

Participants in Sunday leadership for November, 2023

Date	Reader	Liturgist (Prayers)	Greeter
Nov 5	Cathy D	Jennifer	Ralph
Nov 12	Katharine	Jett	Larry
Nov 19	Monica	Lexy	Jerry
Nov 26	Katharine	Jennifer	Ralph
Dec 3	Cathy D.	Monica	Jerry

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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Clouds of light surround the table; ancient followers appear, saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt, and fear. Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight;

Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light. **ACS #977**

In October, we lift up our reformation story. In November, we remember the saints in light. It's all about relationship! Maybe another "re-" word for this time in our history as a church is "reset."

We are working at how we connect and open up with our Indigenous neighbours. We are working at how we collaborate with other Lutherans, but also ecumenical partners. We seek new partnerships in our local community to meet need. These are some of the ways in which we're visioning for the future.

Perhaps patterns that we've developed over years and decades are needing to be re-examined; we might seek new ways forward for the sake of those who may arrive at Gloria Dei for the first time. Maybe a reset of how we've "done church" is being asked of us. And then the question is, "how do we do that meaningfully?" How do we enter into new ways without feeling that we have nothing to contribute, or that a new way forward is impossible?

A gift of the story of so many of the saints – the famous ones, as well as the loved ones we've known – a gift of theirs is how they surrounded the community of faith with support and compassion. I think back on my grandparents who loved me, and gave me space to be me, in ways that others didn't or couldn't. I read about someone like Francis of Assisi and am inspired to care for creation, and live simply, myself. They weren't perfect – wrestling with guilt, doubt, and fear, too – and yet their witness continues to reverberate.

-Pastor Tyler



Join in, this Fall. The abbreviation is "3P," and it stands for **Play/Pizza/Pray**. Come at **4pm on Sunday, November 19**, and we'll have a time of fun and conversation, we'll eat together, and then we'll have informal worship together! *Everyone welcome!*

CAMBRIDGE COFFEEHOUSE

Saturday, November 25th, 7:30pm, hosted by St Mark's Lutheran Church (600 Cambridge St) An evening of music by local artists, admission by donation, with this coffeehouse's proceeds going to the **Counseling Program at Epiphany Indigenous Anglican Church**.



"Happy 540th Birthday Martin Luther!"

Martin Luther was born on November 10, 1483, in Eisleben, County of Mansfeld, in the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation. Although he died in February 1546, his teachings and theology continue to thrive in the world today (*including at Gloria Dei!*)

FIRST CONTACT

Six Canadians Take an Extraordinary Journey Through Indigenous Canada

Adult Educational Series

First Contact takes six Canadians on a 28- day journey intended to challenge attitudes and shed a light on the true Indigenous experience. *See our e-news for links to join in with this series!*

"Camino close to home!" Camino Manitoba offers walking opportunities with others who are looking for a time of reflection, and a long walk. Check their social media @CaminoManitoba and website www.CaminoManitoba.ca for upcoming opportunities. *Day walks are being planned for the last Saturday of the month*



Did you know Gloria Dei is offering a community Taiji class on Thursday afternoons with Katharine Bergbusch? Whether you are looking to explore a new meditation or movement technique, or simply wanting to try something new, Thursday Taiji might be for you!

For more information, please contact Katharine.

Are you an artist or enjoy creating images and are looking for a recreational group to join? The Wednesday Art Group that meets at Gloria Dei each week is looking to expand their membership!

For more information, please reach out to the church office, or to Jean Hunter, and we can put you in contact with the organizer.



I didn't think orthopedic shoes would help, but I stand corrected. ☺



Men's Breakfast happens every Thursday at the Portage Avenue Salsbury House at 8am.

Ladies Lunch occurs once a month on a Wednesdays. For details, please contact Marlene Herman.

What's the Israel-Palestine Conflict About?

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has claimed tens of thousands of lives and displaced many millions of people and has its roots in a colonial act carried out more than a century ago.

On November 2, 1917, Britain's then-foreign secretary, Arthur Balfour, wrote a letter addressed to Lionel Walter Rothschild, a figurehead of the British Jewish community. The letter was short – just 67 words – but its contents had a seismic effect on Palestine that is still felt to this day. It committed the British government to “the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people” and to facilitating “the achievement of this object”. The letter is known as the Balfour Declaration. In essence, a European power promised the Zionist movement a country where Palestinian Arab natives made up more than 90 percent of the population.

Escalating tensions eventually led to the Arab Revolt, which lasted from 1936 to 1939.

By 1947, the Jewish population had ballooned to 33 percent of Palestine, but they owned only 6 percent of the land.

Even before the British Mandate expired on May 14, 1948, Zionist paramilitaries were already embarking on a military operation to destroy Palestinian towns and villages to expand the borders of the Zionist state that was to be born.

From 1947 to 1949, more than 500 Palestinian villages, towns and cities were destroyed in what Palestinians refer to as the Nakba, or “catastrophe” in Arabic. An estimated 15,000 Palestinians were killed, including in dozens of massacres. The Zionist movement captured 78 percent of historic Palestine. The remaining 22 percent was divided into what are now the occupied West Bank and the besieged Gaza Strip. An estimated 750,000 Palestinians were forced out of their homes.

On June 5, 1967, Israel occupied the rest of historic Palestine, including the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, East Jerusalem, the Syrian Golan Heights and the Egyptian Sinai Peninsula during the Six-Day War against a coalition of Arab armies.

In 1995, Israel built an electronic fence and concrete wall around the Gaza Strip, snapping interactions between the split Palestinian territories.

(full article: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/10/9/whats-the-israel-palestine-conflict-about-a-simple-guide>)



Deacon Michelle Collins, for leading last month's church visioning workshop, and exploring new ideas and the future of Gloria Dei.

Our church council (Jennifer, Carol, Irene, Deborah, Ralph, Monica, Rocky, & Lexy), for representing the congregation and taking initiative on projects and operations that impact the church body.

Deborah Judt and Al Herman, for diligently tracking the church's finances.

To our substituting musicians (Pastor Tyler, Cathy, Chrystl, & Wendy), for stepping in and assisting in worship leadership while our pianist, Karen Isleifson Buechler is healing from her injury.

Jett Isleifson, for his dedication and resilience in leading, trouble-shooting and working our live stream and sound system.

The Urban Meal prep team, for making meals for those in our community who are in need and who might not want to ask for help.

And, finally, thank you to *you*, for making Gloria Dei your church, your home, and a place you feel safe.

What do Lutherans believe about "Saints"?

The Apology of the Augsburg Confession states that the remembrance of the saints has three parts: "The first is thanksgiving. For we ought to give thanks to God because He has shown examples of mercy; because He has shown that He wishes to save men; because He has given teachers or other gifts to the Church. And these gifts, as they are the greatest, should be amplified, and the saints themselves should be praised, who have faithfully used these gifts, just as Christ praises faithful business-men (Matt. 25:21, 23). The second service is the strengthening of our faith; when we see the denial forgiven Peter, we also are encouraged to believe the more that grace truly superabounds over sin (Rom. 5:20). The third honour is the imitation, first, of faith, then of the other virtues, which every one should imitate according to his calling."

6:30 is the best time on a clock, hands down. ☺