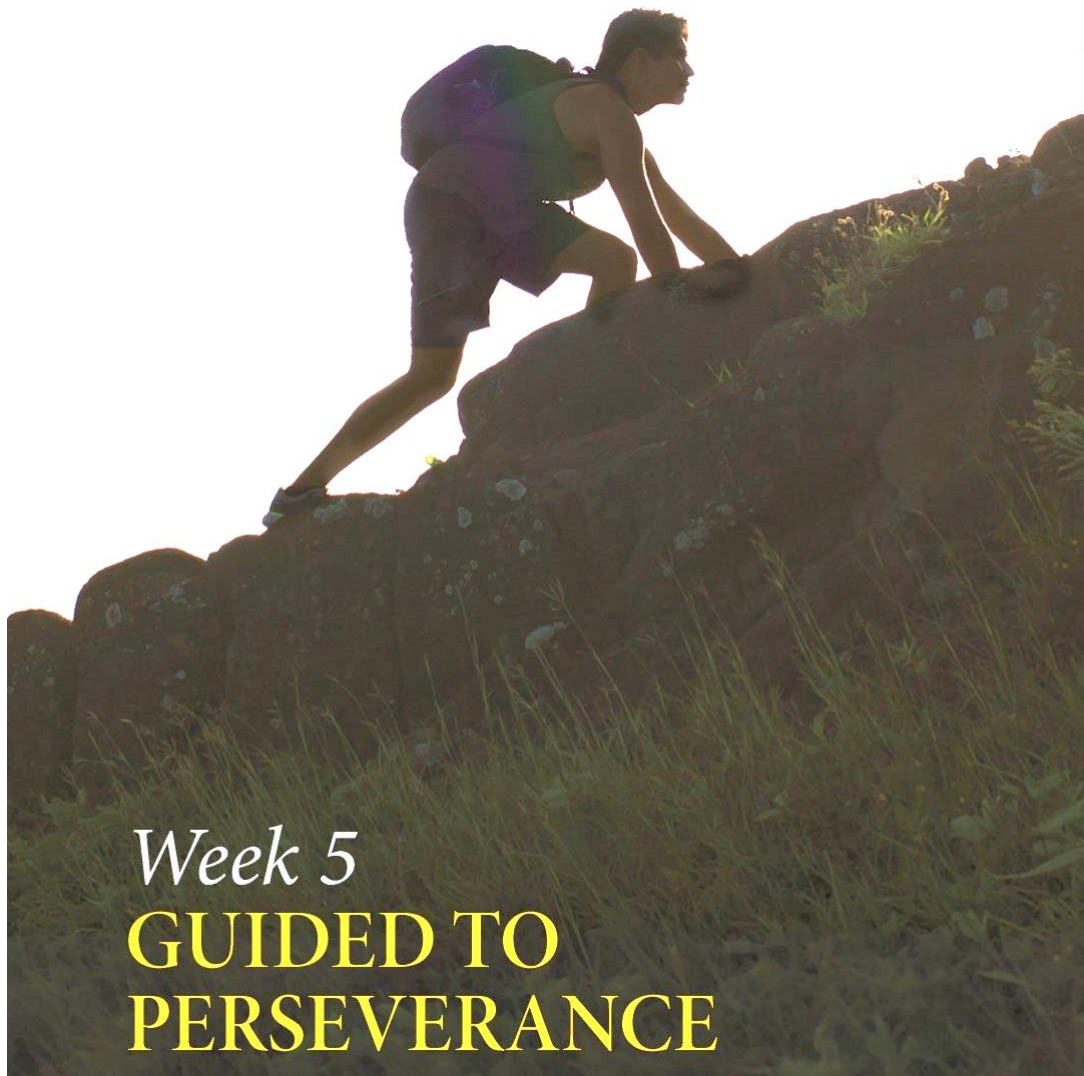


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But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9



Week 5
**GUIDED TO
PERSEVERANCE**

MARCH 20, 2024
GUIDED TO THE CROSS

☞ GUIDED TO PERSEVERANCE ☜

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might ... praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance. Ephesians 6:10, 18

GATHERING SONG

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

LSB 685, Sts. 1-2

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father’s bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where you guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter. Jesus, here I share your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.

CALLING ON GOD’S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Jesus repeatedly told his disciples what lay ahead for him. It was the purpose for which he had come. Calling himself the Son of Man, a title for the Messiah from the prophet Daniel, Jesus said, “The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day” (Matthew 17:22-23).

People: **Teach us, Lord, to follow you in faithfulness.**

Pastor: As the time drew near for Jesus to finish his earthly ministry and to be taken up to heaven, he turned to Jerusalem and to the cross: “When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem” (Luke 9:51).

People: **When our days are difficult and challenging, Lord Jesus, help us to keep our focus on you.**

Pastor: As Jesus began to take his final steps toward the cross, he 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. Father, glorify your name” (John 12:27-28).

People: **Jesus, in faithfulness, you took up the cross for the sake of our salvation. Set your cross before us to guide us to persevere in faith.**

SEEKING AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

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

People: **Almighty God, we are called to persevere in our obedience to your will and your ways, but instead we sin against you. We do not walk in your ways or love others as we should. We are more interested in fulfilling our own desires than serving others and being faithful to your Word. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sins.**

Pastor: God, in his mercy, sent his Son to deliver us. Jesus faithfully obeyed his Father's will and suffered and died to save us. 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 faithfully in your ways.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Micah 6:7-8

SECOND READING

Ephesians 6:13-20

GOSPEL READING

John 19:16-22

CONNECTING SONG "Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed" LSB 560, Sts. 1, 2, 4

Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come.

Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ crucified, I come.

And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me, Christ crucified, I come.

MESSAGE

"Guided to Perseverance"

Pastor Donald

CONFESSING OUR FAITH

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.**

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TALKING WITH GOD

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Petition response:

Pastor: Faithful Lord, as we follow you,

People: Set your cross before us to guide us in faithfulness.

LORD'S PRAYER

LEAVING WITH A BLESSING

(Psalm 31:5; Numbers 6:24-26)

Pastor: Into your hand I commit my spirit;

People: You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake”

LSB 688, Sts. 1, 2, 5

“Come, follow me,” the Savior spake, “All in my way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey my call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate’er betide, Take my example for your guide.”

“I am the Light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.”

Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to his Word, In suff’ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

Renaë Easley; Piano

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