

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

Monday February 8, 2021

Psalm 95

- ¹ Come, let us sing to the LORD!
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.
- ² Let us come to him with thanksgiving.
Let us sing psalms of praise to him.
- ³ For the LORD is a great God,
a great King above all gods.
- ⁴ He holds in his hands the depths of the earth
and the mightiest mountains.
- ⁵ The sea belongs to him, for he made it.
His hands formed the dry land, too.
- ⁶ Come, let us worship and bow down.
Let us kneel before the LORD our maker,
- ⁷ for he is our God.
- We are the people he watches over,
the flock under his care.

Prayer: Gracious Lord, We lift our voice to sing Your praises and join joyfully in worshipping Your holy name. Come among us, O God and continue to provide us with all that is necessary to live a life that is worthy of Your holy name. 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 9, 2021

Psalm 96:7-13

- ⁷ O nations of the world, recognize the LORD;
recognize that the LORD is glorious and strong.
- ⁸ Give to the LORD the glory he deserves!
Bring your offering and come into his courts.
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in all his holy splendor.
Let all the earth tremble before him.
- ¹⁰ Tell all the nations, "The LORD reigns!"
The world stands firm and cannot be shaken.
He will judge all peoples fairly.
- ¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice!
Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise!
- ¹² Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy!

Let the trees of the forest sing for joy
13 before the LORD, for he is coming!
He is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with justice,
and the nations with his truth.

Prayer: Almighty God, The nations of the world know You, yet many withhold their love from You! Lift our voices and embolden our hearts that each of our lives may be lived to give glory to Your holy name, for You and You alone reign and You dwell among Your people. 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 10, 2021

Psalm 97

1 The LORD is king!
Let the earth rejoice!
Let the farthest coastlands be glad.
2 Dark clouds surround him.
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
3 Fire spreads ahead of him
and burns up all his foes.
4 His lightning flashes out across the world.
The earth sees and trembles.
5 The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.
6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
every nation sees his glory.
7 Those who worship idols are disgraced—
all who brag about their worthless gods—
for every god must bow to him.
8 Jerusalem^[a] has heard and rejoiced,
and all the towns of Judah are glad
because of your justice, O LORD!
9 For you, O LORD, are supreme over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
10 You who love the LORD, hate evil!
He protects the lives of his godly people
and rescues them from the power of the wicked.
11 Light shines on the godly,
and joy on those whose hearts are right.
12 May all who are godly rejoice in the LORD
and praise his holy name!

Prayer: Gracious Lord, We humbly come before You and pray for the leaders of our nation, that You would guide their thoughts and decisions in ways that would lead us all with truth and dignity. That each of their minds would be open to discover that every life on earth is sacred and that the justice You desire will falter when they cannot reconcile with one another. Lead them and lead us all in the ways of Your eternal peace, O Lord. 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 February 11, 2021

2 Kings 2:1-12

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Prayer: Almighty God, Lift up our eyes to see the glory of Your abiding presence. Open our minds to realize the justice that You cry for. Move our bodies to be luminaries in the midst of darkness and provide us with peace, that we might rest comfortably in Your comforting arms. Give us all a double share of Your Spirit, that all we do and say may be done to Your glory. 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 12, 2021

Psalm 50:1-6

- ¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- ²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God shines forth in glory.
- ³Our God will come and will not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.
- ⁴God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of the people.
- ⁵“Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”
- ⁶The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause,
for it is God who is judge.

Prayer: Gracious God, You have called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting and Your glory shines forth. Grant that we might be stewards of Your good creation and that our hearts would be aligned with Yours seeking justice and peace throughout the land. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 February 13, 2021

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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. Allow our mortal bodies to abide in Your Spirit, that in all we do and say our lives may reflect Your great 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 February 14, 2020

Mark 9:2-9

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah

with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Prayer Almighty God, the resplendent light of Your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by Your beloved Son, and illumine the world with Your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.