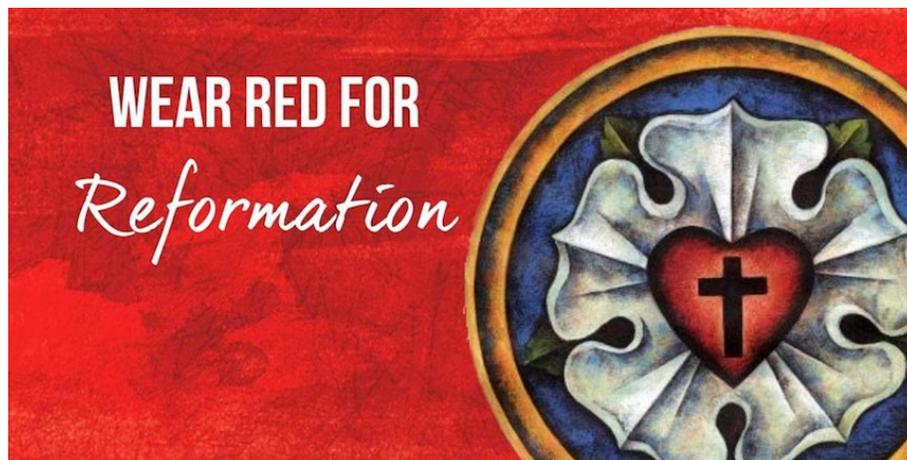


Hello everyone,

Upcoming church services:

Reformation Sunday – Oct 25



This Sunday, we will be joining Lutherans around the globe in Commemorating the Reformation. Listen for the Intercessory Prayers developed by the Lutheran World Federation that focus the Reformation as a global, ecumenical and ongoing event.

How wonderful it would be for local congregations and national churches to know that, while saying one of such prayers, they would be doing it together with Lutherans around the globe!
- Rev. Dr Martin Junge

Martin Luther's Seal or "The Luther Rose"

While he was a professor at Wittenberg University, Martin Luther designed this seal which he declared was meant to be "expressive of his theology." The following letter was written to his friend, Herr Spangler, town clerk in Nuremberg, Germany and expresses his thoughts on his seal.

July 8, 1530

Grace and peace in Christ!

Honorable, kin, dear Sir and Friend!

Since you ask whether my seal has come out correctly, I shall answer most amiably and tell you of those thoughts which now come to my mind about my seal as a symbol of my theology.

There is first to be a cross, black and placed in a heart, which should be of its natural color (red), to put me in mind that faith in Christ crucified saved us. For if one believes from the heart, he will be justified. Even though it is a black cross, which mortifies and which also should hurt us, yet it leaves the heart in its natural color and does not ruin nature ... that is the cross does not kill, but keeps man alive. For the just shall live by faith, by faith in the Saviour.

Such a heart is to be in the midst of a white rose, to symbolize that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In a word, it places the believer into a white joyful rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy as the world gives. Therefore, the rose is to be white, not red, for white is the color of the spirits and of the angels.

This rose, moreover, is fixed in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in the Spirit and in faith is a beginning of the future heavenly joy. It is already a part of faith, and is grasped through hope, even though not yet manifest.

And around this field is a golden ring, to signify that such bliss in heaven is endless and more precious than all joys and good, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.

May Christ, our dear Lord, be with your spirit until the life to come. Amen.



NOV 1 - ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Memorial Page

All Saints Sunday has always been a meaningful and well attended service at Gloria Dei. Through the liturgy we remember and give thanks for the Communion of Saints - not only the living but all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. As has been our custom, Pastor Vida will light candles for members of our congregation who have died in the last 12 months. However, due to COVID safety protocols, we will be foregoing our usual practice of inviting members to light a candle for their deceased loved one during the service. **In its place, we will be creating a MEMORIAL PAGE in the bulletin for All Saints Sunday. In order to populate this page, we are asking that you send the names of loved ones who have died to the church office - gloriadei5828@gmail.com by Wed. October 28.**

