



## Mid Week Lenten Service—March 13, 2024

### ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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#### Worship Service LIVE—7:00 p.m.

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*Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind,  
and spirit of all.*

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# Guided to Trust

*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*

## Opening Hymn

## *Lord of Glory You Have Bought Us*

**ELW 707**

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| <p>1 Lord of glory, you have bought us<br/>with your lifeblood as the price,<br/>never grudging for the lost ones<br/>that tremendous sacrifice;<br/>and with that have freely given<br/>blessings countless as the sand<br/>to the unthankful and the evil<br/>with your own unsparing hand.</p> <p>2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you<br/>gladly, freely, of your own.<br/>With the sunshine of your goodness<br/>melt our thankless hearts of stone<br/>till our cold and selfish natures,<br/>warmed by you, at length believe<br/>that more happy and more blessed<br/>'tis to give than to receive.</p> | <p>4 Lord of glory, you have bought us<br/>with your lifeblood as the price,<br/>never grudging for the lost ones<br/>that tremendous sacrifice.<br/>Give us faith to trust you boldly,<br/>hope, to stay our souls on you:<br/>but, oh, best of all your graces,<br/>with your love our love renew.</p> |
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Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-1889, alt.

## 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.

**Old Testament Reading ... Proverbs 3:5-6**

**Epistle Reading ... 1 Timothy 1:15-17**

**Gospel Reading ... John 19:29-30**

### Sermon

#### Hymn of the Day

#### *Salvation Unto Us Has Come*

**ELW 590**

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| 1 Salvation unto us has come<br>by God's free grace and favor;<br>good works cannot avert our doom,<br>they help and save us never.<br>Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,<br>who did for all the world atone,<br>our only mediator. | 3 Since Christ has full atonement made<br>and brought to us salvation,<br>we will rejoice, we will be glad<br>and build on this foundation.<br>Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead;<br>baptized into your death, I'm freed;<br>your life is mine forever. |
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## Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## 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 [mention known names of those who are hurt, injured or grieving] 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 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.**

## The Blessing

**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.**

### Sending Hymn

### *If You But Trust God to Guide You*

**ELW 769**

1 If you but trust in God to guide you  
with gentle hand through all your ways,  
you'll find that God is there beside you  
when crosses come, in trying days.  
Trust then in God's unchanging love;  
build on the rock that will not move.

2 What gain is there in anxious weeping,  
in helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in your Savior's keeping,  
in sorrow will he love you less?  
For Christ who took for you a cross  
will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.

3 The Lord our restless hearts is holding,  
in peace and quietness content.  
We rest in God's good will unfolding,  
what wisdom from on high has sent.  
God, who has chosen us by grace,  
knows very well the fears we face.

4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving,  
offer your service faithfully.  
Trust heaven's word; though undeserving,  
you'll find this promise true to be.  
This is our confidence indeed:  
God never fails in time of need.

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