

## Participants in Sunday leadership for February, 2025

Date	Reader	Liturgist (Prayers)	Usher	Coffee Host
Feb 2	Monica	Susan	Merv	Holly & Audrey
Feb 9	Cathy D.	Jennifer	Larry	Kara
Feb 16	Pam	Monica	Jerry	Irene
Feb 23	Kim	Lexy	Ralph	Holly & Audrey

Readings and prayers are available on the "Sunday Service" page of our website.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is located on Treaty One territory, the homeland of the Red River Metis, and the ancestral lands of the Anishinabeg, Ininiwak, Dakota Oyate, Anisininew, and Dene peoples.

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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*When we are tempted to barter our souls,  
trading the truth for the pow'r to control,  
teach us to worship and praise only you,  
seeking your will in the work that we do.*

**ACS #922**

I've been convinced for a while, and I'm convinced more and more, that the role of church and faith community, is to *be an alternative* to what society and the world around offers – and that, as we gather as a congregation, we set down the things of society that bind us. We step away from that which holds sway over us – things like business models of growth, or clocks that schedule every minute, or competitive ways that lead to the need to be right or have a winner and loser. Our faith frees us; we are called to incarnate a freeing word in the world.

The thing is, while we seek unity (as nations, or among other Christians), we are so often divided over petty things. In this year's *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* (January 18-25), we were invited to consider the anniversary of the Council of Nicea. At that gathering of ancestors of the faith in 325, the contentious issue was the relationship between the first and second persons of the Trinity – creator and incarnate Word. Is that something we struggle with, today? Have you thought much about it? Would some variation in understanding with someone else in our congregation be reason to break unity?

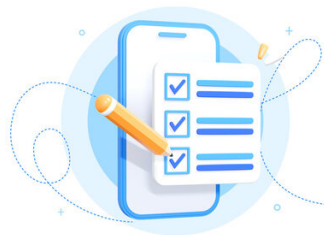
Maybe the antidotes to such disagreements are *grace* and *discernment*. Let's give each other the benefit of the doubt; let's talk amongst each other! And, in such grace-filled action, let's try to let go of some of our own need to be *right*, so that we might be in good relationship. As we pause and truly listen to each other, and our neighbours, may the will of the Source of Life and Love emerge, and may we find a deeper sense of peace and unity.

- Pastor Tyler

## Annual General Meeting

Gloria Dei's AGM will take place on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, following worship.

## Congregational Survey



Gloria Dei's Church Council invites you to participate in the 2024/25 Congregational Survey! There are both online and paper options available. The survey is completely anonymous, and we encourage you to be honest and faithful in your responses.

The online survey can be accessed at <https://forms.gle/b1sLs6YEP9z1KXFW8>.

The form will close on February 14.

## Mark Your Calendars

February is Black History Month

February 5 – Urban Meals

February 18 – Church Council Meeting

### Weekly Meetings

GD Quilting – Tuesdays @ 1:00pm

Casual Art Group – Wednesdays @ 9:30am

Men's Breakfast at Sal's, Portage Ave – Thursdays @ 8:00am

Zoom Coffee Hour & Book Study – Thursdays @ 9:30am

Community Taiji with Katharine Bergbusch – Thursdays @ 4:30pm

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## GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY – February 2

### RELATIONSHIPS, PARTNERSHIPS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The ELCIC affirms the importance of GLOBAL MISSION in the whole ministry of the ELCIC. We encourage all expressions of the church to engage in Global Mission as a way of living out our relationship with The Lutheran World Federation and a reminder that we are part of a global church.

Global Mission is one way the ELCIC is able to grow and strengthen relationships with its partner churches. Through the lens of accompaniment, walking together in solidarity, we seek to actively listen to our partners and companions, share their joys and sorrows, and support them in their mission—like they support us in ours. ([www.ELCIC.ca](http://www.ELCIC.ca))

Our MNO Synod is in a companion relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon (EELC).

## DIACONAL MINISTRY SUNDAY – February 23

The last Sunday of February is Diaconal Ministry Sunday, the day the ELCIC celebrates the witness expressed through service (diakonia). Through our baptism all Christians are called to share God's word and to serve our neighbours in Christ's name. It is also a day to recognize and give thanks to God for all of those who serve in official calls as deacons in our church.

With sustaining hope in the expansive wholeness of God, deacons create pathways for connection, action, compassion and care through deep listening and prophetic action. ([www.ELCIC.ca](http://www.ELCIC.ca))

*"Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of Jesus, the light of the world."*

*- Sundays and Seasons*

## Birthdays Coming up in February

Eva Taylor Caron  
Kimberly Hall  
Detlef Dorn  
Laura-Lynn Stapleton  
Lorie Kreutzer  
Laura Isleifson  
Beverly Meseman  
Jennifer Rzeszutek  
Zoe Papineau  
Jasmine Anderson

Detlef Dorn  
Lexy Dorn  
Al Hunter  
Jean Hunter  
Mark Single  
Ryan Buffie



## WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE – February 20

The General Assembly recognizes that social development and social justice are indispensable for the achievement and maintenance of peace and security within and among nations and that, in turn, social development and social justice cannot be attained in the absence of peace and security, or in the absence of respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms.

