

Trinity Lutheran Church  
McFarland, Kansas  
Wednesday Prayer Service  
January 6, 2021

*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 72:1–11*

- <sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, | O God,\*  
and your righteousness to the | royal son!  
<sup>2</sup>May he judge your people with | righteousness,\*  
and your poor with | justice!  
<sup>3</sup>Let the mountains bear prosperity for the | people,\*  
and the hills, in | righteousness!  
<sup>4</sup>May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the children of the | needy,\*  
and crush the op- | pressor!  
<sup>5</sup>May they fear you while the | sun endures,\*  
and as long as the moon, throughout all gener- | ations!  
<sup>6</sup>May he be like rain that falls on the | mown grass,\*  
like showers that wa- | ter the earth!  
<sup>7</sup>In his days may the righteous | flourish,\*  
and peace abound, till the moon | be no more!  
<sup>8</sup>May he have dominion from | sea to sea,\*  
and from the River to the ends | of the earth!  
<sup>9</sup>May desert tribes bow down be- | fore him\*  
and his enemies | lick the dust!  
<sup>10</sup>May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands  
render him | tribute;\*  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba | bring gifts!  
<sup>11</sup>May all kings fall down be- | fore him,\*  
all nations | serve 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.**

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
<sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.  
<sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.  
<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from afar,  
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.  
<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and exult,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

- 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 God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

- P** Almighty God, the fount of all wisdom, by Your Holy Spirit enlighten those who teach and those who learn that, rejoicing in the knowledge of Your truth, they may worship You and serve You from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon ourselves the armor of light now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility, that in the Last Day, when He shall come again in glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; 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** 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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