

Participants in Video Devotions for September, 2021

Date	Worship Assistant (Psalm)	Reader (reading)	Prayer leader
Sept 5	Kim D	Tim L	Christa M
Sept 12	Kara R	Pam R	Tim L
Sept 19	Monica P	Eric N	Kim D
Sept 26	Jett I	Christa M	Marilyn C

Readings and prayers available on the "Sunday Service" page (and archive) of our website. 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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*We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you
all that you give; help us in love to share,
teach us like you to care for people ev'rywhere,
that all may live.*

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Rabbi Joachim Prinz was expelled from Germany in 1937. As President of the American Jewish Congress, he ended up joining in the civil rights movement of the 1960s with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, after witnessing racism against African Americans. He is quoted to have said, "Neighbour is not a geographic term. It is a moral concept. It means our collective responsibility for the preservation of [human] dignity and integrity."

"Who is my neighbour" might be a guiding question for all followers of Christ. It certainly was a question for the lawyer wanting to find certainty and righteousness in Jesus' day (Luke 10:29). And Jesus' answer – in the story of the Samaritan who showed mercy – was not simple.

In September, we observe the Season of Creation. It is a time of harvest, and yet we're coming out of a time of drought – the harvest may be slim, this year. Water levels are low, and forested areas have burned.

How might we, in our living, show mercy to the planet – that we might live as neighbours to creation? Our treatment of the earth affects people, whether it's the extreme weather we experience or the shortage of food. We may not always think about it, but we do affect the outcome.

May we look to this new programming year with resolve to be better neighbours, to be stewards of creation, that we may share this planet and God's abundance to show care for people everywhere.

-Pastor Tyler

Considering Resumption of In-Person Worship Services

Our Church Council met on August 12 to discuss resumption of in-person worship services. Council agreed on the following for in-person worship services:

Indoor worship services: Under the current health order indoor worship services can seat 150 people or 50% of the building capacity whichever is greater. Participants must still be socially spaced by household unit and wear masks. We do not anticipate seating that number of people in our sanctuary or fellowship hall. Council agrees that the first in-person worship services would not begin until late September and be confined to households who do not have internet access. The participants would be personally invited- the indoor worship would not be open to all. This will maintain social spacing and lower numbers in the sanctuary. Church Council will also require proof of vaccination.

Outdoor worship services: The current health order permits outdoor worship services seating 1500 people or 50% of the area capacity whichever is lesser. Needless to say we would not have a gathering that large but we can accommodate our family units on the front lawn similar to our congregational picnic attendance. The outdoor service is open to all, not by invitation or pre-registration. We do not require proof of vaccination and masks are optional. Household units must social distance. Weather permitting, these services could begin in mid-September. If the weather is inclement we must cancel the service, it does not move indoors. The washrooms are available to vaccinated attendees only.

Online worship services: The online worship service and Zoom conversation and prayer time will continue to run concurrently with indoor and outdoor services.

Communion: Participants are asked to bring their own communion elements, such as grape juice, bread, crackers, wafers, to both indoor and outdoor services.

PLEASE NOTE: The current health order is to be revised by the provincial government on Sept. 7. The Worship Committee is meeting on Sept. 8 to plan ahead. Church Council, meeting on Sept. 13, may need to revise all plans for resuming in-person worship depending on what the next public health order will permit.

Wednesdays – 9:30am Virtual Coffee Hour

**Sundays – 9:30am Bible Study,
10am time of prayer:**

zoom

- 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!

As Gloria Dei celebrates its

60th Anniversary in 2021...



What memories do you have of the past?

What dreams do you have for the future?

Let's share our stories, and hopes!

ELECTION DAY IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th!

For information about voter eligibility,
advance polls, mail-in ballots,
and other election information, visit:

www.elections.ca





The World Council of Churches (WCC) is calling its member churches to observe the **International Day of Prayer for Peace on 21 September.**

The International Day of Prayer for Peace is commemorated by the WCC in conjunction with the United Nations-sponsored International Day of Peace on 21 September.

Churches are invited to pray for peace

The peace prayer day began during the ecumenical Decade to Overcome Violence.

The idea was born in a meeting between the WCC general secretary and the UN secretary general in 2004. (<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/churches-to-observe-international-day-of-prayer-for-peace>)



SEASON OF CREATION

From September 1 to October 4, the Christian family celebrates the good gift of creation. This global celebration began in 1989 with the Ecumenical Patriarchate's recognition of the Day of Prayer for Creation and is now embraced by the wide ecumenical community. Prayer is a powerful experience and tool to raise awareness and foster transformational relations and ministry.

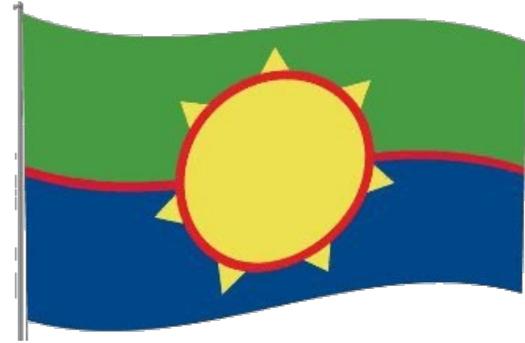
As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common role as caretakers of God's creation. We see that our wellbeing is interwoven with its wellbeing. We rejoice in this opportunity to care for our common home and the sisters and brothers who share it.

This year, the theme for the season is A home for all? Renewing the *Oikos* of God.

In Genesis God set a dome over the Earth. The word "dome" is where we get words such as 'domicile' and 'domestic' — in other words, God puts us all is — all people, all life — under the same domed roof — we are all in the house, the *oikos* of God. God gave humans the ministry to take care and cultivate this *oikos* of God.

The *oikos* is a home for all but it is now in danger because of greed, exploitation, disrespect, disconnection and systematic degradation. The whole creation is still crying out.

May we be the champions to renew life, the servant leaders of all life in the Beloved Community, the *oikos* of God. (*Season of Creation Advisory Committee*)



The Nations of Treaty One adopted a new general flag in May, 2020

Yellow represents "As long as the sun shines", the green "the grass grows", the blue "and the rivers flow", red represents the circle of life and the red people (Indigenous), and the yellow triangles represent the seven First Nations in Treaty No.1. All together represents the signing of the treaties and how long the treaties will last.

(https://www.crwflags.com/fotw/flags/ca_trty1.html)

Treaty No. 1 ~ 150th Commemoration

2021 marks the 150th year anniversary since the signing of the first of the 11 numbered treaties in Canada.

Treaty No. 1 was Signed at Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site between the Ojibway, Swampy Cree, and the Crown, Treaty No. 1 paved the way for establishing a relationship between the Crown and Indigenous peoples. As the first treaty, it set the precedent that allowed Canada's settlement and sovereignty as a nation.

On August 3rd, representatives from the Treaty One Nation, the Government of Canada, and the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba gathered at Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site to mark the 150th anniversary of the making of Treaty No. 1 in 1871.

(https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/mb/fortgarry/activ/traite-treaty?utm_campaign=pc-pc-ebulletin-21-22&utm_medium=email&utm_source=fall-2021&utm_content=LFGtreaty-link-en)