

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

Monday November 9, 2020

Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Prayer: Gracious Lord, You desire that our very lives give praise to Your holy name, that "Justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like and ever-flowing stream. Guide our paths that we might share justice and righteousness in all we do and say. 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 10, 2020

Matthew 5

“God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him,^[a]
for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

⁴ God blesses those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ God blesses those who are humble,
for they will inherit the whole earth.

⁶ God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice,^[b]
for they will be satisfied.

⁷ God blesses those who are merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ God blesses those whose hearts are pure,
for they will see God.

⁹ God blesses those who work for peace,
for they will be called the children of God.

Prayer: Almighty God, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the women and men who have served in our Armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that surround them; and grant them a sense of Your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 11, 2020

PSALM: 78:1-7

¹Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

²I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
³things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

⁴We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

⁵He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which
he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;
⁶that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and
rise up and tell them to their children,
⁷so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of
God, but keep his commandments;

Prayer: Gracious Lord, Open our ears to hear Your voice. Open our eyes
to see Your presence dwelling among us. Open our minds to know that
You are our refuge, our strength, our past, our present, and our future. 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 12, 2020

Psalm 70

¹ Please, God, rescue me!
Come quickly, LORD, and help me.
² May those who try to kill me
be humiliated and put to shame.
May those who take delight in my trouble
be turned back in disgrace.
³ Let them be horrified by their shame,
for they said, "Aha! We've got him now!"
⁴ But may all who search for you
be filled with joy and gladness in you.
May those who love your salvation
repeatedly shout, "God is great!"
⁵ But as for me, I am poor and needy;
please hurry to my aid, O God.
You are my helper and my savior;
O LORD, do not delay.

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 13, 2020

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words..

Prayer: Gracious God, we are Yours. We belong to You. We are Your children and we are honored by Your presence in our lives. Our minds and hearts know that You have called us and will be with us forever; allow our lives to be spent in encouraging one another with the firm faith that You have implanted within us all. 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 14, 2020

Psalm 71:1-6

¹ O LORD, I have come to you for protection;
don't let me be disgraced.
² Save me and rescue me,
for you do what is right.
Turn your ear to listen to me,
and set me free.
³ Be my rock of safety
where I can always hide.
Give the order to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
⁴ My God, rescue me from the power of the wicked,
from the clutches of cruel oppressors.
⁵ O Lord, you alone are my hope.
I've trusted you, O LORD, from childhood.
⁶ Yes, you have been with me from birth;
from my mother's womb you have cared for me.
No wonder I am always praising you!

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. Our trust and our hope is in You; for You are our rock and our fortress.. 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 15, 2020

Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Prayer O God of justice and love, You illumine our way through life with the words of Your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.