

Participants in Sunday leadership for April, 2024

Date	Reader	Liturgist (Prayers)	Greeter	Coffee Host
Apr 7	Cathy	Jennifer	Jerry	Cathy
Apr 14	Pam	Lexy	Larry	Jean, Pam, Sharon
Apr 21	Katharine	Jennifer	Ralph	Audrey
Apr 28	Kim	Monica	Jerry	Kim

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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*Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.*

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I love the image we hear around this time in the lectionary year about a grain of wheat dying, losing its grain-identity, but taking on new life in the stalk that breaks through the surface of the soil where it's planted!

Oscar Romero, who was commemorated on Palm Sunday, this year (March 24) is quoted to have said: "I do not believe in death without resurrection. If they kill me I will rise again in the people of El Salvador."

Are these images of death and new life – whether in our relationships with those close to us, or the grain of wheat – are these the Easter story in summary-form? And, as we get into these weeks of Easter and hear the gospel accounts of Jesus' appearance after the resurrection, are we hearing again such stories of new life? ...that he has risen in his followers?

This points us to how we embody the faith, and the Easter story, in our beings. What – of each of us – embodies the life of Christ in our congregation, in our surrounding community, and in the world? When we consider the many gifts among us, do we see the presence and life of Christ in new ways?

The poet, Charles Bukowski once said "We're all going to die... That alone should make us love each other." I hear echoes of Jesus' Maundy Thursday commandment. May we live into that love; may we plant seeds of new life!

-Pastor Tyler

Christ is risen.

“Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!”



3P is happening on April 14 at 4pm!
Come join us for fellowship, pizza, and an
informal worship time with prayer and
uplifting music.

Everyone welcome!

Coming up on Thursday,
May 9 – Gloria Dei
welcomes other church communities to join
in an evening of sharing and music!

*Plan to come
& help offer hospitality!*

Mark Your Calendars!

- Urban Meal Prep, April 3
- Confirmation, April 7
- Women's Lunch, April 10
- Church Council Meeting, April 16
- Confirmation, April 21
- Earth Day, April 22

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

Arise

Ascension Day Music Festival



We commemorate **Dietrich Bonhoeffer** on April 9th



Today, we are dealing with ideological pathogens that have been given a platform by the holder of the [United States] highest political office, fueling harmful fantasies of an idyllic national past.

Bonhoeffer was killed because he was a traitor to Hitler's government, which was lusting for a society populated with people just like him. Bonhoeffer fit their imagined template of the pure German -- the Aryan. To them, he was

the apotheosis of the human, the ideal human for the ideal community.

And for Bonhoeffer, that was precisely the problem. Life guided by imagined ideals renders us incapable of engaging life with real neighbors in the real world. The failure to engage life is a denial of the incarnation. Life lived in that way does not allow for the demands that embodied people make of us by their presence; we become faithful only in our imagination. By contrast, life lived through Christ compels us to love our neighbor in the concreteness of embodied interaction. [...]

Bonhoeffer's theology is embedded within a historical moment when most Germans were devoted to a fantasy of an ideal community. And although the year is different, we find ourselves in such a moment. It's as important for Christians today to favor real, embodied life.

Bonhoeffer argued that we must make embodied encounter -- not "wish-dreams" of community -- the point of departure for discerning faithfulness to Christ, who said, "I am ... life."

To do that, we must simultaneously do the work of destroying toxic ideological pathogens that prohibit our ability to fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. (<https://faithandleadership.com/why-dietrich-bonhoeffer-relevant-today>)



Camino Manitoba

Rooster Town walk

Saturday, April 20th

More information, and registration:

www.CaminoManitoba.ca

Birthdays Coming Up in April

Linda Herman
Ryan Hall
Regan Roche
Krista Hansen
Ken Milburn
Jade Anderson
Bernice Carlson
Jill Bright
Leah Single

G. Gingrich
Bradley Oswald
Jerry Hemminger
Kristie Oswald
Craig Judt
Carol Maruk
Tyler Hansen
Benjamin Judt



Stephanie – Music Director



Stephanie Wilson, born and raised in Winnipeg, has always had a heart for community and bringing people together. She also has a passion for church music, and believes it is a wonderful way to nurture connections and community. Stephanie received a Bachelor of Music from Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) in 2021, with a concentration in instrumental music education and a double minor in French and Biblical and Theological Studies. At CMU, Stephanie had the privilege of studying in a small, faith-centered, interdisciplinary environment, allowing her to invest in many passions and interests, including a variety of music ministry courses. Stephanie then pursued an education degree, obtaining a Bachelor of Education from the University of Manitoba in 2023.

Currently, Stephanie teaches band at Fort Richmond Collegiate, in a program emphasizing musical excellence, inclusion, diversity, and a tight-knit musical community. Stephanie is fortunate to have taught music at all age levels, also teaching private clarinet lessons and working extensively with the Manitoba Band Association and their various programs and initiatives. Outside of music, she loves biking, puzzles, board games, and time spent with friends and family.

Stephanie is thrilled to enter into the position of Music Director at Gloria Dei, and is excited to work with such a vibrant church community. Her goal is to bring a variety of musical visions to life, striving to have as many as possible to join in church ministry through music.

She invites you to contact her at stephaniew@mymts.net with your ideas, hopes, and visions, and looks forward to connecting with you!

Refugee Rights Day is April 4

April 4th is the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1985 Singh decision.

In this decision the Supreme Court found that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects the fundamental rights of refugees. The Court decided that 'everyone' includes refugee claimants in the sentence: 'Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of the person and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice.'

Refugee claimants are therefore entitled to an oral hearing, in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice and international law.

(<https://ccrweb.ca/en/refugee-rights-day>)



Gloria Dei (with CREST) welcomed a new family on March 25th!




April 22 – Earth Day

Our planet is an amazing place, but it needs our help to thrive! That's why each year on April 22, more than a billion people celebrate Earth Day to protect the planet from things like pollution and deforestation. By taking part in activities like picking up litter and planting trees, we're making our world a happier, healthier place to live.

(<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/celebrations/article/earth-day>)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pastor's Day Off	2 1:00 – GD Quilting	3 9:30 – Zoom Coffee Hour Urban Meal Prep	4  8:00 – Men's Breakfast 4:30 – Community Taiji w/ Katharine B	5 Weekly e-news	6
7 10:30 – Worship (Easter 2) 1:30 – Confirmation	8 Pastor's Day Off	9 Pastor's Study Day 1:00 – GD Quilting	10 9:30 – Zoom Coffee Hour 12:00 – Women's Lunch	11 8:00 – Men's Breakfast 4:30 – Community Taiji w/ Katharine B	12 Weekly e-news Day of Silence	13
14 10:30 – Worship (Easter 3) 4:00 – 3P	15 Pastor's Day Off	16 1:00 – GD Quilting Church Council Meeting	17 9:30 – Zoom Coffee Hour	18 8:00 – Men's Breakfast 4:30 – Community Taiji w/ Katharine B	19 Weekly e-news	20
21 10:30 – Worship (Easter 4) 1:30 – Confirmation	22 Pastor's Day Off Earth Day	23 Pastor's Study Day 1:00 – GD Quilting World Book Day	24 9:30 – Zoom Coffee Hour	25 8:00 – Men's Breakfast 4:30 – Community Taiji w/ Katharine B	26 Weekly e-news	27
28 10:30 – Worship (Easter 5)	28 Pastor's Day Off	30 1:00 – GD Quilting	Church Office Hours: Wednesdays & Fridays 9am-2pm			

