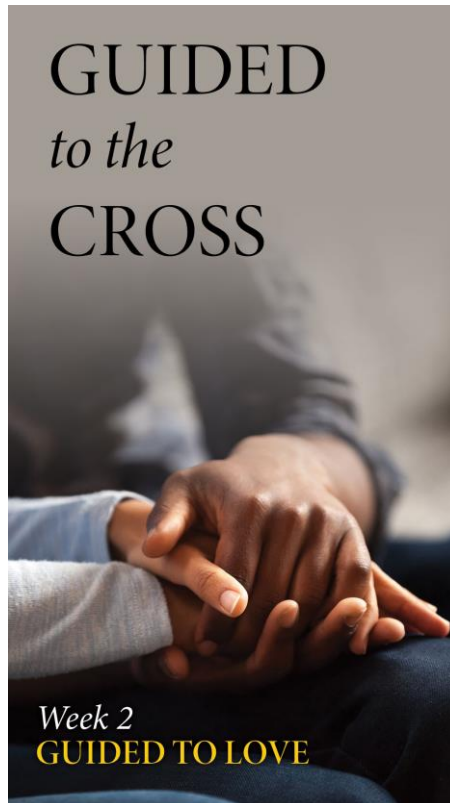


Midweek Lenten Worship
Wednesday, February 28, 2024 – 11:00 a.m.
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Welcome!

To our guests and visitors:

We are glad that you are here with us today!

If you have no church home, why don't you consider joining us? Please speak to Pastor Parrish after the service and enjoy a special gift for visiting with us today!

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. See, from his head, his hands, his feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
3. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P As the hour of his death drew near, Jesus said, "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.'" (John 12:27) Throughout his earthly ministry, the cross stood before Jesus. It was his purpose in coming to the earth. Guided by love and in obedience to his Father's will, Jesus came to lay down his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world.

C **The cross of Jesus guides us in the way of obedience as we seek to do God's will.**

P God tells us in his Word, "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." (Ephesians 5:2)

C **The cross of Jesus guides us in the way of sacrifice.**

P On the night before he died, Jesus told his disciples, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." (John 13:34)

C **The cross of Jesus guides us in the way of love. Amen**

Confession and Forgiveness:

P Let us confess our sins to God, and ask for his forgiveness.

C **Almighty God, you have called us to walk in love as Jesus did, yet we often turn away from showing love to others and choose to walk in our own selfish ways. We listen to the temptations of the world around us instead of following your Word. We fail to share with others the blessings that you have given to us. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Lead us to share your love with others.**

P God has had mercy on us. This is how he loved the world—he sent his Son to be the Savior. Jesus, the Lamb of God, suffered and died on the cross to take away the sins of the world. He suffered and died to take away your sins. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C **Lead us, Lord Jesus, to walk in love as you did, and to reflect your love in the world.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, in your love for the world you sent your Son to be our Savior. The Lord Jesus came to give his life for us, to suffer and die on the cross for us. By your grace, through faith in Jesus, we have forgiveness for our sins and the gift of eternal life.

As we follow our Lord through this season of Lent, help us to walk in love as he did and to forgive others as we have been forgiven. Let the cross of our Lord always go before us to guide us in the way of love. Hear our prayer and accept our praise in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn Love Divine, All Love Excelling LSB 700:1,2

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit; Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 63:7-8

I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-14

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 19:25-27

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

1. Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die,
As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.
2. Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought! Found me when I sought him not.

**Sermon
The Offering**

Guided To Love

1 Timothy 1:13-14

Faith Statement for Confirmation –

Jaylie Rebecca Braun - What I Believe About Jesus' Love For Me.

Prayer of the Church

P Heavenly Father, you loved the world in this way—you sent your Son as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. Throughout his earthly ministry, Jesus was guided by the cross that was set before him. During this season of Lent, lead us in true repentance. Father of our Lord,

C **Set Jesus' cross before us to guide us in the way of love.**

P Heavenly Father, in obedience to your will and out of love for us, Jesus laid down his life for us. He bore our sins in his body on the tree of the cross, suffering the penalty of death that we deserve for our sins. Help us by your Spirit to look to Jesus alone for salvation. Father of our Lord,

C **Set Jesus' cross before us to guide us in the way of love.**

P Heavenly Father, there are people among us who must bear the heavy cross of suffering, grief or pain. We especially ask your mercy for [*especially*] and for all of those we name in our hearts. We pray that, according to your will, you would bring them help and healing. Lead us to serve them in love, and bring to them the comfort and hope found in the promises of your Word. Father of our Lord,

C **Set Jesus' cross before us to guide us in the way of love.**

P Heavenly Father, send your Spirit to guide us and lead us to walk in love as Jesus walked. Help us to put the needs of others ahead of our own interests. Guide us in the study of your holy Word so that we are prepared to defend the hope that we have in Jesus. Lead us to serve as his witnesses in the world so that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, others will come to know and worship Jesus as Lord. Father of our Lord,

C **Set Jesus' cross before us to guide us in the way of love.**

P Heavenly Father, your unfailing steadfast love, your covenant love, never fails. It is the love that sent Jesus to be our Savior, to suffer, die and rise for us. It is the love that guides us now through this earthly life until we live forever in your presence. Lead us to reflect your love in the world so that others will see our good works and glorify you. Father of our Lord,

C **Set Jesus' cross before us to guide us in the way of love. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

P In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

C **We love because he first loved us.**

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn God Love the World so That He Gave LSB 571:1,4,6

1. God loved the world so that he gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in him believe
Should everlasting life receive.
2. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.
3. Glory to God the Father, Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally. Amen