



Guided to Trust

Midweek Lent 4
March 13, 2024

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 1 Timothy 1:15

AS WE GATHER

In this service for Week 4 of Lent, we are drawn to Calvary to deepen our trust. In word and song, we contemplate how to live lives of trust in God, who entrusted his Son, Jesus, on the cross for our sake.

Opening Hymn

“Glory Be To Jesus”

LSB 433 Vss 1,2,3,6



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
6 Lift we, then, our voic - es, Swell the might - y flood;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
Loud - er still and loud - er Praise the pre - cious blood!

Invocation and Call to Worship

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

C **Amen.**

P We place our trust in many things and in many people, yet often that trust is misplaced. Things do not work out as we planned, and people may fail us.

C **Where do we place our trust?**

P “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths” (Proverbs 3:5-6).

C **How do we know that the Lord can be trusted?**

P "He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8:32) God sent his own Son to suffer and die on the cross for the sake of our salvation. In him, we place our trust, and he will never fail us.

C **Lord, set the cross before us to guide us in trusting you.**

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C **Almighty God, you have called us to trust in you and to acknowledge you in all our ways. Yet we often fail to trust you as we should. We would rather acknowledge our own desires instead of your will. We do not love others as we should. We follow the temptations of the world around us instead of walking in your ways. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

P The apostle Paul wrote, "The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15). God has had mercy on us and sent his Son to be our Savior. 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 in your ways and to trust you in all things.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we place our trust in friends and family, in political leaders and authority figures. Yet sometimes we are disappointed by those in whom we trust; sometimes our trust is misplaced. We trust in you for our eternal salvation through faith in Jesus our Savior. Help us by your Spirit to trust you daily in all things and to turn to you with prayer and praise in all of the circumstances of our lives. You have sent your Son to be our Savior, and you will never fail us. Set his cross always before us to guide us in trusting you. Hear our prayer, and accept our praise in Jesus' name. Amen.



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 1:15-17

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading

John 19:29-30

A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.



Sermon Hymn

At The Cross (Love Ran Red) Vs 1, chorus, Vs 2, Chorus



1. There's a place where mer - cy reigns and nev - er dies,
2. There's a place where sin and shame are pow - er - less,



there's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide;
where my heart has peace with God and for - give - ness;



Where all the love I've ev - er found comes like a flood, comes flow - ing down.
Where all the love I've ev - er found comes like a flood, comes flow - ing down.



At the cross, at the cross, I sur - ren - der my life. I'm in awe of You, I'm in



awe of You. Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white. I owe all to You, I owe



all to You, Je - sus.

Sermon

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Pastor Scott Henze

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Prayers

P Lord God, in a world where it is hard to know in whom or in what we can trust, we place our trust in you. You always keep your promises. Down through the centuries, the prophets announced your promise to send your Anointed One, the Messiah. When the time was right, that promise was fulfilled in Jesus. Our God and Savior, during this Lenten season,

C Set the cross of Jesus before us to guide us in the way of trust.

P Lord God, as Jesus drew near to the hour of his death, he trusted in you, his heavenly Father, to guide his steps to the cross as the Scripture had foretold. We place our trust in Jesus alone for our salvation. Bless and guide us as we take up our crosses and follow our Savior. Our God and Savior, during this Lenten season,

C Set the cross of Jesus before us to guide us in the way of trust.

P Lord God, help those who are struggling with illness, pain or grief, those we name now and those we name in our hearts. Comfort them with the promises of your Word and lead us to opportunities to serve them in Jesus' name. Our God and Savior, during this Lenten season,

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

P Lord God, help us by your Spirit to depend on you each day, in all of the circumstances of our lives. Teach us not to rely on our own understanding, but to trust you in all things. We know that you will guide us. Our God and Savior, during this Lenten season,

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

P Lord God, as we rely on you for help now in this earthly life, we know that we can trust in you for our eternal salvation through faith in Jesus. Our Lord has promised, "Surely I am coming soon" (Revelation 22:20). We look forward to the fulfillment of that promise and to life in your presence forever. Our God and Savior, during this Lenten season,

C **Set the cross of Jesus before us to guide us in the way of trust**

P Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.**

The Blessing

(Proverbs 3:5-6; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

P Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
C **In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.**

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

"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

LSB 729 Vss 1-4

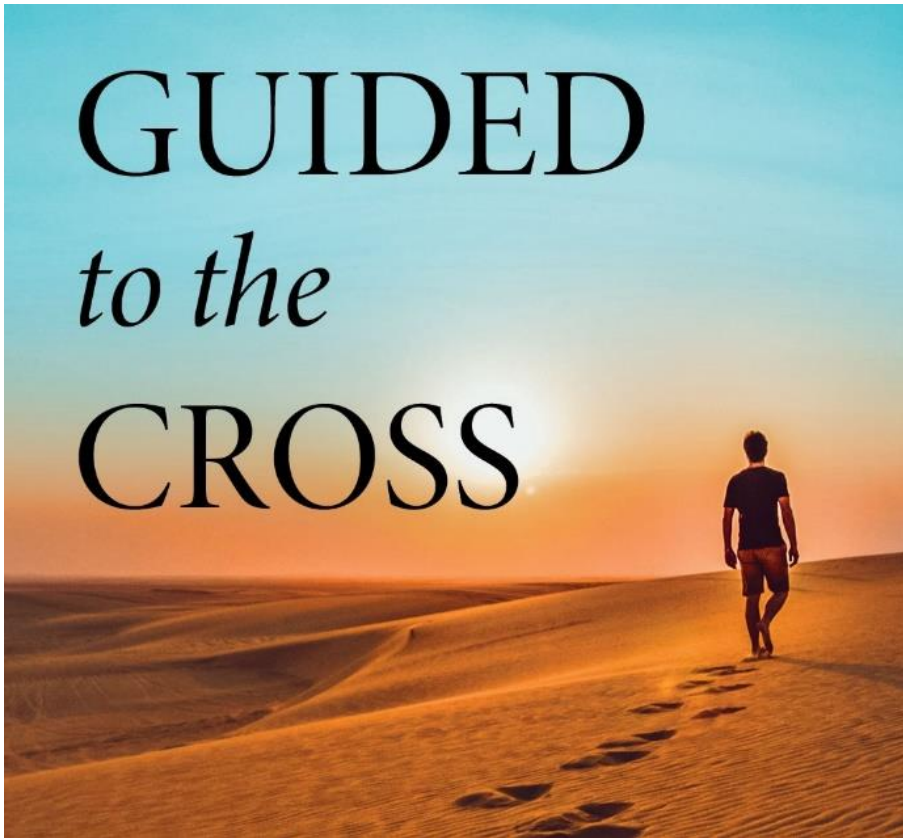


1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;
2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,
3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;
4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.
For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

Midweek Lenten Worship



Wednesday Evenings at 7:30 PM

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March 20

Guided to Perseverance

CHILDREN'S EASTER CELEBRATION AND EGG HUNT!



Our annual EGG HUNT is one of our best community outreach events of the year. Please help this effort by donating pre-stuffed eggs. No chocolate please. Bring to the church office by Sunday, March 17.

Thank you!



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Adult Bible Study: 10:00 AM



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