

Trinity Lutheran Church  
McFarland, Kansas  
Wednesday Prayer Service  
December 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 126*

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of | Zion,\*  
we were like | those who dream.  
<sup>2</sup>Then our mouth was filled with | laughter,\*  
and our tongue with | shouts of joy;  
then they said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great | things for them.”\*  
<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us; | we are glad.  
<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, | O LORD,\*  
like streams in the | Negeb!  
<sup>5</sup>Those who | sow in tears\*  
shall reap with | shouts of joy!  
<sup>6</sup>He who goes out weeping,  
bearing the seed for | sowing,\*  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
bringing his | sheaves with him.

**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 5:16–24*

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup>Abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

**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** Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God, You gave Your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Himself. Grant that we, Your adopted children by grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty and most gracious God and Father, we implore You to turn the hearts of all who have forsaken the faith once delivered to Your Church, especially those who have wandered from it or are in doubt through the corruption of Your truth. Mercifully visit and restore them that in gladness of heart they may take pleasure in Your Word and be made wise to salvation through faith in Your Son, 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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