

Trinity Lutheran Church  
McFarland, Kansas  
Wednesday Prayer Service  
May 26, 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 27*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom | shall I fear?\*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I | be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me  
to eat | up my flesh,\*  
my adversaries and foes,  
it is they who stum- | ble and fall.

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart | shall not fear;\*  
though war arise against me,  
yet I will be | confident.

<sup>4</sup>One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek | after: \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to inquire in his | temple.

<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of | trouble; \*  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

<sup>6</sup>And now my head shall be lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with | shouts of joy; \*  
I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud; \*  
 be gracious to me and | answer me!  
<sup>8</sup>You have said, | “Seek my face.” \*  
 My heart says to you,  
 “Your face, LORD, | do I seek.”  
<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me.  
 Turn not your servant away in | anger, \*  
 O you who have been my help.  
 Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
 O God of my sal- | vation!  
<sup>10</sup>For my father and my mother have for- | saken me, \*  
 but the LORD will | take me in.  
<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, | O LORD, \*  
 and lead me on a level path  
 because of my | enemies.  
<sup>12</sup>Give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries; \*  
 for false witnesses have risen against me,  
 and they breathe out | violence.  
<sup>13</sup>I believe that I shall look upon the goodness | of the LORD \*  
 in the land of the | living!  
<sup>14</sup>Wait | for the LORD, \*  
 be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
 wait | for the LORD!

**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 10:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

**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** Almighty and ever-living God, You fulfilled Your promise by sending the gift of the Holy Spirit to unite disciples of all nations in the cross and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By the preaching of the Gospel spread this gift to the ends of the earth; 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** O God, You led Your holy apostles to ordain pastors in every place. Grant that Your flock, under the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, may choose suitable men for the ministry of Word and Sacrament and may uphold them in their work for the extension of Your kingdom; through Him who is the chief Shepherd of our souls, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Your laws and in the works of Your commandments that through Your mighty protection we may ever be preserved in both body and soul; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

**P** Most merciful Father, You have committed to our love and care our fellow human beings and their necessities. Graciously be with and prosper all those who serve the sick and those in need. Let their service be abundantly blessed as they bring relief to the suffering, comfort to the sorrowing, and peace to the dying. Grant them the knowledge that inasmuch as they do it unto the least of the Master's brethren, they do it unto Him; through the same 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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