



Wednesday  
*Lenten Services*

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

**‘Guided to Love’**

*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.*

*1 Timothy 1:13-14*

## Opening Hymn . . . “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*LSB 425; vrs. 1,3-4*

### Invocation and Call to Worship

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.**

P: Amen.

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess our sins to God and ask 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.**

### **7:00 PM Children's Message**

#### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Almighty God, in your love for the world you sent your Son to be our Savior. The Lord Jesus came to give his life for us, to suffer and die on the cross for us. By your grace, through faith in Jesus, we have forgiveness for our sins and the gift of eternal life. As we follow our Lord through this season of Lent, help us to walk in love as he did and to forgive others as we have been forgiven. Let the cross of our Lord always go before us to guide us in the way of love. Hear our prayer and accept our praise in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Hymn . . . "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

*LSB 700; vrs. 1-2*

**Old Testament Reading. . . *Isaiah 63:7-8***

**Epistle Reading. . . *1 Timothy 1:12-14***

**Gospel Reading. . . *John 19:25-27***

**Sermon Hymn . . . “Chief of Sinners Though”**

*LSB 611; vrs. 1-2*

**Sermon**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards**

*(The Offering of Peace is exchanged during Offering)*

**Prayers**

P: *(after each petition)*... Father of our Lord,

**C: Set Jesus’ cross before us to guide us in the way of love.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**The Blessing**

P: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

**C: We love because he first loved us.**

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 . . . “God Loved the World So That He Gave”**

*LSB 571; vrs 1, 4, 6*