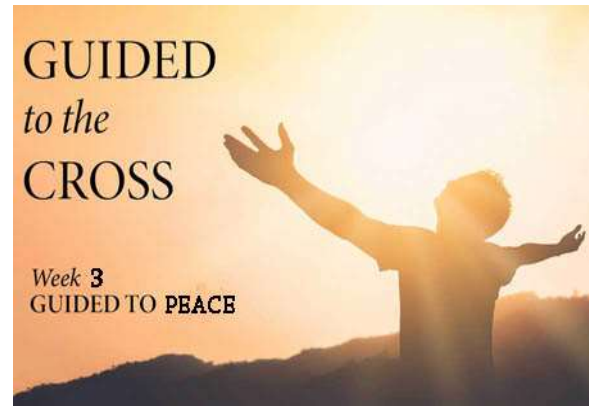


Guided to the Cross Lenten Series
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
8618 Church Hill Dr.
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Third Mid-Week Lenten Service
March 6, 2024

Guided to Peace

Pastor David Viles



For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. Colossians 1:19-20

***Call to Worship – Please Stand**

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

C: Amen.

P: We live a world where peace can be hard to find. We are surrounded by strife and quarrels. We are often filled with worry and fear. Jesus tells us, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid"

C: Jesus our Savior, when we are troubled and worried by the strife around us, grant us your peace.

P: The world's peace depends on the absence of war and strife and trouble. The peace that Jesus brings to us is not like the world's peace. The peace of Jesus depends only on Jesus. The world's peace can be lost, but the peace that Jesus brings to us is ours forever.

C: Jesus our Savior, even in times of trouble or fear, grant us your peace.

P: By God's grace, through faith in Jesus, we have peace even in the midst of trouble. Through faith in Jesus, we have peace with God through the forgiveness of our sins. It is peace that Jesus won for us through his death on the cross and his triumphant resurrection. It is peace that we can share with others as we tell them of Jesus' love.

C: Jesus our Savior, grant us your peace.

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 peace, but so often we choose strife and anger. We do not seek to follow your will and walk in love. Instead, we listen to the temptations of the world around us, and we are often the cause of strife. We live according to our own selfish desires. Have mercy on us, and forgive us. Lead us each day to follow our Savior.

P: God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to suffer and die for our sins to bring us peace with God and with one another. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Almighty God, set the cross of Jesus before us to guide us in the way of peace. Amen.

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The 1st lesson is a reading from Isaiah, the 53rd chapter.

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

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

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

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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

***The Gospel according to Luke the 23rd Chapter.**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

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

Sermon – "Guided to Peace"

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Dismissal:

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

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

Presiding Minister
Pianist / Keyboard
Song Leader

Pastor David Viles
Kathy Meller
Dan Tschirgi

Church Schedule

Sunday 9:00 am Worship

Sunday 10:15 am Adult Sunday School

Lenten Mid-Week 6:30 Worship

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