

A photograph of a person's arm and hand holding a child's hand. They are standing in a field of tall, golden grass. In the background, there are rolling hills under a bright, hazy sky at sunset or sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow and lens flare effects. The person holding the hand is wearing a dark-colored shirt.

GUIDED *to the* CROSS

Week 4
GUIDED TO TRUST

6:30 p.m. – Service of the Word

Order of Service

Saint Michael Lutheran Church

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4th Lenten Midweek Service

March 13, 2024

*In this service for the fourth week 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.*

Prelude

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

arr. by Michael Burkhardt

Welcome

Opening Hymn

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession & Absolution

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness.

People: 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.

(Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.)

Pastor: 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. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, 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.

People: Lord, lead us to walk in Your ways and to trust You in all things.

Hymn

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

see insert

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 1:15-17 (NIV)

¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Song of the Day

"Forever Jesus"

see insert

Sermon

"Guided to the Cross: Guided to Trust"

Pastor Dave Bass

To watch and listen to last week's sermon online at www.smlcs.org, click on "Church" and "Watch the Live Stream."

Offering

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Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Closing Hymn

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

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