Pre-registration for this Service is strongly encouraged

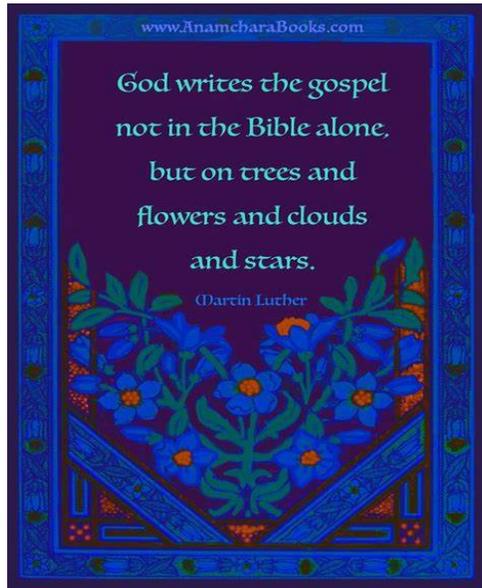
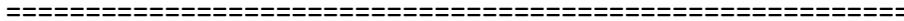
We are also asking that you register to attend this service by sending an email to the church office. We know that pre-registration for "coming to church" may seem strange, but this is a necessary practice in this season, so that we can comply with capacity limits and maintain physically distanced seating arrangements.

[At this time, we are only requesting pre-registration for Festival and Communion Sundays. No e-mail registration is required for attendance on regular non-Communion Sundays.](#)

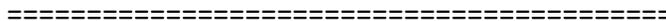


Curious about the picture and the words on the door? You can learn about them in Pastor Vida's blog post about her time of retreat last week. You can find the post on the church website here:

<https://www.gloriadei.ca/news/retreats-are-like-sabbath>



Keep them in your prayers: Estelle, Miriam, Lois N, Gerry, Aud, Don, and Tilly



This week in the news: a letter from the ACC and ELCIC regarding the fishing conflict in Nova Scotia



The Anglican Church of Canada



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Canada**

October 21, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada

The Honourable Marc Miller, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Indigenous Services, Government of Canada

The Honourable Stephen McNeil, M.L.A.
Premier of Nova Scotia

The Honourable Keith Colwell, M.L.A.
Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Province of Nova Scotia

Ms. Loretta Robichaud
Deputy Minister, Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

Dear Prime Minister, Premier, Ministers, and Deputy Minister:

We write out of urgent and deep concern for the violent situation unfolding in regard to Mi'kmaw fishing in Nova Scotia. As the safety and well-being of Mi'kmaw people is are threatened, their fundamental human rights—embodied in the Friendship Treaty of 1752, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the 1999 affirmation of their Treaty Rights in the Marshall Decision—are minimized, ignored, or denied. The denial of the full humanity of the Mi'kmaw people by those who refuse to recognize these treaty obligations is at the base of this hatred and violence. Anything that is less than an urgent response by those who share in the protection of these rights risks a complicity in a great evil.

The honour and character of Nova Scotia and Canada are at stake. If Indigenous justice is not possible in this instance, a basic commitment to an ideal of truth and fairness is demonstrably absent. The moral integrity of Nova Scotia fisheries is at stake. If the well-being of the industry is premised on injustice, there is no way that it can receive or sustain the respect and commerce of people concerned about truth.

We understand that all parties have expressed both the need and willingness to consult about a livable and sustainable future for all involved in these matters. In pursuit of this, we make the obvious point that Mi'kmaw people must be protected. We also wish to underline that without a foundational concern for Indigenous human rights and justice, no real solution is

possible. You have the ability and responsibility to act towards a just and equitable solution to this crisis. We ask that you intervene immediately in this situation to provide safety for all and to counteract the violence and terror being experienced by the Mi'kmaw people yet again as they live out their sovereign rights on their lands and waters.

We pray for your well-being as you pursue these matters. We pray for the well-being of justice and the full recognition of human rights in our Land. May the God who is the sovereign of Creation and history aid you all to articulate and fulfill the truth and goodness that is surely the calling of this Land.

Sincerely,

The Most Rev. Linda Nichols
Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

The Rev. Susan C. Johnson
National Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

The Most Rev. Mark MacDonald
National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, the Anglican Church of Canada

The Rev. Michael Pryse
Bishop of the Eastern Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

The Rev. Sandra Fyfe
Bishop-elect, Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

The Rev. Canon Gordon Redden
Administrator, Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

The Rev. Lori Ramsey
Administrator, Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

The Very Rev. Paul W. Smith
Administrator, Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

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Have a great week!

Peace,

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