(<https://www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day>)

## Pink Shirt Day—February 26

*“Let Kindness Grow this pink shirt day.”*

Bullying is a major problem in schools, workplaces, homes, and online. Pink Shirt Day aims to raise awareness of these issues, as well as raise funds to support programs that foster children’s healthy self-esteem.

The 2025 shirt design is all about cultivating a community of kindness. Just like tending to a garden, together we can each help nurture a sense of belonging where we live, work, and go to school. It all starts with small gestures—a kind word, an offer of support or understanding. If we plant enough, pretty soon, more will be sprouting up all around us! By sprinkling these seeds of empathy and compassion, we can work towards a world without bullying and “Let Kindness Grow” through all of our community gardens. ([www.pinkshirtday.ca](http://www.pinkshirtday.ca))



We commemorate Martin Luther on the anniversary of his death, February 18, 1546.

He preached his last sermon on February 15<sup>th</sup> – just three days before. The gospel text was Matthew 11:25-30. His sermon closed with, *“the wise of this world are rejected, that we may learn not to think ourselves wise and to put away from our eyes all great personages, indeed, to shut our eyes altogether, and cling only to Christ’s Word and come to him, as he so lovingly invites us to do, and say: ‘Thou alone art my beloved Lord and Master, I am thy disciple.’ This and much more might be said concerning this Gospel, but I am too weak and we shall let it go at that.”*

(<https://zwingliusredivivus.wordpress.com/2016/02/15/luthers-last-sermon/>)

## Winter Walk on the Harte Trail and Assiniboine Forest

Saturday, February 22  
see [www.CaminoManitoba.ca](http://www.CaminoManitoba.ca)  
for more information!



## February is Black History Month


Black Canadians and their communities have been a part of shaping Canada’s heritage and identity since the arrival of Mathieu Da Costa, a navigator, and interpreter, whose presence in Canada dates back to the early 1600s.

The role of Black people and their communities in Canada has largely been ignored as a key part of Canada’s history. There is little mention that some of the Loyalists who came here after the American Revolution and settled in the Maritimes were people of African descent, nor the fact that many soldiers of African descent made many sacrifices in wartime as far back as the War of 1812.

Few people in Canada are aware of the fact that African people were once enslaved in the territory that is now known as Canada, or of how those who fought enslavement helped to lay the foundation of Canada’s diverse and inclusive society.

Black History Month is a time to learn more about these Canadian stories and the many other important contributions that Black Canadians and their communities have made to the history and continued growth of this country. (<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month/about.html>)

## February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Church Office Hours: Wednesday &amp; Friday 9am-2pm</b></p> <p><b>February is Black History Month</b></p>						<b>1</b>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>10:30 – Worship (Presentation of Our Lord)</p> <p>Confirmation Class</p> <p>Global Mission Sunday</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Pastor’s Day Off</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>1:00 – GD Quilting</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:30 – Casual Art Group</p> <p>12:30 – Urban Meals</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:30 – Zoom Coffee Hour</p> <p>4:30 – Community Taiji w/ Katharine B</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Weekly e-news</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>MNO Synod <i>WinterQuest</i> for youth @ St. Luke’s Zion</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>10:30 – Worship (Epiphany 5)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Pastor’s Day Off</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>1:00 – GD Quilting</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9:30 – Casual Art Group</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:30 – Zoom Coffee Hour</p> <p>4:30 – Community Taiji w/ Katharine B</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Weekly e-news</p> <p>Valentine’s Day</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>10:30 – Worship (Epiphany 6)</p> <p>Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Pastor’s Day Off</p> <p>Louis Riel Day</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>1:00 – GD Quilting</p> <p>Church Council Meeting</p> <p>Commemoration of Martin Luther</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9:30 – Casual Art Group</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9:30 – Zoom Coffee Hour</p> <p>4:30 – Community Taiji w/ Katharine B</p> <p>Social Justice Day</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Weekly e-news</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Camino Manitoba Walk in Charleswood</p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>10:30 – Worship (Epiphany 7)</p> <p>Diaconal Ministry Sunday</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Pastor’s Day Off</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>1:00 – GD Quilting</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9:30 – Casual Art Group</p> <p>Pink Shirt Day</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9:30 – Zoom Coffee Hour</p> <p>4:30 – Community Taiji w/ Katharine B</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Weekly e-news</p>	 <p><b>Gloria Dei</b> LUTHERAN CHURCH</p>