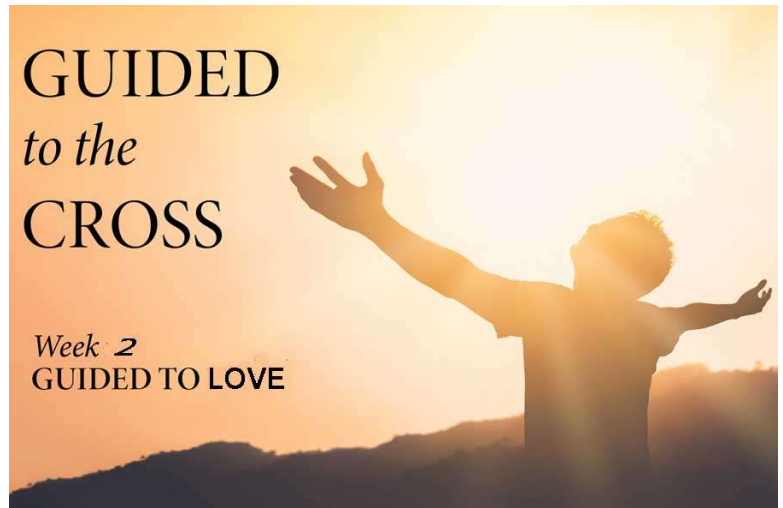


Guided to the Cross
Lenten Series
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
8618 Church Hill Dr.
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First Mid-Week Lenten Service
February 28, 2024

Guided to Love

Pastor David Viles



*I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord over-flowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
I Timothy 1:13-14*

***Call to Worship – Please Stand**

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 (Spoken responsively)

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.

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The 1st lesson is a reading from Isaiah, the 63rd chapter.

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.

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The 2nd lesson is a reading from I Timothy, the 1st chapter.

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.

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

***The Gospel according to John the 19th Chapter. C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon – “Guided to Love”

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Offering: ELCA Hunger Appeal

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Prayers

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Dismissal:

P: Go in peace, Respond in the Love of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

Presiding Minister

Pastor David Viles

Pianist / Keyboard

Zola Finch

Church Schedule

Sunday 9:00 am Worship

Sunday 10:15 am Adult Sunday School

Lenten Mid-Week 6:30 Worship

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