

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

Monday July 6, 2020

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Prayer: God of peace, throughout the ages You have come to Your people with a word of peace, a word of unity, a word of love. Yet Lord, Your children throughout the lands continue to rebel against Your Divine Will. Guide the thoughts and hearts of all people to be reconciled with You and with one another, that we might be restored and refreshed to hope and reconciled in Your presence. 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 July 7, 2020

Psalm 24

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

²for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.

³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.

⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.
⁶ Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. ^[a] *Selah*
⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
⁸ Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.
⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory

Prayer: Gracious Lord, the world and all that is in it belongs to You! According to Your grace and mercy You have called us to be good stewards of Your creation. Guide our hearts and our heads, O Lord, that we may serve Your creation with wisdom and seek to consistently promote renewed and restored life to all things which co-inhabit the world with us. 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 8, 2020

PSALM: 145:8-14

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.
¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.
¹¹They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,
¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.
¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Prayer: Steadfast Lord, indeed You are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Give these same qualities to us O Lord. When we are too quick to judge impart wisdom to be gracious. When we are too quick to seek retribution, remind us of Your great compassion. When the world creates in us anger or hostility, instill in us a sense of

Your purpose that we be slow to anger. When it feels as though we need to “strike back” against our enemies, inspire us to a place of steadfast love. 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 9, 2020

Psalm 25

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
²O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.
³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.
⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.
⁶Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!
⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.
¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.
¹¹For your name's sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.
¹²Who are they that fear the LORD?
He will teach them the way that they should choose.
¹³They will abide in prosperity,
and their children shall possess the land.
¹⁴The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,
and he makes his covenant known to them.
¹⁵My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.
¹⁶Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.
¹⁷Relieve the troubles of my heart,
and bring me^[a] out of my distress.
¹⁸Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.

¹⁹ Consider how many are my foes,
and with what violent hatred they hate me.
²⁰ O guard my life, and deliver me;
do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
²¹ May integrity and uprightness preserve me,
for I wait for you.
²² Redeem Israel, O God,
out of all its troubles.

Prayer: God of wisdom; be for us a sure foundation and a fortress of our trust and confidence. Allow our hearts to rest in You and You alone. Forge in us a Will to consistently share a message of peace in a world of unrest. Protect us from our enemies and restore our hope in the promises that You so freely share with all. Amen.

Some additional prayers during this time:

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

Friday July 10, 2020

Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ 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 11, 2020

Psalm 26

¹ Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
² Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and mind.
³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you. ^[a]
⁴ I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;
⁵ I hate the company of evildoers,
and will not sit with the wicked.
⁶ I wash my hands in innocence,
and go around your altar, O LORD,
⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.
⁸ O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.
⁹ Do not sweep me away with sinners,
nor my life with the bloodthirsty,
¹⁰ those in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.
¹¹ But as for me, I walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.
¹² My foot stands on level ground;
in the great congregation I will bless the LORD.

Prayer: God of all, Your steadfast love always stands before our eyes, for You, O Lord have come among Your people in the past, have taken on human form and displayed the lengths to which Your love endures for humanity, and continues to come to us each day renewed in Your Spirit. Uplift us, O Lord, and allow us to continue to serve You, always seeking to promote Your will for the whole of the earth. 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 12, 2020

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,
¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Prayer: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You. Grant that we may believe in You, call upon You, know You, and serve You, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.