

Participants in Worship for March, 2020

Date	Worship Assistant	Reader	Prayer leader	Ushers	Servers
March 1	Marilyn	Marilyn	Monica	Al & Marlene H	Ralph & Doreen O
March 8	Jett	<i>ecumenical visitor!</i>	Mark	Larry R Craig J	Brian & Lori D
March 15	Tim	<i>ecumenical visitor!</i>	Kim	Al H & Ralph O	Don & Bev M
March 22	Monica	<i>ecumenical visitor!</i>	Pam	Rocky R & Jerry B	Grace K & Gary A
March 29	Tom	Jett	Marilyn	Larry R Craig J	Lillian & Art T

You are responsible to find your own replacement. Please to be sure to advise the church office if you switch with someone else.

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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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*Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.*

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As it works out, this year, the Sundays of the month of March constitute the Sundays in the season of Lent!

We hear on Ash Wednesday about fasting, alms-giving, and prayer – the disciplines of the season.

I remember growing up, and often in the season of Lent, my family would commit to giving up something... usually sweets. For a young person, that kind of piety could be brutal, especially when most of the rest of life had to do with abundance, and not being denied much! In one case, I recall refusing a piece of ice-cream cake when it was my friend's birthday – *this* was the discipline of Lent!

As Christians – more specifically, as members of western-culture which has been shaped by elements of Christianity – we are aware of certain occasions and seasons that call us to ways that are disciplined or alternative to society. However, we may not be as observant as some of our Muslim neighbours when they observe the month of Ramadan, or perhaps our Jewish neighbours on Yom Kippur.

Some Christian traditions have taken to *doing more* during the season of Lent – perhaps putting more in the offering plate, based on the number of one's luxury items, or committing to volunteering at a helping agency regularly. And many offer more worship services during the season, as will Gloria Dei on Wednesday evenings.

We know of needs around us, and need in the world. We are invited to consider our place in the interconnected web of life. May the season of Lent be a time of faith formation and growth for you!

-Pastor Tyler

LENTEN STUDY SERIES: "BEYOND BELIEF"

Marcus J. Borg (1942 – 2015) was an American New Testament scholar, theologian and author.

He was among the most widely known and influential voices in progressive Christianity and internationally known in both academic and church circles.

The New York Times described him as "a leading future in his generation of Jesus scholars." Marcus brought clarity and insight to an understanding of Jesus and Christianity that was accessible and transformative.

In this series, we'll engage some of Borg's ideas around thinking theologically, reading the Bible, discerning our role as followers of the way of Jesus Christ. We'll watch a video (approximately 30 minutes per session) and have discussion.

*See you in the church hall on **Sundays at 9:30am!***

CAMBRIDGE COFFEEHOUSE



hosted by
St Mark's Lutheran Church
600 Cambridge St (corner of Corydon)
Saturday, March 14
7:30pm

*Pastor Tyler plays in the house band!
Lexy Dorn will be performing!
A fun evening of live music!*

"SPRING AHEAD"
Remember to
set your clocks ahead by an
hour before going to bed on
Saturday night, March 7th



Thank you...

- to Pam Ring for sending cards on behalf of our congregation, a meaningful way to observe joy and sorrow
- to Deborah Judt for assembling the Annual Report, and to Karen Hayden for sending it out
- to council members for their faithful service!

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT AT GLORIA DEI

You may choose to prepare for the midweek readings we'll hear in the season of Lent by reading Philippians 2:5-11. This reading points the assembly toward its annual celebration of the Sunday of the Passion (April 5, this year). When we get to the passion of the Christ on the first day of Holy Week, we'll hear the rich contrast between the entrance reading where there are shouts of "Hosanna," and then later the trial story with cries of "Crucify!" Both ends of the theological and emotional spectrum are significant touchstones for the coming celebration of the Three Days (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil), and few passages give such clear voice to those contrasting touchstones as the Christ hymn in Philippians 2.

(adapted from Sundays and Seasons 2020, p.109)

We gather for soup supper at 6pm
We gather for Holden Evening Prayer at 7pm



Hold in prayer...

In a time of loss:

Mary Heinrichs died on February 6th – may God's peace and comfort be with her daughter, Carol, and the Maruk family.



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ST PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE



Christ with me,
 Christ before me,
 Christ behind me,
 Christ in me,
 Christ beneath me,
 Christ above me,
 Christ on my right,
 Christ on my left,
 Christ when I lie down,
 Christ when I sit down,
 Christ when I arise,
 Christ in the heart of every man
 who thinks of me,
 Christ in the mouth of everyone
 who speaks of me,
 Christ in every eye that sees me,
 Christ in every ear that hears me.

Wet'suwet'en

From a statement of solidarity signed on February 6th by ecumenical leaders from across Canada:

“We call upon the RCMP and Canadian government to respectfully honour Wet'suwet'en Clan law, whereby ceasing their surveillance, occupation, and militarized violence on Indigenous land.”



ELCIC @ELCICInfo · Feb 8

ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson has signed on to this statement of solidarity with members of the Wet'suwet'en Nation in Northern BC.

... of genocide. These unlawful occupations and tactics not
 a Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. That hour
 to life in their unceded territory and unremedied do not stop
 if the pipeline. The pipeline project would not be sanctioned,
 a negative pattern of actions, and justify the entire system of
 and compensation. Furthermore, the final report of the
 National Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+
 direct consultation between resource extraction projects and
 and within Indigenous communities. The migration of self
 people who has been connected to increased natural resource
 impact, the influx of drugs and alcohol, increased conflict and
 of Indigenous self-determination in their communities.

solidarity statement

Thursday February 6th 2020 Peace be with you, In solidarity with our Wet'suwet'en relatives, we call ...

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WHO WAS OSCAR ROMERO?

Óscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdámez (15 August 1917 – 24 March 1980) was a prelate of the Catholic Church in El Salvador who served as the fourth Archbishop of San Salvador. He spoke out against poverty, social injustice, assassinations, and torture amid a growing war between left-wing and right-wing forces. In 1980, Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass in the chapel of the Hospital of Divine Providence. Though no one was ever convicted for the crime, investigations by the UN-created Truth Commission for El Salvador concluded that the extreme right-wing politician, founder of ARENA and death squad leader Roberto D'Aubuisson had given the order.



During Romero's beatification, Pope Francis stated, "His ministry was distinguished by his particular attention to the most poor and marginalized." Hailed as a hero by supporters of liberation theology inspired by his work, Romero, according to his biographer, "was not interested in liberation theology" but faithfully adhered to Catholic teachings on liberation and a preferential option for the poor, desiring a social revolution based on interior reform. Up to the end of his life, his spiritual life drew much from the spirituality of Opus Dei. While seen as a social conservative at his appointment as archbishop in 1977, he was deeply affected by the murder of his friend and fellow priest Rutilio Grande a few weeks after his own appointment and subsequently developed into an outspoken social activist.

In 2010, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 24 March as the "International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims" in recognition of the role of Romero in defence of human rights. Romero actively denounced violations of the human rights of the most vulnerable people and defended the principles of protecting lives, promoting human dignity and opposing all forms of violence. (Wikipedia)