

Trinity Lutheran Church  
McFarland, Kansas  
Wednesday Prayer Service  
November 18, 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  $\text{✠}$  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 90:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our | dwelling place\*  
in all gener- | ations.

<sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth | and the world,\*  
from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

<sup>3</sup>You return | man to dust\*  
and say, “Return, O chil- | dren of man!”

<sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight  
are but as yesterday when | it is past,\*  
or as a watch | in the night.

<sup>5</sup>You sweep them away as | with a flood;\*  
they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the | morning:

<sup>6</sup>in the morning it flourishes and | is renewed;\*  
in the evening it fades and | withers.

<sup>7</sup>For we are brought to an end by your | anger;\*  
by your wrath we | are dismayed.

<sup>8</sup>You have set our iniquities be- | fore you,\*  
our secret sins in the light of your | presence.

<sup>9</sup>For all our days pass away un- | der your wrath;\*  
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup>The years of our life are seventy,  
or even by reason of strength | eighty;\*  
yet their span is but toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we | fly away.

<sup>11</sup>Who considers the power of your | anger,\*  
and your wrath according to the | fear of you?

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number | our days\*  
that we may get a heart of | wisdom.

**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 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

**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** 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** 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** We pray You, O Lord, to keep our tongues from evil and our lips from speaking deceit, that as Your holy angels continuously sing praises to You in heaven, so may we at all times glorify You on earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have blessed us with the joy and care of children. Give us calm strength and patient wisdom that, as they grow in years, we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior, 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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