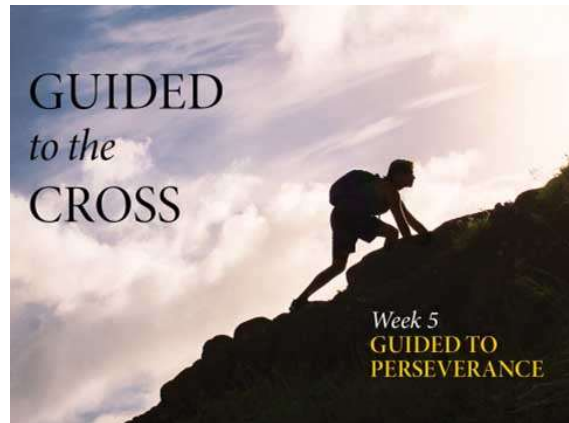


**Guided to the Cross Lenten Series
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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**Third Mid-Week Lenten Service
March 20, 2024**

Guided to Perseverance

Pastor David Viles



Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might ... praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance. Ephesians 6:10, 18

***Call to Worship – Please Stand**

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

C: Amen.

P: Jesus repeatedly told his disciples what lay ahead for him. It was the purpose for which he had come. Calling himself the Son of Man, a title for the Messiah from the prophet Daniel, Jesus said, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day"

C: Teach us, Lord, to follow you in faithfulness.

P: As the time drew near for Jesus to finish his earthly ministry and to be taken up to heaven, he turned to Jerusalem and to the cross: "When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem."

C: When our days are difficult and challenging, Lord Jesus, help us to keep our focus on you.

P: As Jesus began to take his final steps toward the cross, he 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. Father, glorify your name"

C: Jesus, in faithfulness, you took up the cross for the sake of our salvation. Set your cross before us to guide us to persevere in faith.

Confession and Forgiveness (Spoken responsively)

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

C: Almighty God, we are called to persevere in our obedience to your will and your ways, but instead we sin against you. We do not walk in your ways or love others as we should. We are more interested in fulfilling our own desires than serving others and being faithful to your Word. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sins.

P: God, in his mercy, sent his Son to deliver us. Jesus faithfully obeyed his Father's will and suffered and died to save us. 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: Lord, lead us to walk faithfully in your ways.

Holden Evening Prayer

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The 1st lesson is a reading from Micah, the 6th chapter.

“Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

The 2nd lesson is a reading from Ephesians, the 6th chapter.

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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

***The Gospel according to John the 19th Chapter.**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

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

Sermon – “Guided to Perseverance”

Pastor David

Offering: ELCA Hunger Appeal

Basket in Narthex

We continue with our Holden Evening Prayer

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P: The Light shines in the darkness,

C: and the darkness has not overcome it.

Prayers

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Dismissal:

P: Go in peace, Keep alert with all perseverance.

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

Presiding Minister

Pianist / Keyboard

Song Leader

Audio / Visual

Pastor David Viles

Zola Finch

Dan Tschirgi

Roger Pennell

Holy Week Schedule:

Mundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm

Good Friday Service 6:30 pm

Sunrise Service 6:30 am

Sunday 9:00 am Worship

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