

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

**Monday September 7, 2020**

**Ezekiel 33:7-11**

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

**Prayer:** Gracious Lord, Your mercy and forgiveness gives us hope for a better tomorrow. Please forgive us our sins, those we know of and those which are hidden from our hearts. Guide our paths in ways of peace and allow our lives to bear witness to the love and forgiveness You so freely share with us all. We ask these things in Jesus' name. 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 September 8, 2020**

**Psalms 48**

<sup>1</sup> Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised  
in the city of our God.  
His holy mountain, <sup>2</sup> beautiful in elevation,  
is the joy of all the earth,  
Mount Zion, in the far north,  
the city of the great King.  
<sup>3</sup> Within its citadels God  
has shown himself a sure defense.

<sup>4</sup> Then the kings assembled,  
they came on together.

<sup>5</sup> As soon as they saw it, they were astounded;  
they were in panic, they took to flight;  
<sup>6</sup> trembling took hold of them there,

pains as of a woman in labor,  
<sup>7</sup> as when an east wind shatters  
the ships of Tarshish.  
<sup>8</sup> As we have heard, so have we seen  
in the city of the LORD of hosts,  
in the city of our God,  
which God establishes forever.  
<sup>9</sup> We ponder your steadfast love, O God,  
in the midst of your temple.  
<sup>10</sup> Your name, O God, like your praise,  
reaches to the ends of the earth.  
Your right hand is filled with victory.  
<sup>11</sup> Let Mount Zion be glad,  
let the towns<sup>[a]</sup> of Judah rejoice  
because of your judgments.  
<sup>12</sup> Walk about Zion, go all around it,  
count its towers,  
<sup>13</sup> consider well its ramparts;  
go through its citadels,  
that you may tell the next generation  
<sup>14</sup> that this is God,  
our God forever and ever.  
He will be our guide forever.

**Prayer:** Sovereign God, Your holy temple extends as far as our eyes might see! From the vastness of the cosmos, to the most minute places of this world, Your glory, Your sovereignty are witnessed by all who open their eyes. As mere mortals, we ponder the steadfast love that You share with us all. Grant us Your wisdom that our lives might be lived in praise to You and You alone. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ our risen Lord and Savior. 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 September 9, 2020**

**Psalm 119:33-40**

<sup>33</sup> Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it to the end.  
<sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with all my heart.  
<sup>35</sup> Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for that is my desire.  
<sup>36</sup> Incline my heart to your decrees  
and not to unjust gain.  
<sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;

give me life in your way.  
<sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant,  
which is for those who fear you.  
<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread,  
because your judgments are good.  
<sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments;  
by your righteousness enliven me

**Prayer:** Gracious Lord, You promise to abide among us as we walk through this life. You promise to be our anchor in times of stormy seas. You promise to continue to inspire hope among us all. Allow our hearts to long for Your commandments and ordinances which enliven our hearts and our very lives. 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 September 10, 2020**

**Psalm 49:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples;  
give ear, all inhabitants of the world,  
<sup>2</sup> both low and high,  
rich and poor together.  
<sup>3</sup> My mouth shall speak wisdom;  
the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.  
<sup>4</sup> I will incline my ear to a proverb;  
I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.  
<sup>5</sup> Why should I fear in times of trouble,  
when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,  
<sup>6</sup> those who trust in their wealth  
and boast of the abundance of their riches?  
<sup>7</sup> Truly, no ransom avails for one's life,  
there is no price one can give to God for it.  
<sup>8</sup> For the ransom of life is costly,  
and can never suffice,  
<sup>9</sup> that one should live on forever  
and never see the grave.

**Prayer:** God of refuge; there is no other like You. There is nothing in creation to which we might compare Your holy name. We have nothing to offer which might repay all that You so lovingly share. Yet in Your great mercy, You show favor and pardon to us all so we will not fear in our times of trouble nor falter in our times of need. Open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to Your abundance, that we might only desire to live in Your light. 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 September 11, 2020**

**Romans 13:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Prayer:** Gracious God, salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers. The night of our transgressions is gone and the day awakens us with renewal. Be with us on this day that we might live honorably. Grant us wisdom in each moment of our day that we might reflect the glory of Jesus. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and 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 September 12, 2020**

**Psalms 50:1-11, 23**

<sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.

<sup>3</sup>Our God comes and does not keep silence,  
before him is a devouring fire,  
and a mighty tempest all around him.

<sup>4</sup>He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

<sup>5</sup>"Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

<sup>6</sup>The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge.

<sup>7</sup>“Hear, O my people, and I will speak,  
O Israel, I will testify against you.  
I am God, your God.

<sup>8</sup>Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;  
your burnt offerings are continually before me.

<sup>9</sup>I will not accept a bull from your house,  
or goats from your folds.

<sup>10</sup>For every wild animal of the forest is mine,  
the cattle on a thousand hills.

<sup>11</sup>I know all the birds of the air,  
and all that moves in the field is mine.

<sup>23</sup>Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me;  
to those who go the right way  
I will show the salvation of God.”

**Prayer:** Almighty Lord, we lift our voices to sing praise to Your holy name, for You, O Lord are glorious and awesome! You have brought us thus far by faith and our confidence in Your abiding presence is not diminished! You and You alone are the King of the earth, King of all nations. May Your name be exalted forever and ever. 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 September 13, 2020**

#### **Matthew 18:15-20**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

**Prayer** O Lord God, enliven and preserve Your church with Your perpetual mercy. Without Your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.