the internet that we will use to share information, and to connect as best we can. *Do I need a computer?* Yes, a computer works best, however a *smartphone* (like an iPhone) will give you the capability you need, as well! Here is a summary of the sites to check, and how to use them:

Website: www.gloriadeiwinnipeg.org

This is a site dedicated to "all things Gloria Dei!" Visit the website to sign up for regular email updates, to find newsletters, Bible Study information, and ongoing updates from the church

Facebook: www.facebook.com

This website has billions of people accessing it, so it is useful for us to use to connect with many other church people and people who might be interested in connecting with us, at Gloria Dei. A number of us already have Facebook accounts (which can be set up with an email address). Gloria Dei has a dedicated "Facebook page," where updates are shared and people can comment on them, as well as a "Facebook group," where discussions can be held. Look up: www.facebook.com/GloriaDeiWinnipeg

Zoom: www.zoom.us

This is a website for setting up real-time, face-to-face (or phone-in) meeting/conferences. This is useful for having discussions together, from the comfort of our homes – so we can use it for Bible Studies, committee meetings, or just a visit! Look for Zoom links provided in congregational emails, and click on the link at the agreed-upon time, and join in!

YouTube: www.youtube.com/WinnipegLutheran

This is where most of our Gloria Dei videos (including weekly video devotions) are posted. There is a dedicated Gloria Dei playlist.

Extras: Instagram www.instagram.com/GloriaDeiWinnipeg

Twitter www.twitter.com/GloriaDeiWpg

If you have questions, contact Pastor Tyler! He can be phoned or texted at (204) 218-4823 or emailed at pastorgdeiwp@gmail.com

BIBLE STUDY

In the Sundays of March, we've been following the series "Beyond Belief," featuring late author and biblical scholar, Marcus Borg.

In April, we'll look at a series called "Singing the Unsung" featuring Church of Scotland minister, and gifted composer and musician, John Bell. How does what we sing communicate what we believe? How do other cultures express their stories in song?



Participants are asked to look at the video ahead of the Sunday morning session (information provided in weekly emails). When we gather on Sundays, we take some time to discuss the content and check-in!

*See you on Zoom on **Sundays at 9:30am!***

SOCIAL MEDIA!



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Follow us on Twitter (short announcements)
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Subscribe to the YouTube channel, and see our playlist [@WinnipegLutheran](https://www.youtube.com/WinnipegLutheran)

Some Terms You'll Encounter on the Internet



"app"

Short for "application" An application in this case refers to a software application — in other words, an app is a software program. An app typically refers to software used on a smartphone or mobile device such as the Android, iPhone, BlackBerry or iPad, as in "mobile app" or "iphone app."

"Hashtag"

A short links preceded by the pound sign (#). On social media (like Facebook, Twitter, etc), the pound sign (or hash) turns any word or group of words that directly follow it into a searchable link

"Hyperlink"

A hyperlink (or simply "link") is a word, phrase, or image that you can click on to jump to a new document or a new section within the current document. Hyperlinks are found in nearly all Web pages, allowing users to click their way from page to page. Text hyperlinks are often blue and underlined, but don't have to be.

"MP3"

MP3 is a digital music format for creating high-quality sound files.

"PDF"

A file with the .pdf file extension is a Portable Document Format (PDF) file. PDFs are typically used to distribute read-only documents that preserve the layout of a page.

"Podcast"

A *podcast* is an audio show, usually spread across a series of episodes, which can be downloaded from the Internet and listened to either on a computer or an MP3 player.

"Search bar" (aka "search box")



A single line element used to search within a webpage or database.

"URL" (aka "web address")

The address of a World Wide Web page (e.g. www.gloriadeiwinnipeg.org).

How do trees use a computer? They log in! ☺

Thank you...

-to Karen Hayden for communicating with our community groups
-to Lexy Dorn and Karen Isleifson Buechler for the beautiful music
-to Ellie Ring for being our acolyte, and reader
-to all of you diving in to "online church" in this new day!

Hold in prayer...

In a time of loss:

Ralf Doege died on March 18th – may God's peace and comfort be with Irmgard, and with their daughter, Deborah, and family.

WHO WAS DIETRICH BONHOEFFER?



Born on February 4th, 1906, in Breslau, Germany [now Wrocław, Poland]. Died on April 9, 1945, in Flossenbürg, Germany. A Lutheran pastor known for his support of ecumenism and his view of Christianity's role in a secular world. His involvement in a plot to overthrow Hitler led to his imprisonment and execution. His *Letters and Papers from Prison*, published posthumously in 1951, is perhaps the most profound document of his convictions. (Britannica.com)

From *Life Together* by Bonhoeffer:

"The person who loves their dream of community will destroy community, but the person who loves those around them will create community."

"A Christian fellowship lives and exists by the intercession of its members for one another, or it collapses. I can no longer condemn or hate a brother for whom I pray, no matter how much trouble he causes me. His face, that hitherto may have been strange and intolerable to me, is transformed in intercession into the countenance of a brother for whom Christ died, the face of a forgiven sinner."

"Who can really be faithful in great things if he has not learned to be faithful in the things of daily life?"