

Participants in Video Devotions for June, 2020

Date	Worship Assistant (Psalm)	Reader (reading)	Prayer leader (prayers)
June 7	Tim L	Monica P	Jett I
June 14	Jett	Kara & Ellie R	Pam/Larry R
June 21	Monica P	Jett I	Mark S
June 28	Tom R	Katharine B	Christa M

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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*Many and great, O God, are your works, maker of earth and sky.
Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at your word the waters were formed; deep seas obey your voice.*

*Grant unto us communion with you, O Star-abiding One.
Come unto us and dwell with us; with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with you. EvLW #837*

I love the feel of this hymn, set to a Dakota tune. The words remind us of our Creator God who loves creatures and creation, and longs for us to be One.

As we have observed Pentecost, a moment where people come together and where languages are no boundary, we are again reminded of how we are connected.

I'm mindful, this month, of World Environment Day (June 5) and National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21). We are called to care for the earth, and perhaps this time where we aren't driving or taking planes to distant places is a time to walk and tread more lightly, and perhaps putter more in the garden, yard, or balcony planter box! We are called to consider our relationship with Indigenous peoples – what narratives do we subscribe to, and what history do we have, yet, to learn? How can we build positive relationships that are respectful of those not like us? The story of Pentecost points us to all we have in common with people and planet.

Our prayer for this "Time of the Church," which follows Pentecost Sunday, might be "*Creator God, come unto us and dwell with us.*" From our various homes, from our isolated places, from behind our masks (!), we invite God to be with us, and to gather us together that we might know the unity we have in this wondrous world! Peace and health to you!

-Pastor Tyler

From the Worship Committee

Gloria Dei Lutheran is overcoming the isolation that the Covid-19 pandemic is causing. The launch of our Sunday Devotionals on YouTube and Facebook allow Pastor Tyler to lovingly gather our weekly service input from our volunteers and our church musicians in a similar format to our services. I feel very reenergized after these meetings and am happy to join with attendees to continue in worship from a distance until we can do so again in person. We miss meeting personally with everyone at church. The next best thing I enjoy is hearing someone you love read to you from the Bible. It is a very comforting feeling to know we are not alone. We have Bible Study at 9:30 when we meet on Zoom and we have added a Prayer Time at 10:00 a.m. The prayer time (on Zoom) gives us the opportunity to pray together for those on our prayer list as well as each other. All are welcome to join us. Our devotional goes live at 10:30 each Sunday on Facebook and is available online afterwards.

We could use your help. Would you like to contribute by reading, singing, sharing a well loved poem, or perhaps you are willing to share your faith story or your personal moments of inspiration that have happened since we last met at the church. We can make this happen. Hope to see you on Sunday!! www.gloriadeiwinnipeg.org

Yours In Christ,

Kim Dorn, *Worship Committee*

Thank you...

- to Lexy and Karsten for the great "band in isolation" music!
- to Ralph for organizing the grounds clean-up, and for those who helped out on May 2nd!
- to Karen Hayden for keeping our office going at the church
- to Jett for video-recording pieces for our online video devotions
- to Karen Isleifson Buechler for our church music
- to Monica, Jett, Mark, Tim, Tom, Kim, and Marilyn for reading!
- to Deborah and Al for their work on our finances

On Sundays at 10am, via Zoom, we hold in prayer:

- those who are ill
 - those who have experienced loss
 - those celebrating birthdays, and other good news
 - ...you are named, and we remember you!
- Contact Pastor Tyler with prayer requests, or changes to our list.

NEW CHURCH LOGO!!



Gloria Dei
LUTHERAN CHURCH

With consultation and input from art groups that meet at Gloria Dei, artistic people in our congregation, and the church council, Pastor Tyler worked with a graphic designer to come up with the image, above. It is based on the "Gloria Dei Window" in our sanctuary, and includes liturgical colours of the church year.

Why have a logo?

As we continue to navigate the internet, and build our presence, it is useful to have an image that represents us that provides some connection between the various online platforms we use – website, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter. It is useful in digital media; it will also be useful in print media. Look for it! Point people to it!

"Ordinary Time" - *Time of the Church*

The period between Pentecost and Advent is called Ordinary Time. This season makes up almost half of the church year. The word "ordinary" used in this context does not mean unremarkable, but rather comes from the word "ordinal" meaning "counted." During Ordinary Time, we move from Sunday to Sunday, with each one standing on its own. The Sundays in Ordinary Time are called the Sundays *after* Pentecost.

The season of Ordinary Time celebrates the ongoing work of Jesus in and through his people.

The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green. Green is meant to symbolize hope, to be a symbol of life and growth. As the plants sprout and bring forth new growth during the warmth of summer, so we too, use this time to grow in our faith and discipleship in our ordinary daily life as we follow the teachings of Jesus.

The bookends of Ordinary Time are Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost, and Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday after Pentecost and the week before the beginning of Advent.

(<http://blcfairport.org/ordinary-time-what-and-why/>)



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MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

As I write this there is continuing news about the Covid-19 pandemic and its effects on absolutely everybody. Our province of Manitoba thankfully has not been severely afflicted with a heavy rate of casualties and even makes reports of no new victims day after day. A Phase 2 reopening plan is to take effect on June 1, 2020 allowing limited access to restaurants and other businesses, as well as permitting indoor gatherings of no more than 25 people practicing social distance, and outdoor gatherings of no more than 50 people. There is even provision for an outdoor event of unlimited size provided the participants stay in their cars.

Needless to say, our Gloria Dei members miss our weekly in person worship services and patiently await their resumption. They wonder how much longer we must carry out ministry remotely and online. When can we all meet again in person?

Our MNO Synod has released guidelines for the reopening of our church buildings and resuming worship services. What this involves, in brief, is measures such as deep cleaning of the facility, no access to hymnals or bulletins, no singing or responses said aloud, maintenance of physical distance between worshippers, very restrictive Eucharistic practices, and so on.

Pastor Erik Parker of Sherwood Park Lutheran Church here in Winnipeg has written a very eye-opening article, "So Your Church Is Opening Up After COVID-19 Closures? It Won't Be What You Are Hoping For." Pastor Erik presents a surreal "Twilight Zone-like" view of what a resumption of worship services at this time would be like.

Readers are encouraged to check out Pastor Erik's article, here is a weblink:

<https://millennialpastor.ca/2020/05/26/so-your-church-is-opening-up-after-covid-19-closures-it-wont-be-what-you-are-hoping-for/>

As for us of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, we must continue to carry on as we have been already not only to protect ourselves but also the surrounding community. God has blessed our people with great gifts to carry on ministry, we are thankful for our Pastor Tyler Gingrich whose technological skill has brought an online presence to Gloria Dei such that we have never had before. Talented people give of their time and talents to record readings, music, devotions and even faith-based animations that are well received. Many viewers of our material are not members of our congregation. Coffee gatherings and group prayer happen on Zoom. Gloria Dei continues to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacrament, even if it is all in a virtual Internet world.

Pastor Gingrich and I, and the Church Council continue to pay close attention to the Covid-19 situation, and when the day comes we will again gather as a corporate body in our building to worship and pray in a unified voice.

"do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." *Isaiah 41:10*

Jett Isleifson, *Church Council Chair*

See you on Zoom on **Wednesdays and Sundays at 9:30am!**