

Participants in Sunday leadership for March, 2025

Date	Reader	Liturgist (Prayers)	Usher	Coffee Host
Mar 2	Monica	Susan	Jerry	Jean/Pam/ Sharon
Mar 5	Kim	—	—	—
Mar 9	Pam	Lexy	Larry	Kim
Mar 16	Cathy D.	Katharine	Merv	Irene
Mar 23	Pam	Susan	Larry	Lillian
Mar 30	Karen	Monica	Ralph	Lillian

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, Anisiniwew, 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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*Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God, who have come into the world  
“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.”*

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Our Communion hymns speak of resurrection because we connect our eating and our drinking, spiritually, to the life to come.

What are other terms we use for Communion? Eucharist, from the Greek for “thanksgiving.” “A foretaste of the feast to come.” “The Lord’s Supper.” It may seem insignificant sometimes, or upon first glance, but we gather around the Table for meaningful connection and to enact a deep part of our theology.

The new life we seek (even to live in this life) points to a time when all are welcomed, all receive, all have a place of belonging, and we live that out on Sunday mornings when we share in Holy Communion. We long for that Easter day when all are One.

So as we gather as the faithful, as we proclaim Christ crucified and risen, we also share in a meal where no one is turned away, and where all have a place – that is what we believe, and we are called to *live into* even now, not at some future time. Because we have been received and welcomed by Christ, we are sent into the world to be that welcome and compassion of Christ in the world.

We begin the month of March, this year, with the Transfiguration mountaintop story. A couple of days later, we have ash on our foreheads as a reminder of our mortality. In it all, we are reminded that we are the Body of Christ in the world, seeking justice, peace, and unity. May we journey in Lent towards that new day, and live that new day each day.

- Pastor Tyler

# Gloria Dei AGM



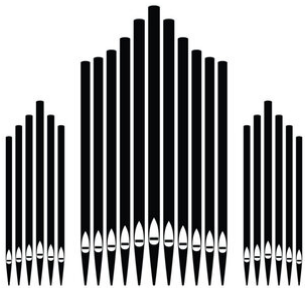
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You can also view the report on our website:  
[gloriadewinnipeg.org/report](http://gloriadewinnipeg.org/report)  
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## Noon Hour Lenten Series with the RCCO

*featuring Gloria Dei's Casavant Pipe Organ*



Beginning Wednesday, March 12, Gloria Dei is hosting weekly mid-day Lenten services in collaboration with the lovely organists of the Royal Canadian College of Organists. Services occur each Wednesday throughout Lent, starting at 12:15pm.

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

## We Lift Up in the Month of March...

**World Wildlife Day** is March 3. Wild animals and plants, from the highland steppes to the coral reefs, are intrinsic to the intricate web of life on Earth. They sustain ecosystems, regulate natural processes, and support biodiversity, providing essential services that underpin human livelihoods. (<https://www.wildlifeday.org/en/about>)

**International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** is March 21. Racial discrimination and the legacies of slavery and colonialism continue to destroy lives and curtail opportunities, preventing billions of people from enjoying their full human rights and freedoms. (<https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-racism-day>)

**World Water Day** is March 22. The theme of World Water Day 2025 is 'Glacier Preservation'. Glaciers are critical to life – their meltwater is essential for drinking water, agriculture, industry, clean energy production and healthy ecosystems. (<https://www.un.org/en/observances/water-day>)

**Earth Hour** is March 22. Since Earth Hour's beginnings in 2007, Earth Hour has been known for the "lights off" moment, with individuals from around the globe switching off their lights to show symbolic support for the planet and to raise awareness of the environmental issues affecting it. (<https://www.earthhour.org/about/the-biggest-hour-for-earth>)

**International Transgender Day of Visibility** is March 31, and is dedicated to honouring transgender people and raising awareness of the discrimination faced by that community worldwide while celebrating their contributions to society. (<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/maple-leaf/defence/2024/03/international-transgender-day-visibility-opportunity-honour-transgender-community.html>)

**Indigenous Languages Day** is March 31. National Indigenous Languages Day is an opportunity to honour the rich linguistic heritage of First Nations, Inuit and Métis across Canada. (<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/news/2024/03/joint-statement-by-ministers-st-onge-anandasangaree-hajdu-and-vandal-on-national-indigenous-languages-day.html>)

*"We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another,  
and to live in harmony with creation."*

- Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship

## Birthdays Coming up in March

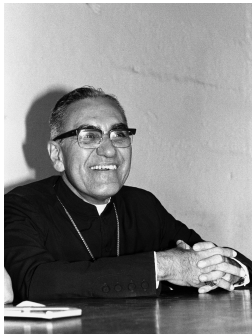
Eric Stapleton  
Parker Hewlett  
Susan Shannon  
Sharon Yaeger  
Bryan Carlson  
Gayle Gerbrandt  
Erin Isleifson  
Florence Milburn  
Gisele Green  
William Kohler

Matthew Ring  
Mark Ormonde  
Owen Papineau  
Brent Fitz  
Haleigh Bohn



## OSCAR ROMERO

(commemorated on March 24)



In a packed country church, Romero encountered the silent endurance of peasants who were facing rising terror. Their eyes asked the question only he could answer: Will you stand with us as Rutilio did? Romero's "yes" was in deeds. The peasants had asked for a good shepherd, and that night they received one.

