

## Participants in Sunday leadership for May, 2022

Date	Usher	Reader	Prayer leader
May 1	Al H	Monica	Jett
May 8	Jerry B	Katharine	Monica
May 15	Larry R	Pam	Jett
May 22	Al H	Katharine	Monica
May 29	Larry R	Pam	Jett

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, 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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When at last the rain falls, our world turns living green.  
Little flowers blossom, the air is warm and clean.  
See the gorgeous lily its radiant blooms display;  
may I just as boldly praise God in my own way.

*All the little flowers and tender curling ferns  
show their maker's glory, each praise to God returns.  
Sing, all of creation, your maker praises accord!*

*I also will offer my songs to you, O Lord.*

**ACS #1066**

As we gradually return to in-person gathering as this pandemic moves to the endemic stage, it is something like exiting the house after a long winter, isn't it?

I remember being in East Africa during the 'rainy season.' For two or three days, the humidity would rise, then the clouds would roll in, and then – sometimes with little warning – the rain would pour. It would pound the clay earth for a few minutes, forming little streams everywhere, and then it would let up! It might rain off and on for a day, but then the air would clear, and the humidity would let up. And then it would go through the cycle again a few days later.

For us, on the prairies, we've wanted the rain to come! Now, we have lots of moisture; now, we're needing the warmth to let the water seep into the ground and help seeds sprout upwards.

We are invited into the song of Spring – the praises to God for the moisture and new life! The hymnist writes (in Spanish) "Al caer la lluvia resurge con verdor," saying "when the rain falls, it brings the greenery." It lifts the spirits to see new life emerge, to see the flowers and plants once more! And, in their way, the blossoms and leaves praise Creator-God as they lift their way upwards. We join that song!

*-Pastor Tyler*

## WHAT CAN BE FOUND ONLINE?

We are gathering in-person on Sundays.

When we gather, we wear masks, and keep distance by household. We have been minimizing movement in the space, during worship, by remaining seated, and by having only a few leaders at the front.

We are working to meet needs as best we can – so there are options for in-person gathering, as well as online.

We are working at a livestream set-up in our sanctuary, so eventually our in-person worship will reach beyond our church walls *while* we gather in our building. At the moment, a recording is made during the service, and uploaded a short while later – you can find our services on YouTube.

Links for online worship can also be found on our website under “Sunday Service.”



[www.GloriaDeiWinnipeg.org](http://www.GloriaDeiWinnipeg.org)



### **Wednesdays – 9:30am Virtual Coffee Hour**

A number of us gather weekly online for conversation over coffee!

To join in these social times, follow the link provided in the e-news.



*May 8<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day*



## QUOTES FROM REVELATIONS OF DIVINE LOVE

Written between the 14th and 15th centuries by Julian of Norwich, *Revelations of Divine Love* is the earliest surviving example of a book in the English language known to have been written by a woman.

“Truth sees God, and wisdom contemplates God, and from these two comes a third, a holy and wonderful delight in God, who is love.”

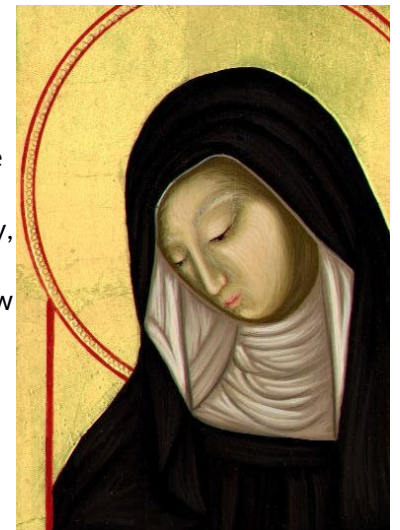
“...we need to fall, and we need to be aware of it; for if we did not fall, we should not know how weak and wretched we are of ourselves, nor should we know our Maker's marvellous love so fully...”

“And in this he showed me a little thing, the quantity of a hazel nut, lying in the palm of my hand, as it seemed. And it was as round as any ball. I looked upon it with the eye of my understanding, and thought, ‘What may this be?’ And it was answered generally thus, ‘It is all that is made.’ I marveled how it might last, for I thought it might suddenly have fallen to nothing for littleness. And I was answered in my understanding: It lasts and ever shall, for God loves it. And so have all things their beginning by the love of God.

In this little thing I saw three properties. The first is that God made it. The second that God loves it. And the third, that God keeps it.”

“Grace transforms our failings full of dread into abundant, endless comfort ... our failings full of shame into a noble, glorious rising ... our dying full of sorrow into holy, blissful life. .... Just as our contrariness here on earth brings us pain, shame and sorrow, so grace brings us surpassing comfort, glory, and bliss in heaven ... And that shall be a property of blessed love, that we shall know in God, which we might never have known without first experiencing woe.”

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, we commemorate Julian of Norwich.





### “Summer Job Opportunity!”

Are you a teen with time on your hands during summer vacation? Do you enjoy fresh air and sunshine? Well, Gloria Dei has the opportunity for you! We are seeking a grounds-keeper for

the summer months. The church supplies the lawn mowers and the gas. The time commitment is approximately 2 hrs per week (depending on how often the grass needs cutting). The job pays \$50 per cut. If interested please contact Don Z at [dzimm2013@gmail.com](mailto:dzimm2013@gmail.com)

### CAMINO MANITOBA

Walk The Hart Trail and into the Assiniboine Forest

Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>  
Beginning and ending at Gloria Dei.

For more information, see the website: [www.CaminoManitoba.ca](http://www.CaminoManitoba.ca)



### “REGROUPING”

As we continue to gather in-person, we might also consider how to celebrate special occasions together, and where we might do things safely, as a community. For what do you hope in the coming while?

It will be extra special when we join in the baptisms! It will be amazing to celebrate as young people affirm their baptisms!

## NAVIGATING THIS TIME

### Why wearing a mask is important

COVID-19 will continue to spread at different levels in communities across Canada, and outbreaks will still occur.

Masks are one of the most effective individual public health measures that we can use to protect ourselves and others from COVID-19.

When layered with other public health measures, a well-constructed, well-fitting and properly worn mask can help prevent you from:

- getting COVID-19
  - they reduce the amount of infectious respiratory particles you inhale
- spreading COVID-19 to others
  - they contain the infectious respiratory particles you produce if you're infected, even if you don't have symptoms

In the longer term, there may be situations when we need to strongly rely on masking. For example, when there:

- are outbreaks
- is a new variant of concern
- are high levels of COVID-19 cases in your community

(<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/about-non-medical-masks-face-coverings.html#a7>)

### Tips to prevent spread (from City of Toronto)

- Stay up to date with your COVID-19 vaccination, including any booster dose(s) when eligible for the best protection against COVID-19.
- Reduce or limit the number of people you have close contact with, especially indoors.
- Keep a physical distance when possible, especially indoors.
- Stay home if you are sick or have symptoms, even if they are mild.
- Choose well ventilated spaces when possible – outdoors is lower risk than indoors.

(<https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-reduce-virus-spread/>)