

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

Monday June 22, 2020

Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning
Fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding
it in, and I cannot.

¹⁰For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends are watching for me to
stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we
can prevail against him, and take our revenge
on him."

¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

Prayer: Abiding Lord, "I hear many whispering: Terror is all around us!" In these time when emotions, tensions, and anxiety are running at a fervored pace, grant Your children stillness and peace in Your presence. Allow our eyes and our hearts to see You dwelling among us in the simple pleasures of life and allow our voices to be lifted up to Your cause knowing that You have, do, and will forever deliver the lives of those who are in need. 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

Tuesday June 23, 2020

Psalm 18: 25-50

With the loyal you show yourself loyal;
with the blameless you show yourself blameless;
²⁶ with the pure you show yourself pure;
and with the crooked you show yourself perverse.
²⁷ For you deliver a humble people,
but the haughty eyes you bring down.
²⁸ It is you who light my lamp;
the LORD, my God, lights up my darkness.
²⁹ By you I can crush a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.
³⁰ This God—his way is perfect;
the promise of the LORD proves true;
he is a shield for all who take refuge in him.
³¹ For who is God except the LORD?
And who is a rock besides our God?—
³² the God who girded me with strength,
and made my way safe.
³³ He made my feet like the feet of a deer,
and set me secure on the heights.
³⁴ He trains my hands for war,
so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
³⁵ You have given me the shield of your salvation,
and your right hand has supported me;
your help^[b] has made me great.
³⁶ You gave me a wide place for my steps under me,
and my feet did not slip.
³⁷ I pursued my enemies and overtook them;
and did not turn back until they were consumed.
³⁸ I struck them down, so that they were not able to rise;
they fell under my feet.
³⁹ For you girded me with strength for the battle;
you made my assailants sink under me.
⁴⁰ You made my enemies turn their backs to me,
and those who hated me I destroyed.
⁴¹ They cried for help, but there was no one to save them;
they cried to the LORD, but he did not answer them.
⁴² I beat them fine, like dust before the wind;
I cast them out like the mire of the streets.

⁴³ You delivered me from strife with the peoples;^[c]
 you made me head of the nations;
 people whom I had not known served me.
⁴⁴ As soon as they heard of me they obeyed me;
 foreigners came cringing to me.
⁴⁵ Foreigners lost heart,
 and came trembling out of their strongholds.
⁴⁶ The LORD lives! Blessed be my rock,
 and exalted be the God of my salvation,
⁴⁷ the God who gave me vengeance
 and subdued peoples under me;
⁴⁸ who delivered me from my enemies;
 indeed, you exalted me above my adversaries;
 you delivered me from the violent.
⁴⁹ For this I will extol you, O LORD, among the nations,
 and sing praises to your name.
⁵⁰ Great triumphs he gives to his king,
 and shows steadfast love to his anointed,
 to David and his descendants forever.

Prayer: Steadfast Lord, You are the rock of our salvation! You are exalted above all else. Grant this day a sense of peace and serenity in a time filled with chaos. As You have shown steadfast love to the countless generations before us, continue to shower us all with Your pardon and peace. 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 June 24, 2020

Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

⁷ Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
 and shame has covered my face.
⁸ I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
 an alien to my mother's children.
⁹ Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
 the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen
 upon me
¹⁰ I humbled myself with fasting,
 but that was turned to my reproach.
¹¹ I put on sackcloth also,
 and became a by- word among them.
¹² Those who sit at the gate murmur against
 me, and the drunkards make songs about
 me.
¹³ But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the
 time you have set, O LORD: "In your great

mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

¹⁴ Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

¹⁵ Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

¹⁶ Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.

¹⁷ Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

¹⁸ Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.

Prayer: Gracious Lord, in Your great compassion, turn to me. Allow Your face to be witnessed in the world through the words and the actions present in my life. Be swift to work for those for whom justice is denied. Draw near to us Lord and continue to redeem us in Your sight as daily we are re-created into Your image.. 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 June 25, 2020

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

² Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.

³ There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;

the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;

⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear,

enlightening the eyes;
⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.
¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
¹² But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Prayer: God of wisdom; creation herself proclaims Your desire. An eco-system which shares equality and balance. Your creatures Lord proclaim Your praise in living the lives they were ordained to live. Open the hearts of Your children Lord that of all Your ordinances for the sanctity and fruitfilled lives of humanity that the single greatest commandment of all is to love You and to love one another. Allow our lives to always reflect this eternal and created truth. Amen.

Some additional prayers during this time:

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

Friday June 26, 2020

Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Prayer: Compassionate Lord, You call us to embrace the cross and to be re-created daily more closely in Your image. Grant me the wisdom to forgive my previous transgressions and rise to the newness of life You provide. Guide my thoughts and my words to see my sisters and brothers in Christ in the best possible light and to witness to Your glory living within each of them. Allow me to live in the resurrection light which can only come from You. 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 June 27, 2020

Psalm 20

The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!
The name of the God of Jacob protect you!
² May he send you help from the sanctuary,
and give you support from Zion.
³ May he remember all your offerings,
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices. *Selah*
⁴ May he grant you your heart's desire,
and fulfill all your plans.
⁵ May we shout for joy over your victory,
and in the name of our God set up our banners.
May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.
⁶ Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with mighty victories by his right hand.
⁷ Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,
but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.
⁸ They will collapse and fall,
but we shall rise and stand upright.
⁹ Give victory to the king, O LORD;
answer us when we call.^[a]

Prayer: Almighty God, You await our answer to Your call for righteous living and lives. Thank You for Your patience. 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 June 28, 2020

Matthew 10:24-39

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Prayer: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve You. To give of ourselves wholly to the cause of discipleship, to demonstrate perseverance for Your justice while others grow weary, and to always seek to share a message of grace, mercy, and love with the world as this is Your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.