

Participants in Video Devotions for November, 2020

Date	Worship Assistant (Psalm)	Reader (reading)	Prayer leader
Nov 1	Marilyn C	Monica P	Jett I
Nov 8	Jett I	Tom R	Tim L
Nov 15	Monica P	Jett I	Tom R
Nov 22	Tim L	Katharine B	Marilyn C
Nov 29	Tom R	Christa M	Monica P

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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*A billion voices in one great song,
now soft and gentle, now deep and strong,
in ev'ry culture and style and key, from hill and valley, with sky and sea,
with Christ we praise you eternally:*

Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!

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German composer, and Lutheran church musician, Johann Sebastian Bach, wrote *SDG* at the end of all of his compositions. It was short-hand for the Latin phrase, "Soli Deo Gloria," which means, "To God alone be the glory."

There's a beautiful image in the layout of some old, country churches – you've probably even seen it. Inside, a semi-circular rail around the altar; outside, a cemetery. The idea is that the circle is complete with those who feast at the heavenly banquet and sing "Holy, holy, holy" with the celestial choirs. ...when we join in Communion, we are joining with all the faithful who have gone before us.

I love what the hymnist writes about all of creation joining in one great song, and that praise is to God who is the Source of Life and Love. Regardless of where we come from, all people are joined in the human journey, and perhaps – in the end – it is that of which we must be most mindful.

As we come to the close of the church-year, we give thanks for the saints. We have hope in the resurrection as well! As we remember our loved ones, and our ancestors in the faith, we are also joined beyond space and time – even to those yet-to-come. And, we are reminded that Christ reigns, that God is with us always.

Soli Deo Gloria. To God Alone be the Glory.

-Pastor Tyler



Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Commodities Program Ending "We Care" to be transitioned in the coming while

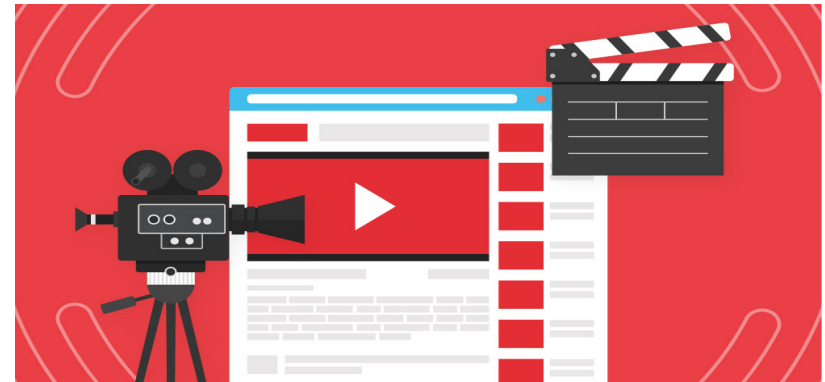
We Care, CLWR's long-standing and beloved commodity shipment program, is transitioning with the intent that the shipping component of the program will be fully closed by the end of 2021. While many of us feel a deep, personal connection to this aspect of *We Care*, the decision was made with the unanimous support of everyone involved.

Despite some sadness in making this change, we are united in confidence that this decision affirms CLWR's most deeply-held values, including responsible stewardship, shared learning and honouring the voices of those we are called to serve.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the need experienced by our global partners has never been greater, and they are urgently calling on Lutherans in Canada to respond as generously as possible. The decision to revise the *We Care* program comes both in response to those calls, and as part of our deeply-held commitment to honour the kindness of our church communities, making sure to do as much good as possible.

CLWR has always tried to exemplify the spirit of "*semper reformanda*" — always reforming — that has guided our faith tradition as Lutherans. Today, facing the prospect of a post-COVID world, we are united in our belief that we must not cease learning, growing and reforming.

More information available on CLWR's website: www.CLWR.org



THANK YOU to all who contribute to our online worship!

