

Participants in Video Devotions for January, 2021

Date	Worship Assistant (Psalm)	Reader (reading)	Prayer leader
Jan 3	<i>St Mark's</i>		
Jan 10	Jett I	Tom R	Tim L
Jan 17	Monica P	Jett I	Christa M
Jan 24	Tim L	Katharine B	Jett I
Jan 31	Tom R	Pam R	Monica P

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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*See the Morningstar now beckon
to those bound to doubt and night;
"Follow me," Christ calls in welcome,
"come from darkness into light."*

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The story of Epiphany is filled with light! The Magi follow a star to find the Christ child, and bring gifts for a new king. In our northern hemisphere, we have expanded this story-of-light to reflect the changing of the seasons – days are beginning to get longer at this time of year, and light breaks the darkness!

January brings with it new beginnings – hopes, dreams, intentions, goals. Whatever is past is behind us, and we can *start fresh!* That is a resurrection message of grace! At the same time, our faith keeps us rooted. 2020 has been a challenging year, but we have learned new things about ourselves as a congregation, and we have grown!

2021 is Gloria Dei's 60th Anniversary year – lots to remember, and lots for which to look forward! What dreams do you have for Gloria Dei? What fond memories do you have? How might we celebrate in creative ways? How might we welcome in new ways?

May the persistence of the magi – who travelled great lengths by faith and on foot – be an image to carry us into the new year! And may the story of Christ's baptism by John remind us of how we go to new places to connect ourselves with others in our own journeys of faith! Blessings to you in 2021!

-Pastor Tyler

ONLINE CHURCH ...into 2021!

ZOOM

You can use it whether you have a desktop, laptop, or tablet computer! You can even use it on a smartphone, or – without the internet – a telephone!

To join with an internet connection, click the link provided in the e-news! To call in on a telephone, dial the number and Meeting ID provided.

If you are nervous about using Zoom, contact Pastor Tyler and he'll be happy to walk you through steps to be connected!

YOUTUBE

Find our YouTube channel online by searching "Gloria Dei Lutheran Winnipeg" on youtube.com. And, if you use Gmail for your email, please "subscribe" to our channel!

All of our online video worship services can be found there, along with extras like Thursday reflections, and songs by Gloria Dei musicians!



FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM

Anyone can view what is posted on our Facebook or Instagram pages, but to comment or "like" a post, you need an account. Find us on those websites @GloriaDeiWinnipeg



Gloria Dei
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



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!



...for Mary and Joseph!

Our annual campaign to raise funds and collect items for young parents who access services at *The Urban and North Point Douglas Women's Centre* is on, this month of January!

Even as we gather online during this time, we can offer support in "virtual ways," through financial donations and collecting some needed items. Both *The Urban and North Point Douglas Women's Centre* have had to modify their services during this pandemic time, so it is true that the most useful gifts are cash donations.

You may choose to donate directly to them through their websites, or to donate by giving a special offering to Gloria Dei, designated for the *Baby Shower*.

We will hold up this shower in our January 10th online service, but the campaign runs until the end of the month – *donate anytime in January!*

Helpful items in this time include: children's books and masks

Call the church about dropping off donations; Marlene and Al Herman are able to receive shower donations.



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A New Resource for Worship!

“All Creation Sings” has just been released as a supplement to our *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal! Gloria Dei will be using it before long!

The finished work contains liturgies, prayers and 200 new hymns and songs. It includes new expressions of worship, such as a contemplative service of word and song, a communion setting presented in both English and Spanish, and many songs meant to be learned by ear.

All Creation Sings was just published in November. The planning team recognizes the strangeness of the supplement arriving during the COVID-19 pandemic, when most congregations can't worship together in person. But in some ways the work seems even more relevant.

“These hymns for healing and wholeness and lament are going to fill a need for folks even though we can't sing together as an assembly,” John Weit, ELCA assistant to the presiding bishop and executive for worship, said.

The title, *All Creation Sings*, has taken on new meaning in the pandemic. Martin Seltz, vice president and publisher of Augsburg Fortress, hopes it will remind people that, through worship and song, they're still connected—to one another and to the entire cosmos.

“It should evoke some humility within us,” he said. It should also give hope: “Choirs aren't singing; we're not singing in church. But still, creation sings.”

from an article found at: <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2020/10/all-creation-sings/>



GIVING AN OFFERING TO GLORIA DEI

You can give monthly by pre-authorized debit! This is helpful because it makes it easier for our church to budget from month to month.

If you want to sign-up to give this way, or are currently on our pre-authorized debit program and you wish to increase (or change) your monthly donation, contact Al Herman.

Another helpful way to give an offering in these times is by e-transfer. E-transfers can be sent to: gdeiwp@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Save the Date!

Gloria Dei's
Annual General Meeting
will be
on Sunday, February 21, 2021
(more info to come - stay tuned!)