

Participants in Sunday leadership for March, 2024

Date	Reader	Liturgist (Prayers)	Greeter	Coffee Host
Mar 3	Pam	Lexy	Larry	
Mar 10	Kim	Jennifer	Jerry	Lillian
Mar 17	Cathy	Lexy	Ralph	Audrey
Mar 24	Monica	Jennifer	Jerry	
Thurs, Mar 28	Katharine	—	—	—
Fri, Mar 29	Pam	Kim	Larry	—
Mar 31	Katharine	Monica	Ralph	(breakfast prior to service)

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 strive to be an open and affirming congregation to all, welcoming 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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*Christ is the life of all that is, Beginning and the End;
creative force, most peaceful death, transforming burning brand.
Christ is the life, in whose wise love creation lives and dies
and thus forevermore shall bless the Source, the living Christ. ACS #927*

As we journey through Lent, hopefully we find time for reflection on life and meaning – isn't that (at least partly) what “fasting” and “prayer” in this time is about? We take a break from some of the patterns we may gravitate to, regularly, and we try to be mindful about our place in the world.

I've often found the weeks of Lent – with the extra services and “church stuff” – a time to engage faith more. While maybe my default is to avoid talking about faith with non-church people at other times of the year, in Lent, I feel more at ease in talking about what I believe and why it's important to me to reflect on ‘what it all means.’ Beginning with Ash Wednesday, and the words about how we're connected to the earth, through to Holy Week and the new fire of Easter, I appreciate the imagery and *tangible* nature of this time – and I think others (even those outside church circles) can relate to many of the things we lift up.

The hymnist uses words that convey meaning – expressions of faith that describe what we believe: “Christ is the life... creative force... in whose wise love creation lives and dies...” These are descriptive words to say something about the nature of what we believe about God-incarnate. And look at that word for God: “Source.” A favourite pop-song lyric has a line, “we all end in the ocean, we all start in the stream” – we're all part of a greater, creative One. In these weeks that sort of *intensify* our journey of faith, may we always see how we are connected and drawn to a new place and new being!

-Pastor Tyler

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on Sunday, March 3, 2024.

Following the morning worship service & light lunch
See e-news for Annual Report, or contact our office



Noon-Hour Lenten Series

Featuring Gloria Dei's Casavant Pipe Organ,
with guest organists:

February 28 – Peter Fyne

March 6 – Lynne Mavins

March 13 – Dorcas Windsor

March 20 – Helen Suh

12:15pm in our sanctuary on Wednesdays in Lent!

A collaboration with the Royal Canadian College of Organists



Holy Week Services



March 24, 10:30am: **Palm/Passion Sunday**

March 28, 7:00pm: **Maundy Thursday** Agape meal

March 29, 10:30am: **Good Friday** morning worship

March 31, 10:30am: **Easter Sunday** worship*

*Easter breakfast hosted by church council prior to service.

🔑 **GLORIA DEI HOSTS A SYNOD YOUTH/FAMILY**

SERVICE ON MARCH 10th at 4pm 🔑

(this event is in place of 3P this month!)

**Make sure you're subscribed to our weekly e-news
to stay up to date on everything Gloria Dei!**

A Brief Introduction to The Three Days (aka "Triduum")

Simply defined, The Three Days (*Triduum* in Latin) are the three days of Holy Week which focus intensely on Christ's passage from death to life: Maundy Thursday evening through Easter evening.

Historical Background

The keeping of The Three Days has its roots in springtime rituals and in the Jewish celebration of the Passover. The Jewish people observed the passage from winter to spring by slaughtering a lamb and sharing a meal. This meal recalled the saving power of God and their thankfulness not only to have survived winter, but to have been freed from slavery.

Christians layered onto this practice the observation of the death and resurrection of another lamb, Christ, the Lamb of God. The date for this observation coincided with the Jewish Passover.

In the second and third centuries, this festival continued to evolve. Pascha (from the Greek, meaning "passage," as in Christ's passage from death to new life) became not only linked to the Passover as described in Exodus, but also the to waters of Baptism. Individuals or families were baptized at this time of the year. Thus what began as a Jewish celebration of the Passover became an annual celebration of the Resurrection.

This annual celebration had become a three day observance by the fourth century. After a period of preparation, Christians were welcomed into the church through baptism at the Vigil of Easter. Although **Maundy Thursday**, **Good Friday** and **The Vigil** were observed on three days, the event was regarded as one ritual with a dismissal given only at the Easter Vigil.

Over time, the practice of keeping The Three Days waned and other Holy Week rituals developed. Only in the twentieth century has the church witnessed a renewal of this feast. (<https://blogs.elca.org/worship/477/>)



How do you get a bunny to work overtime?