To our readers and prayer-leaders, including: Monica, Kim, Tim, Mark, Tom, Jett, Katharine, Christa, Kara, Pam, Marilyn!

To our musicians, including: Karen, Lexy, Karsten, Regen, Lyn, Melissa!

To those providing special music on occasion – *we love it!*

To those contributing to our Children's Messages, including: Owen, Tyler, Jett, Sarah!

To those holding the cameras, and keeping the pets quiet while taping (!), *thank you!*

Thank you, everyone!

Our worship experience becomes *the work of the people*, and a community event, with your participation and enthusiasm!



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.

On the first Sunday of the month, our prayer time includes online Eucharist – have some bread and juice ready!

For the Love of Creation: A faith-based initiative for climate justice

For the Love of Creation aims to engage people individually and in community, as congregations and organizations, all across the country in a climate conversation centred on three themes:

1. Theological reflection. Together, we will create a space for collaborative responsive theology, exploring our relationship with the Creator and creation, and encouraging theologically grounded and relevant dialogue about climate justice and global warming.
2. Local and congregational engagement. We will endeavour to increase dialogue and reduce polarization in the climate change conversation in Canada; to build consensus on the actions needed to build a sustainable future for all.
3. Political advocacy. As people of faith, we will urge the government of Canada to meet and ultimately exceed our Paris climate commitments by investing in a just transition and establishing a fair and inclusive economy. Honouring the rights of Indigenous peoples and incorporating Indigenous knowledge and experience into any proposed solutions is essential to this work.

Our contribution will also respond to feelings of ecological grief arising from the loss of species and destruction of ecosystems as well as eco-anxiety stemming from the awareness of risks related to climate change impacts. This will be done through pastoral care and ceremony, building community resilience, and by taking collective action for climate justice.

For the Love of Creation hosts a fall forum every Monday evening this November. Join KAIROS online for one or more of the sessions!

See the link in Gloria Dei's e-news to register, or visit www.KAIROSCanada.org



Lutheran, Anglican leaders express deep concern for the violent situation unfolding in regard to Mi'kmaw fishing in Nova Scotia

Leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC) have written to the Prime Minister to express, urgent and deep concern for the violent situation unfolding in regard to Mi'kmaw fishing in Nova Scotia.

In their letter, the leaders call for immediate intervention, to provide safety for all and to counteract the violence and terror being experienced by the Mi'kmaw people yet again as they live out their sovereign rights on their lands and waters.

Find the full text of the letter (dated October 21, 2020) at www.ELCIC.ca

Mindful Remembering

While Canada observes Remembrance Day in November, what is happening in other places, like Germany?



Germany doesn't commemorate the signing of the armistice, although the country has another national day of mourning instead.

The German national day of mourning is the secular public holiday of *Volkstrauertag*.

This has been observed since 1952, two Sundays before the first Sunday of Advent, which is usually the Sunday closest to 16 November.

Each of the major German churches has its own festivals for commemorating the dead, all observed in November.

All Souls Day in the case of the Roman Catholic Church, Ewigkeitssonntag or "Eternity Sunday" in the case of the Lutheran church.

Volkstrauertag commemorates members of the German armed forces and civilians who died in armed conflicts, to include victims of violent oppression.

The day is officially observed in the German Bundestag, and traditionally the President of Germany gives a speech.

The Chancellor, the cabinet and the diplomatic corps are usually present.

Then, the national anthem and the song "Ich hatt' einen Kameraden" ("I had a comrade") are played.

(found at <https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/1043193/remembrance-day-2018-germany-have-remembrance-day-Volkstrauertag>)



THURSDAY REFLECTIONS

#ThursdaysInBlack #TBT

There are brief reflections (usually 10-20 minutes long) offered by Pastor Tyler on Thursdays on our Gloria Dei YouTube channel – tune in for a time of

thought and prayer, which includes a 'throw-back Thursday' (aka "TBT")

clip with someone offering pearls of wisdom!

(You can view them anytime after they are posted!)