

Trinity Lutheran Church
McFarland, Kansas
Wednesday Prayer Service
April 14, 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 ✠ 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 148

¹Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the | heavens;*
 praise him | in the heights!
²Praise him, all his | angels;*
 praise him, | all his hosts!
³Praise him, | sun and moon,*
 praise him, all you | shining stars!
⁴Praise him, you highest | heavens,*
 and you waters above the | heavens!
⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD!*
 For he commanded and they were cre- | ated.
⁶And he established them forever and | ever;*
 he gave a decree, and it shall not | pass away.
⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,*
 you great sea creatures and | all deeps,
⁸fire and hail, | snow and mist,*
 stormy wind fulfill- | ing his word!
⁹Mountains and | all hills,*
 fruit trees and all | cedars!
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 creeping things and | flying birds!
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Reading

John 20:19–31

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

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³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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C Thanks be to God.

O Lord,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ,
have mercy upon us.
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;
and forgive us our trespasses
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who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
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For Thine is the kingdom
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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.

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