

Trinity Lutheran Church  
McFarland, Kansas  
Wednesday Prayer Service  
September 16, 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 40:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently | for the LORD;\*  
he inclined to me and | heard my cry.  
<sup>2</sup>He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the | miry bog,\*  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my | steps secure.  
<sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise | to our God.\*  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust | in the LORD.  
<sup>4</sup>Blessèd is the man who makes  
the | LORD his trust,\*  
who does not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray af- | ter a lie!  
<sup>5</sup>You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can com- | pare with you!\*  
I will proclaim and tell of them,  
yet they are more than | can be told.  
<sup>6</sup>Sacrifice and offering you have not desired,  
but you have given me an | open ear.\*  
Burnt offering and sin offering  
you have | not required.  
<sup>7</sup>Then I said, “Behold, | I have come;\*  
in the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:  
<sup>8</sup>I desire to do your will, | O my God;\*  
your law is with- | in my heart.”

<sup>9</sup>I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congre- | gation; \*  
behold, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, | O LORD.  
<sup>10</sup>I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- | vation; \*  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
from the great congre- | gation.  
<sup>11</sup>As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain  
your mer- | cy from me; \*  
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will  
ever pre- | serve me!

**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

*1 Corinthians 1:18–25*

<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.  
<sup>19</sup>For it is written,  
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”  
<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the  
wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God  
through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but  
we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and  
Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the  
weakness of God is stronger than men.

- 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, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, even as You have committed the care and nurture of children to Your people, graciously enlighten those who teach and those who are committed to their instruction that they may know Your eternal truth and trust in You all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Heavenly Father, God of all concord, it is Your gracious will that Your children on earth live together in harmony and peace. Defeat the plans of all those who would stir up violence and strife, destroy the weapons of those who delight in war and bloodshed, and, according to Your will, end all conflicts in the world. Teach us to examine our hearts that we may recognize our own inclination toward envy, malice, hatred, and enmity. Help us, by Your Word and Spirit, to search our hearts and to root out the evil that would lead to strife and discord, so that in our lives we may be at peace with all people. Fill us with zeal for the work of Your Church and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which alone can bring that peace which is beyond all understanding; 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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