

## Participants in Sunday leadership for April, 2023

Date	Reader	Liturgist	Greeter	Acolyte
April 2	Pam	Monica	Larry	Anna
Fri, April 7	Cathy	Jett	Jerry B	Ellie
April 9	Jennifer	Monica	Ralph	Adelina
April 16	Katharine	Tom	Rocky	Anna
April 23	Monica	Jennifer	Jerry	Ellie
April 30	Jett	Monica	Ralph	Adelina

Readings and prayers are available on the "Sunday Service" page 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.

Each of us is a unique creation drawn into being by the Source of Life. While committed to the Christian path, we do not all believe the exact same things; there is room at Gloria Dei for doubt, exploration, and diversity.

We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts among us. We strive to be an open and affirming congregation to all, welcoming and including in our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space. We believe that through our openness, we all grow in our faith following Christ's model of love, respect, kindness, and generosity.

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*Sing of the sun from darkness appearing;  
sing of the seed from barren earth greening;  
sing of creation, alleluia!*

**ACS #933**

Holy Week and Easter... This is how we begin the month of April. Have you ever noticed how, in society, we tend to skip over Good Friday, and dive straight into Easter? I remember, once when living in another community, there was a "chocolate egg hunt" on Good Friday – even hosted in a park by a neighbouring church community!

We celebrate Easter, new life - *resurrection* life - *because* of the dreaded sting of death. Even last year, when we thought we would have a "normal" Holy Week, it was interrupted by that giant snow storm! Remember? That hurt! That was unexpected, and a downer when we hoped for something familiar, again.

Good Friday is that moment in our journey where we realize the ways in which we separate, divide, and live in ways that lead to death. We bring it all to the cross, and we lift it up – confessing those parts of ourselves and actions we may regret. We dwell in that moment, having journeyed through the Lenten wilderness, and we may even feel at a loss.

But our hope comes in the story of Easter. We are gifted with a new day, a new vision... new hope and new life!

That is the gift of God's grace *everyday* – a new beginning! It may include things we didn't imagine before, and it may also include relationships we hadn't considered before. And it is all reminder of our belovedness in the eyes of Creator-God! Let praises ring!!

*-Pastor Tyler*

*Join in...*

- Children's Sunday School** – during worship on Sundays
- Confirmation class** – contact Pastor for schedule
- Preparing meals for The Urban** - 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of the month
- Ladies' Luncheon** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month
- Quilting group** - Tuesday afternoons
- Zoom coffee hour** (with Adult Christian Ed) – Wed morn

Committees:

- Worship** – meets every 2-3 months
- Social Justice** - meets every 6-8 weeks

### Ladies Lunch

**Wednesday, April 12 at 12noon**

at Taverna Rodos, corner of Harstone  
and Roblin Blvd.

RSVP to Marlene Herman  
at 204 895-1628

or e-mail [alvinmar@shaw.ca](mailto:alvinmar@shaw.ca)  
by Monday, April 10/23



**Will you help to host Sunday coffee at church?**

See the sign-up sheet in our narthex!

*If you don't pay your exorcist, do you get repossessed? ☺*



### WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE WITH FAIR TRADE COFFEE?

While the majority of coffee is consumed in North America and Europe, where it is adored for its presence in a positive morning routine, 80% of coffee exports come from smallholder farms in the Global South. In countries like Brazil, Vietnam, Columbia, Kenya, and Mexico, non-fairtrade coffee has a starkly different kind of human impact — one that's tied to unfair working conditions, child labor, human trafficking, and labor exploitation.

As more consumers learn about these issues, ethical coffee brands with Fairtrade certification labels are becoming more popular. Coffees with certifications from Fairtrade International, The Fair Trade Federation, or Fair Trade Certified can be found on the bags of many different coffees at your local grocery store. Coffee brands with any of these labels have gone through independent assessments to verify that the business meets fair trade criteria of social, economic, and environmental standards.

In a global economy where the price of coffee is constantly fluctuating, fair trade organizations play a huge role in ensuring that coffee farmers and workers are able to earn a sustainable income. With the stability it brings, workers are less likely to be exploited or work in dangerous conditions, and children are less likely to be taken out of school. In this way, fair trade coffee directly supports a better standard of living for agricultural communities and families around the world.



<https://www.tastingtable.com/926314/fair-trade-coffee-vs-regular-coffee-whats-the-difference/>



## Holy Week Services

**Maundy Thursday, April 6** – 6:00pm potluck in hall, followed by stripping of the altar in our sanctuary

**Good Friday, April 7** – 10:30am Worship Service

St. John's College is hosting an **Easter Vigil** service on **Saturday, April 8 at 4:30**

**Easter Sunday** – 9:00am breakfast (hosted by church council)  
10:30am Service of Holy Communion

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*The world champion tongue twister got arrested.  
I hear they're going to give him a tough sentence. ☺*

## EARTH DAY – What is it?

On April 22, 1970, Americans marched and demonstrated in the streets for a healthy, sustainable environment in massive rallies across the US. It was estimated 20 million people, from 10,000 elementary and high schools, 2,000 colleges, and over 1,000 communities participated that day. (It is rumored that the date April 22 was chosen because it fell between colleges' spring breaks and final exams.

Not only did the first Earth Day turn out an impressive amount of people, it also achieved an unusual political alignment. Republicans and Democrats and people from all demographics - union members, farmers, scientists, and politicians - came together for the environment

Even more impressive is that all of the organizing was done without emails, cell phones, the internet, or even fax machines! This makes the success of the first Earth Day even more incredible.

The first Earth Day gave environmental issues national and political attention. It influenced the creation of the US Environmental Protection Agency and numerous [American] laws that protect our environment.

([https://www.adirondackcouncil.org/page/the-history-of-earth-day-256.html?gclid=Cj0KCQjwlPWgBhDHARIsAH2xdNdA05e3TSovdoqcwSSz\\_0mc-7STANKZ3cFYVbbxazxRsAU7z\\_A7hr8aAiRdEALw\\_wcB](https://www.adirondackcouncil.org/page/the-history-of-earth-day-256.html?gclid=Cj0KCQjwlPWgBhDHARIsAH2xdNdA05e3TSovdoqcwSSz_0mc-7STANKZ3cFYVbbxazxRsAU7z_A7hr8aAiRdEALw_wcB))

