

**United Proclamation of the Gospel  
&  
St. John's Windish Lutheran Church  
Scripture and Prayers during Coronavirus Pandemic**

**Monday October 26, 2020**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.<sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.<sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.<sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**Prayer:** Gracious Lord, in a time when we sometimes doubt and have confusion about what You would have us do and what path we should take, we humbly beseech You to come among us and write Your hopes within our hearts that we and all around us would "Know" Your will. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Additional prayers:** Calm to children who are fearful from all they hear and see around them  
Patience in times of school closures  
Guidance for school administrators as they make decisions  
Parents as they contemplate how to safely educate children

**Tuesday October 27, 2020**

**Psalm 66:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> Sing about the glory of his name!

Tell the world how glorious he is.

<sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Your enemies cringe before your mighty power.

<sup>4</sup> Everything on earth will worship you;

they will sing your praises,

shouting your name in glorious songs." *Interlude*

<sup>5</sup> Come and see what our God has done,  
what awesome miracles he performs for people!

<sup>6</sup> He made a dry path through the Red Sea,  
and his people went across on foot.

There we rejoiced in him.

<sup>7</sup> For by his great power he rules forever.

He watches every movement of the nations;

let no rebel rise in defiance. *Interlude*

**Prayer:** Holy Lord, allow our hearts and our voices to be lifted in singing praises to Your holy name. We thank You for the abundance of our days, for the great miracles that You perform each day we awake. Watch the movements of our nations and Your people that no rebellion would arise in defiance to Your holy will. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

**Some Additional prayers during this time:**

Workers who are anxious about the safety of their workplaces

Uncertainty in how work will be accomplished in the days ahead

Calm and guidance amid financial uncertainties

**Wednesday October 28, 2020**

## **Psalm 46**

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. (Selah)<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.<sup>6</sup> The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.<sup>7</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. (Selah)<sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.<sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.<sup>10</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."<sup>11</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. (Selah)

**Prayer:** Gracious Lord, You are our refuge and our strength our very present help in times of trouble. we wait upon Your guidance to place our feet on the path You would have us walk. You provide us comfort and anoint us with Your Spirit and our lives are lived in an abundance of Your love, Continue to guide us in all of our days. We ask these things in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

### **Some additional prayers during this time:**

Government institutions and municipal agencies:

Prayers for Times of Public Health Concern: COVID-19/Coronavirus

Guidance when making decisions for our communities

Thursday October 29, 2020

**Psalm 66:8-20**

- <sup>8</sup> Let the whole world bless our God  
and loudly sing his praises.
- <sup>9</sup> Our lives are in his hands,  
and he keeps our feet from stumbling.
- <sup>10</sup> You have tested us, O God;  
you have purified us like silver.
- <sup>11</sup> You captured us in your net  
and laid the burden of slavery on our backs.
- <sup>12</sup> Then you put a leader over us.  
We went through fire and flood,  
but you brought us to a place of great abundance.
- <sup>13</sup> Now I come to your Temple with burnt offerings  
to fulfill the vows I made to you—
- <sup>14</sup> yes, the sacred vows that I made  
when I was in deep trouble.
- <sup>15</sup> That is why I am sacrificing burnt offerings to you—  
the best of my rams as a pleasing aroma,  
and a sacrifice of bulls and male goats. *Interlude*
- <sup>16</sup> Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he did for me.
- <sup>17</sup> For I cried out to him for help,  
praising him as I spoke.
- <sup>18</sup> If I had not confessed the sin in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.
- <sup>19</sup> But God did listen!  
He paid attention to my prayer.
- <sup>20</sup> Praise God, who did not ignore my prayer  
or withdraw his unfailing love from me.

**Prayer:** Almighty God, You have formed and fashioned creation and all who dwell within her to the glory and majesty of Your holy name. We have sinned against You Lord, and against Your creation, sometimes knowingly and other times unknowingly, yet Lord “You have captured us in Your net” and we abide within Your presence. Allow our lives to reflect Your glory in all times and in all places. In Jesus’ name we pray these things. Amen.

**Some additional prayers during this time:**

Hospitals, nursing homes, other health care facilities  
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**Friday October 30, 2020**

**Romans 3:19-28**

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.<sup>20</sup> For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.<sup>21</sup> But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets,<sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction,<sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;<sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,<sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed;<sup>26</sup> it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith.<sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

**Prayer:** Gracious God, we rejoice in You always! Justified by Your grace. Redeemed by Your Son. You have forgiven our transgressions! Let our faith be our sure and certain hope. Let Your great love speak to us always. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Some additional prayers during this time:**

Houses of worship and their ministries at this time  
For all who travel  
For all who grieve the loss of loved ones

**Saturday October 31, 2020**

**Psalm 67**

<sup>1</sup> May God be merciful and bless us.  
May his face smile with favor on us. *Interlude*  
<sup>2</sup> May your ways be known throughout the earth,  
your saving power among people everywhere.  
<sup>3</sup> May the nations praise you, O God.  
Yes, may all the nations praise you.  
<sup>4</sup> Let the whole world sing for joy,  
because you govern the nations with justice  
and guide the people of the whole world. *Interlude*  
<sup>5</sup> May the nations praise you, O God.  
Yes, may all the nations praise you.  
<sup>6</sup> Then the earth will yield its harvests,  
and God, our God, will richly bless us.  
<sup>7</sup> Yes, God will bless us,  
and people all over the world will fear him.

**Prayer:** Almighty Lord, be gracious to us and allow our sure hope and confidence in Your promises be our foundation. When the world utters against Your holy name, grant us wisdom to share Your peace. When others work against issues of justice grant us Your words and Spirit to deny them. We render our thanks to You, for You and You alone are the source of our lives and desire to bring us all to Your everlasting light. In Jesus' name we pray these things. Amen.

**Some additional prayers**

The World Health Organization

Medical researchers and scientists

All the animals that are used in medical research to benefit our lives

**Sunday November 1, 2020**

**John 8:31-36**

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are descendants of

Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free'?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen."

**Prayer** Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank You that Your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in Your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church Your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.