

Participants in Video Devotions for September, 2020

Date	Worship Assistant (Psalm)	Reader (reading)	Prayer leader
Sept 6	Tim L	Monica P	Jett I
Sept 13	Jett I	Kara R	Pam or Larry R
Sept 20	Monica P	Jett I	Mark S
Sept 27	Tom R	Katharine B	Christa M

Please submit video clips by Thursday; 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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*Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.*

*Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass*

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We start the calendar year in January, we start the church year in December, but doesn't the *real* start of everything usually happen in September?

In my home, we're watching to see what plans the school division is undertaking as the school year begins. As parents, we're nervous. We don't want our kids to get sick. That is the concern of everyone, these days.

While we might want to be starting up programs, and doing what we can to return to life the way it was in 2019, we find interruptions at every turn. *Please wait in line so we can limit the number of people inside this building. Please wear a mask and use hand-sanitizer. Please make sure to maintain two meters distance. Ventilate spaces with fresh air as much as possible.*

Having lived in this new reality for half the year, now, we begin the new programming year with some sense of what's ahead. And yet, new information changes what we thought we could expect.

The words of the hymnist paint a beautiful picture of God's action in the world – and maybe words like these are worth holding up in this time. God is present. God provides. New beginnings are filled with hope and potential.

May this Fall season – even in this “new normal” – be hope-filled, and brim with possibility for our local church and our wider community! May we be labourers in the harvest, even as we gather online, and at socially-distanced, outdoor places!

Peace and health to you,
-Pastor Tyler

Go for a walk outside, especially
while the weather is warm!

Some tips from Parks Canada

Avoid contact with frequently touched surfaces as much as possible. Carry your own supply of alcohol-based hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, toilet paper, and a cover for picnic tables.

Let others know of your intention to pass on pathways or trails, so that you can maintain a 2-metre distance from others. Signal others using your voice or a bell. Remember to be kind and considerate of others.

Yield to oncoming users where space is narrow. Let others move out of bridges, platforms and other narrow spaces before entering.

Step off trails to let others pass where possible. But please try to avoid stepping on vegetation and stay on trails unless letting others pass.

Slow down on trails. Speed increases user conflicts and risks of injuries. Adjust your distance from others based on their speed to maintain physical distancing.

Be respectful of others. Wear a non-medical mask or face covering indoors. Keep prescribed 2-metre distance from others while lining up, and respect the maximum use capacity in facilities.

Pack in and pack out. Keep our places clean, pick up your litter and dispose of it by using appropriate garbage containers or take your waste home.

Found at www.pc.gc.ca

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!

To join in this time of prayer, follow the link provided in the e-news.

GLORIA DEI VIDEO DEVOTIONS

Do you have a creative idea for our Sunday video devotions? Do you play music, or recite poetry, or take pictures, or...? Your creativity can help give life to our video devotions! Be in touch with Pastor Tyler, and we'll look forward to your participation in the Fall!

Email pastorgdeiwp@gmail.com



SEASON OF CREATION

From Lutheran and Anglican churches in Canada and the US...

Each year, Christians around the world join in celebrating

the **Season of Creation**. This is a time for renewing, repairing and restoring our commitments to God, to one another and to all of creation – relationships at the heart of Christian discipleship. It is also a time for deepening and expanding our work and witness for climate justice and environmental care.

Devotions have been prepared for Season of Creation 2020, one for each week from Sept. 1 through Oct. 4. You are invited to join in the wider church observance of this season through Scripture, hymnody, prayer, advocacy and action as we seek to live out our vocation as stewards of creation.

For our Lutheran and Anglican church bodies in Canada and the US, this is also a season of deepening our relationships with each other.

We are mindful in this season that we share in the gifts and responsibilities of God's good creation. Our stewardship of the earth is not bound by national or ecclesiastical borders, but by our common baptism. By enriching our spirits together, we become emboldened as disciples of Christ and enlivened in our witness to the One, who came to redeem all of creation. (www.ELCIC.ca)

International Day of Prayer for Peace September 21



Each year on September 21st, the World Council of Churches calls churches and parishes to observe the **International Day of Prayer for Peace**. 21 September is also the United Nations-sponsored International Day of Peace.

The International Day of Prayer for Peace offers an opportunity for church communities in all places to pray and act together to nurture lasting peace in the hearts of people, their families, communities and societies.

The idea was proposed in 2004 during a meeting between WCC general secretary Rev. Dr Samuel Kobia and UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and coincides with the UN International Day of Peace. The Day of Prayer is one of the initiatives of the WCC's Decade to Overcome Violence.

Have you ever stopped to look at the Peace Pole outside our church entryway off the parking lot? Even in these socially-distanced times, you are welcome to come and meditate on the grounds at Gloria Dei, and the Peace Pole might be a good place for that! There are many languages offering a word of peace. You are invited to consider how you might work towards peace in the world in your life.

Peace be with you!

with information found at <http://overcomingviolence.org>

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“Subscribe” to our YouTube channel! If you have a Gmail account, sign in, and then look up “Gloria Dei Lutheran Winnipeg” on YouTube, and click “subscribe” when you see our channel with our logo!

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