

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

Monday November 2, 2020

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Prayer: Gracious Lord, You are our Light, our Love, our Life at the very center of our lives. We look to You for guidance and wisdom as we prepare to vote for our elected leaders. Allow our votes and our voice to be heard and may those who seek to govern us all be guided and adhere to Your wisdom. 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 November 3, 2020

Psalms 68:1-10

¹ Rise up, O God, and scatter your enemies.
Let those who hate God run for their lives.

² Blow them away like smoke.
Melt them like wax in a fire.

Let the wicked perish in the presence of God.

³ But let the godly rejoice.
Let them be glad in God's presence.

Let them be filled with joy.
⁴ Sing praises to God and to his name!
Sing loud praises to him who rides the clouds.^[a]
His name is the LORD—
rejoice in his presence!
⁵ Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—
this is God, whose dwelling is holy.
⁶ God places the lonely in families;
he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy.
But he makes the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

⁷ O God, when you led your people out from Egypt,
when you marched through the dry wasteland, *Interlude*
⁸ the earth trembled, and the heavens poured down rain
before you, the God of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel.
⁹ You sent abundant rain, O God,
to refresh the weary land.
¹⁰ There your people finally settled,
and with a bountiful harvest, O God,
you provided for your needy people.

Prayer: Holy Lord, Rise up on this day and allow Your will to be felt and experienced as we vote in this election. May there be peace and justice across our land, may we be refreshed by Your presence in our lives and the lives of those around us. May a bountiful harvest be provided for all Your people. 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 November 4, 2020

PSALM: 34:1-10, 22

¹ I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
² I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
³ Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.
⁴ I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.
⁵ Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
⁶ I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.

⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!
⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Prayer: Gracious Lord, We called upon Your holy name and You heard our cries! We give thanks and praise to You O God for the greatness of all You have done. You and You alone deliver us from our fears. Your presence encamps around us all and delivers us. We give thanks and praise to You for constantly rewarding our trust in You. 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 November 5, 2020

Psalm 68

²⁸ Summon your might, O God.
Display your power, O God, as you have in the past.
²⁹ The kings of the earth are bringing tribute
to your Temple in Jerusalem.
³⁰ Rebuke these enemy nations—
these wild animals lurking in the reeds,
this herd of bulls among the weaker calves.
Make them bring bars of silver in humble tribute.
Scatter the nations that delight in war.
³¹ Let Egypt come with gifts of precious metals
let Ethiopia[□] bring tribute to God.
³² Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth.
Sing praises to the Lord. *Interlude*
³³ Sing to the one who rides across the ancient heavens,
his mighty voice thundering from the sky.
³⁴ Tell everyone about God's power.
His majesty shines down on Israel;
his strength is mighty in the heavens.
³⁵ God is awesome in his sanctuary.
The God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.
Praise be to God!

Prayer: Almighty God, we sing praises to Your holy name. You have delivered Your people in the past and continue to deliver Your people in our time. All our voices to be lifted in sharing Your power and glory to all whom we meet. Grant us peace, grant us strength, to be bold in our faith and sing Your praise forever. 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 November 6, 2020

1 John 3:1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Prayer: Gracious God, we are Yours. We belong to You. We are Your children and we are honored by Your presence in our lives. Though we may not know or understand our final destination, we place our trust and our lives in Your hands, for You walk among us. You provide us others to lift us when we are weak, to guide us when we are lost. Allow our hope in You to purify our lives that we might glorify Your great love for this world. 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 November 7, 2020

Psalm 69:16-20

¹⁶ Answer my prayers, O LORD,
for your unfailing love is wonderful.

Take care of me,
for your mercy is so plentiful.

¹⁷ Don't hide from your servant;
answer me quickly, for I am in deep trouble!

¹⁸ Come and redeem me;
free me from my enemies.

¹⁹ You know of my shame, scorn, and disgrace.
You see all that my enemies are doing.

²⁰ Their insults have broken my heart,
and I am in despair.

If only one person would show some pity;
if only one would turn and comfort me.

Prayer: Almighty Lord, abide among Your people and allow Your unfailing love to prevail in our lives. Redeem us from those things in our lives which corrupt us. Protect us from the insults of our enemies which have hurt our hearts. Allow each one of us to be that person who shows pity, to turn and comfort those who are most in need. 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 8, 2020

Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Prayer Almighty God, You have knit Your people together in one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow Your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys You have prepared for those who love You, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.