

Trinity Lutheran Church
McFarland, Kansas
Wednesday Prayer Service
December 9, 2020

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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;
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Psalm 85

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you covered | all their sin.
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you turned from your hot | anger.
- ⁴Restore us again, O God of our sal- | vation,*
and put away your indignation | toward us!
- ⁵Will you be angry with us for- | ever?*
- Will you prolong your anger to all gener- | ations?
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that your people may re- | joice in you?
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and grant us your sal- | vation.
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for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to | folly.
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that glory may dwell | in our land.
- ¹⁰Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet;*
righteousness and peace kiss each | other.
- ¹¹Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,*
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and our land will yield its | increase.
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Isaiah 40:1–11

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
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⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
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And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass,
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⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
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¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

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C **Thanks be to God.**

O Lord,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ,
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O Lord,
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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;
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and lead us not into temptation,
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For Thine is the kingdom
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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.

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