

Trinity Lutheran Church  
McFarland, Kansas  
Wednesday Prayer Service  
December 2, 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 139:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and | known me!\*

<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts | from afar.

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my | lying down\*  
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>Even before a word is | on my tongue,\*  
behold, O LORD, you know it alto- | gether.

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind | and before,\*  
and lay your hand up- | on me.

<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;\*  
it is high; I cannot | attain it.

<sup>7</sup>Where shall I go from your | Spirit?\*

Or where shall I flee from your | presence?

<sup>8</sup>If I ascend to heaven, | you are there!\*

If I make my bed in Sheol, | you are there!

<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the | morning\*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts | of the sea,

<sup>10</sup>even there your hand shall | lead me,\*  
and your right hand shall | hold me.

<sup>11</sup>If I say, “Surely the darkness shall | cover me,\*  
and the light about me | be night,”

<sup>12</sup>even the darkness is not | dark to you,\*  
the night is bright as the day,  
for darkness is as | light with you.

**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

*John 1:35–42a*

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

- 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** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** O God, Your infinite love restores to the right way those who err, seeks the scattered, and preserves those whom You have gathered. Of Your tender mercy pour out on Your faithful people the grace of unity that, all schisms being ended, Your flock may be gathered to the true Shepherd of Your Church and may serve You in all faithfulness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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** 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** 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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