

Trinity Lutheran Church  
McFarland, Kansas  
Wednesday Prayer Service  
October 7, 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 80:7–19*

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O | God of hosts;\*  
let your face shine, that we | may be saved!  
<sup>8</sup>You brought a vine out of | Egypt;\*  
you drove out the nations and | planted it.  
<sup>9</sup>You cleared the | ground for it;\*  
it took deep root and | filled the land.  
<sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered | with its shade,\*  
the mighty cedars with its | branches.  
<sup>11</sup>It sent out its branches | to the sea\*  
and its shoots to the | River.  
<sup>12</sup>Why then have you broken | down its walls,\*  
so that all who pass along the way | pluck its fruit?  
<sup>13</sup>The boar from the forest rav- | ages it,\*  
and all that move in the field | feed on it.  
<sup>14</sup>Turn again, O | God of hosts!\*  
Look down from | heaven, and see;  
have regard for this vine,  
<sup>15</sup>the stock that your right hand | planted,\*  
and for the son whom you made strong | for yourself.  
<sup>16</sup>They have burned it with fire; they have | cut it down;\*  
may they perish at the rebuke | of your face!  
<sup>17</sup>But let your hand be on the man of your | right hand,\*  
the son of man whom you have made strong | for yourself!  
<sup>18</sup>Then we shall not turn | back from you;\*  
give us life, and we will call up- | on your name!  
<sup>19</sup>Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts!\*  
Let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

**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 21:33–46

<sup>33</sup>[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord’s doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.

<sup>44</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

**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 and gracious God, You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Protect, encourage, and bless all missionaries who proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Lord God, we thank You that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to hold fast Your Word in hearts that You have cleansed that thereby we may be made strong in faith and perfect in holiness and be comforted in life and death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** O Lord God, by the example of Your blessed Son, grant us grace to accept patiently the sufferings of the present time in full assurance of the glory that shall be revealed to us; 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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