Simply raise its celery.

What did the rabbit say to the carrot? It was nice gnawing you.



International Women's Day – March 8

With well over a century of history and change, the first International Women's Day (IWD) was held in March 1911. IWD isn't country, group or organization specific. It's a day of collective global activism and celebration that belongs to all those committed to forging women's equality.

The campaign theme for International Women's Day

2024 is **Inspire Inclusion**.

When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world. (www.internationalwomensday.com)



International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination - March 21

STOP RACISM

Did you know that 21 March is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination? On this day in 1960, police opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa, against the apartheid "pass laws". Proclaiming the Day in 1966, the UN General Assembly called on the international community to redouble its efforts to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination.

Against the alarming rise of xenophobia, racism and intolerance, the UN Human Rights Office has launched its #FightRacism campaign to foster a global culture of tolerance, equality and anti-discrimination.

(<https://www.ohchr.org/en/get-involved/stories/international-day-elimination-racial-discrimination>)

World Water Day – March 22

World Water Day, is held on March 22nd, and focuses on the importance of water. It goes back to 1992, at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro.

It serves to raise awareness and reaffirm that water and sanitation measures are key to poverty reduction, economic growth, and environmental sustainability. It also aims to encourage action to support the achieve of Sustainable Development Goal 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030, which is linked to agriculture and food security.

(<https://foodgrainsbank.ca/resources/world-water-day/>)



What is "Fair Trade"?

Fairtrade changes the way trade works through better prices, decent working conditions and a fairer deal for farmers and workers in developing countries.

A product with the FAIRTRADE Mark means producers and businesses have met internationally agreed standards which have been independently certified. Fairtrade means:

- Prices that aim to cover the average costs of producing their crop sustainably – a vital safety net when market prices drop,
- The Fairtrade Premium – an extra sum of money paid on top of the selling price to invest in business or community projects of their choice,
- Decent working conditions and a ban on discrimination, forced labour and child labour,
- Access to advance credit ahead of harvest time,
- Being able to plan more for the future with more security and stronger relationships with buyers.

The "Level Ground" coffee we now brew at Gloria Dei is Fairtrade!

For more information: www.fairtrade.net



Camino Manitoba walking the Harte Trail

Saturday, March 23
10am, starting at Gloria Dei
www.CaminoManitoba.ca

Our Lenten study come from MNO Synod, and it is called "Question Privilege"



Join in on Zoom Wednesday mornings!
See e-news for more information



MNO DEVOTIONAL 2024
WORKING TOWARDS A DAY
WITHOUT RACISM



March 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Holy Week Services: - Maundy Thursday – March 28, 7:00pm - Good Friday – March 29, 10:30am - Easter Sunday – March 31, 10:30am					1 Weekly e-news	2	
3 10:30 – Worship (Lent 3) AGM	4 Pastor’s Day Off	5 1:00 – GD Quilting	6 9:30 – Zoom Coffee Hour 12:15 – Lenten Service Urban Meal Prep	 7 8:00 – Men’s Breakfast 4:30 – Community Taiji w/ Katharine B	8 Weekly e-news International Women’s Day	9	
10 10:30 – Worship (Lent 4) 4:00 – 3P (hosting MNO Youth Service)	11 Pastor’s Day Off	12 Pastor’s Study Day 1:00 – GD Quilting	13 9:30 – Zoom Coffee Hour 12:15 – Lenten Service	14 8:00 – Men’s Breakfast 4:30 – Community Taiji w/ Katharine B	15 Weekly e-news	16	
17 10:30 – Worship (Lent 5) 1:30 - Confirmation	18 Pastor’s Day Off	19 1:00 – GD Quilting Church Council Meeting	20 9:30 – Zoom Coffee Hour 12:15 – Lenten Service	21 8:00 – Men’s Breakfast 4:30 – Community Taiji w/ Katharine B Day of Elimination of Racism	22 Weekly e-news World Water Day	23 10:00 – Camio Manitoba Walk	
24 10:30 – Worship (Palm Sunday)	25 Pastor’s Day Off	26 Pastor’s Study Day 1:00 – GD Quilting	27 9:30 – Zoom Coffee Hour	28 Maundy Thursday 7:00 – Worhsip	29 Good Friday Weekly e-news 10:30 – Worship	30	
31 10:30 – Worship (Easter) Breakfast before Worship (provided by Council)	Church Office Hours: Wednesdays & Fridays, 9-2 *the office will be closed March 20 & 22					 Gloria Dei LUTHERAN CHURCH	