Archbishop Romero's greatest helplessness was that he could not stop the violence. All he had to offer the people were weekly homilies broadcast throughout the country, his voice assuring them, not that atrocities would cease, but that the church of the poor, themselves, would live on. He stated, "If some day they take away the radio station from us...if they don't let us speak, if they kill all the priests and the bishop too, and you are left a people without priests, each one of you must become God's microphone, each one of you must become a prophet."

Oscar Romero was assassinated on March 24, 1980 while presiding at the Eucharist. The day before, he openly challenged an army of peasants, whose high command feared and hated his reputation. His voice rose to breaking, "Brothers, you are from the same people; you kill your fellow peasant...No soldier is obliged to obey and order that is contrary to the will of God..." There was thunderous applause; he was inviting the army to mutiny. Then his voice burst, "In the name of God the, in the make of this suffering people, I ask you, I beg you, I command you in the name of God: stop the repression.

([www.stoscarronero.ecsd.net/catholic-faith](http://www.stoscarronero.ecsd.net/catholic-faith))

## It's Time to "Bury" the *Alleluias*

Every year on Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday, we hide the *alleluias*. It's a physical reminder to all—not just our children!—that we refrain from speaking it in our worship space through the rich and contemplative season of Lent.



Many of us "give things up" this season in our non-church lives, like sweets, alcohol, or cussing. But collectively as Christians, we give up saying *alleluia*. It's like we're casting our *alleluias* into a six-week time capsule that we will open on Easter Sunday in celebration of The Resurrection. But until then, and throughout the season of Lent, we must reflect on *why* we refrain from this form of praise. And, perhaps, we take something else on in its place.

## International Women's Day—March 8



### International Women's Day


International Women's Day is a global day to recognize and celebrate the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.

The theme for IWD 2025 is **Accelerate Action**, which is a worldwide call to acknowledge strategies, resources and activity that positively impact women's advancement, and to support and elevate their implementation. Significant barriers to gender equality remain (the World Economic Forum suggests it will take until at least the year 2158), yet with the right action and support, positive progress can be made for women everywhere.

Focusing on the need to Accelerate Action emphasizes the importance of taking swift and decisive steps to achieve gender equality. It calls for increased momentum and urgency in addressing the systemic barriers and biases that women face, both in personal and professional spheres.

The goal is simple: a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated.

([www.internationalwomensday.com](http://www.internationalwomensday.com))

<b>March 2025</b>							
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>	
<b>Church Office Hours: Wednesday &amp; Friday 9am-2pm</b>						<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> 10:30 – Worship (Transfiguration of Our Lord)	<b>3</b> Pastor’s Day Off  World Wildlife Day	<b>4</b> 1:00 – GD Quilting	<b>5</b> 9:30 – Casual Art Group  7:00 – Ash Wednesday Worship	<b>6</b> 9:30 – Zoom Coffee Hour  4:30 – Community Taiji w/ Katharine B	<b>7</b> Weekly e-news	<b>8</b>  International Women’s Day	
<b>9</b> 10:30 – Worship (Lent 1)  <b>AGM</b>	<b>10</b> Pastor’s Day Off	<b>11</b> 1:00 – GD Quilting	<b>12</b> 9:30 – Casual Art Group  12:15 – Lenten Service w/ RCCO	<b>13</b> 9:30 – Zoom Coffee Hour  4:30 – Community Taiji w/ Katharine B	<b>14</b> Weekly e-news	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> 10:30 – Worship (Lent 2)	<b>17</b> Pastor’s Day Off	<b>18</b> 1:00 – GD Quilting  Church Council Meeting	<b>19</b> 9:30 – Casual Art Group  12:15 – Lenten Service w/ RCCO	<b>21</b> 9:30 – Zoom Coffee Hour  4:30 – Community Taiji w/ Katharine B	<b>24</b> Weekly e-news	<b>22</b>	
<b>23</b> 10:30 – Worship (Lent 3)	<b>24</b> Pastor’s Day Off	<b>25</b> 1:00 – GD Quilting  Worship Committee Meeting	<b>26</b> 9:30 – Casual Art Group  12:15 – Lenten Service w/ RCCO	<b>27</b> 9:30 – Zoom Coffee Hour  4:30 – Community Taiji w/ Katharine B	<b>28</b> Weekly e-news	<b>29</b>	
<b>30</b> 10:30 – Worship (Lent 4)	<b>31</b> Pastor’s Day Off  Transgender Day of Visibility  National Indigenous Languages Day	<b>Looking into April:</b> - <b>Palm Sunday – April 13</b> - <b>Good Friday – April 18</b> - <b>Easter Sunday – April 20</b>				 <b>Gloria Dei</b> <small>LUTHERAN CHURCH</small>	