

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

Monday February 15, 2021

Psalm 98

- ¹ Sing a new song to the LORD,
for he has done wonderful deeds.
His right hand has won a mighty victory;
his holy arm has shown his saving power!
- ² The LORD has announced his victory
and has revealed his righteousness to every nation!
- ³ He has remembered his promise to love and be faithful to Israel.
The ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- ⁴ Shout to the LORD, all the earth;
break out in praise and sing for joy!
- ⁵ Sing your praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song,
⁶ with trumpets and the sound of the ram's horn.
Make a joyful symphony before the LORD, the King!
- ⁷ Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise!
Let the earth and all living things join in.
- ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands in glee!
Let the hills sing out their songs of joy
⁹ before the LORD,
for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with justice,
and the nations with fairness.

Prayer: Gracious Lord, Our voices sing a new song to You! For in Your glory and grandeur You have announced Your victory to the cosmos! You love and faithfulness endure forever and holy is Your name. Grant us faith to forever sing a song of praise to You. In Jesus' name we pray these things. 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 February 16, 2021

Psalm 99

- ¹ The LORD is king!
Let the nations tremble!
He sits on his throne between the cherubim.
Let the whole earth quake!

- ² The LORD sits in majesty in Jerusalem,
exalted above all the nations.
- ³ Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Your name is holy!
- ⁴ Mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established fairness.
You have acted with justice
and righteousness throughout Israel.
- ⁵ Exalt the LORD our God!
Bow low before his feet, for he is holy!
- ⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests;
Samuel also called on his name.
They cried to the LORD for help,
and he answered them.
- ⁷ He spoke to Israel from the pillar of cloud,
and they followed the laws and decrees he gave them.
- ⁸ O LORD our God, you answered them.
You were a forgiving God to them,
but you punished them when they went wrong.
- ⁹ Exalt the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain in Jerusalem,
for the LORD our God is holy!

Prayer: Almighty God, Indeed You are a lover of justice and fairness. Allow our lives to be modelled after what You have established within this world, that Your Light shines every so brightly in a world that is often filled with darkness. In Jesus' name we pray these things. 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 February 17, 2021

Psalm 51

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
because of your unfailing love.
Because of your great compassion,
blot out the stain of my sins.
- ² Wash me clean from my guilt.
Purify me from my sin.
- ³ For I recognize my rebellion;
it haunts me day and night.
- ⁴ Against you, and you alone, have I sinned;
I have done what is evil in your sight.
You will be proved right in what you say,

- and your judgment against me is just.^[a]
- ⁵ For I was born a sinner—
yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ But you desire honesty from the womb,^[b]
teaching me wisdom even there.
- ⁷ Purify me from my sins,^[c] and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Oh, give me back my joy again;
you have broken me—
now let me rejoice.
- ⁹ Don't keep looking at my sins.
Remove the stain of my guilt.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a loyal spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Do not banish me from your presence,
and don't take your Holy Spirit^[d] from me.
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and make me willing to obey you.
- ¹³ Then I will teach your ways to rebels,
and they will return to you.
- ¹⁴ Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves;
then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness.
- ¹⁵ Unseal my lips, O Lord,
that my mouth may praise you.
- ¹⁶ You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one.
You do not want a burnt offering.
- ¹⁷ The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit.
You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.
- ¹⁸ Look with favor on Zion and help her;
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
- ¹⁹ Then you will be pleased with sacrifices offered in the right spirit—
with burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings.
Then bulls will again be sacrificed on your altar.

Prayer: Almighty and ever-living God, You hate nothing You have made and You forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from You, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 February 18, 2021

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Prayer: Almighty God, You have established a covenant with our ancestors and with each one of us. Allow our eyes to be opened to behold the splendor of Your gift. Allow our bodies to be used in service to Your honor. Allow our minds to be open to the roads and paths which You call us to journey on. That in all we think, and all we say, and in all we do, we remember the great gift of love that You have freely shared with us all. 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 February 19, 2021

Psalm 25:1-10

- ¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.
- ²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- ³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- ⁴Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.
- ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- ⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
- ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your
goodness, O LORD.
- ⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.
- ⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.
- ¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Prayer: Gracious God, Lead us in Your truth and teach us. Embolden our trust and our faith in Your will, for indeed You are the God of our salvation! Remember not our sins and transgressions but only Your steadfast love. We ask these things in the name of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. 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 February 20, 2021

1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Prayer: Almighty Lord, You have called us, You have adopted us, You have made us heirs. Through Your great mercy You have imparted the Spirit into our lives and given Your Son to bring righteousness to the world once and for all. Allow our mortal bodies to abide in Your presence, that in all we do and say our lives may reflect Your great love for all creation. 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 February 21, 2020

Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Prayer Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood You saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation You protected Your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May Your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.