

Trinity Lutheran Church  
McFarland, Kansas  
Wednesday Prayer Service  
August 5, 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.**

*A hymn, canticle, or psalm may be sung or spoken.*

**Psalm**

*Psalm 136:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.  
<sup>2</sup>Give thanks to the | God of gods,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.  
<sup>3</sup>Give thanks to the | Lord of lords,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;  
<sup>4</sup>to him who alone does great | wonders,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;  
<sup>5</sup>to him who by understanding made the | heavens,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;  
<sup>6</sup>to him who spread out the earth above the | waters,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;  
<sup>7</sup>to him who made the | great lights,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;  
<sup>8</sup>the sun to rule o- | ver the day,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;  
<sup>9</sup>the moon and stars to rule o- | ver the night,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;

**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**

*Matthew 14:13–21*

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said,

“This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”<sup>16</sup> But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”<sup>17</sup> They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.”<sup>18</sup> And he said, “Bring them here to me.”<sup>19</sup> Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.<sup>20</sup> And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.<sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**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** Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Lord God Almighty, even as You bless Your servants with various and unique gifts of the Holy Spirit, continue to grant us the grace to use them always to Your honor and glory; 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** Lord, keep this nation under Your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Grant that we may choose trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve You faithfully in our generation; 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

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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