

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

Monday June 29, 2020

Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Prayer: God of peace, throughout the ages You have sent "Peace speakers" among Your people. Guide my thoughts and words Lord that in this time and place I may speak of Your enduring grace, mercy, love and peace. Protect and sustain all whose greatest desire is to serve You in making and keeping peace within our midst. 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 30, 2020

Psalms 21

¹ In your strength the king rejoices, O LORD,
and in your help how greatly he exults!
² You have given him his heart's desire,
and have not withheld the request of his lips.
³ For you meet him with rich blessings;
you set a crown of fine gold on his head.
⁴ He asked you for life; you gave it to him—
length of days forever and ever.
⁵ His glory is great through your help;
splendor and majesty you bestow on him.
⁶ You bestow on him blessings forever;
you make him glad with the joy of your presence.
⁷ For the king trusts in the LORD,
and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.
⁸ Your hand will find out all your enemies;
your right hand will find out those who hate you.
⁹ You will make them like a fiery furnace
when you appear.

The LORD will swallow them up in his wrath,
and fire will consume them.
¹⁰You will destroy their offspring from the earth,
and their children from among humankind.
¹¹If they plan evil against you,
if they devise mischief, they will not succeed.
¹²For you will put them to flight;
you will aim at their faces with your bows.
¹³Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength!
We will sing and praise your power.

Prayer: Sovereign Lord, through leaders chosen among the people, Your Will has the potential to be enacted. Grant wisdom to our elected leaders, that their actions and their words would reflect Your glory. Place obstacles in the path of those who would seek to divide Your people and not look out for the needs of the vulnerable. Send Your Spirit to guide us all. 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 July 1, 2020

PSALM: 89:1-4, 15-18

¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
²For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
³"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
⁴"I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"
¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
¹⁶They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.
¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.
¹⁸Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Prayer: Steadfast Lord, Open our eyes to see Your presence in the world around us and lift our voices to sing Your festal shout! Inspire hope within our hearts and light within our eyes, that we might carry Your hope and Your light to the world in which we live. 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 July 2, 2020

Psalm 22

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 July 3, 2020

Romans 6:12-23

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayer: Compassionate Lord, You call us to be renewed in our baptism 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 July 4, 2020

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;^[a]

³ he restores my soul.^[b]

He leads me in right paths^[c]
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,^[d]
I fear no evil;

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely^[e] goodness and mercy^[f] shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

Prayer: Shepherding Lord, You walk beside me in each moment of my life and desire that I would be refreshed in green pastures and still and pure water. Restore my life, O Lord! Lead me in paths of Your choosing. Stay near by me Lord and protect me heart from the violations of this world allowing me to rejoice in Your presence my whole life long! 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 July 5, 2020

Matthew 10:40-42

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Prayer: O God, You direct our lives by Your grace, and Your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome Your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.