

Trinity Lutheran Church  
McFarland, Kansas  
Wednesday Prayer Service  
April 1, 2020

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**Versicles**

Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea;  
**hear me and answer me.**

Evening, morning, and noon  
**I cry out in distress, and He hears my voice.**

Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you;  
**He will never let the righteous fall.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Psalm**

*Psalm 91*

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High\*  
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.  
<sup>2</sup>I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my | fortress,\*  
my God, in | whom I trust.”  
<sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the | fowler\*  
and from the deadly | pestilence.  
<sup>4</sup>He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find | refuge;\*  
his faithfulness is a shield and | buckler.  
<sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror | of the night,\*  
nor the arrow that | flies by day,  
<sup>6</sup>nor the pestilence that stalks in | darkness,\*  
nor the destruction that wastes at | noonday.  
<sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your | right hand,\*  
but it will not come | near you.  
<sup>8</sup>You will only look | with your eyes\*  
and see the recompense of the | wicked.  
<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—\*  
the Most High, who is my | refuge—  
<sup>10</sup>no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\*  
no plague come | near your tent.  
<sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels con- | cerning you\*  
to guard you in | all your ways.  
<sup>12</sup>On their hands they will | bear you up,\*  
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.  
<sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the | adder,\*  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

<sup>14</sup>“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will de- | liver him; \*  
 I will protect him, because he | knows my name.  
<sup>15</sup>When he calls to me, I will answer him;  
 I will be with him in | trouble; \*  
 I will rescue him and | honor him.  
<sup>16</sup>With long life I will sat- | isfy him \*  
 and show him my sal- | vation.”

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy | Spirit;  
 as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

## Reading

*Romans 8:31–39*

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
 we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

O Lord,  
**have mercy upon us.**  
 O Christ,  
**have mercy upon us.**  
 O Lord,  
**have mercy upon us.**

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be Thy name,  
 Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done on earth  
 as it is in heaven;  
 give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For Thine is the kingdom  
 and the power and the glory  
 forever and ever. Amen.

- P** Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**P** O Lord, graciously receive the prayers of Your Church that, being delivered from all adversity and error, it may serve You in safety and freedom and dwell in Your peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty and most merciful God, in this earthly life we endure sufferings and death before we enter into eternal glory. Grant us grace at all times to subject ourselves to Your holy will and to continue steadfast in the true faith to the end of our lives that we may know the peace and joy of the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead and of the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Lord God, be with the doctors and nurses and all others who minister to the needs of those who are ill. Through their wise and compassionate service, grant relief to the suffering and hope to the afflicted so that all may know of Your boundless care; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty, everlasting God, Your Son has assured forgiveness of sins and deliverance from eternal death. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ may increase daily and that we may hold fast to the hope that on the Last Day we shall be raised in glory to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, at this hour You hung upon the cross, stretching out Your loving arms to embrace the world in Your death. Grant that all people of the earth may look to You and see their salvation; for Your mercy's sake we pray.

**C** Amen.

## **Benedicamus**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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