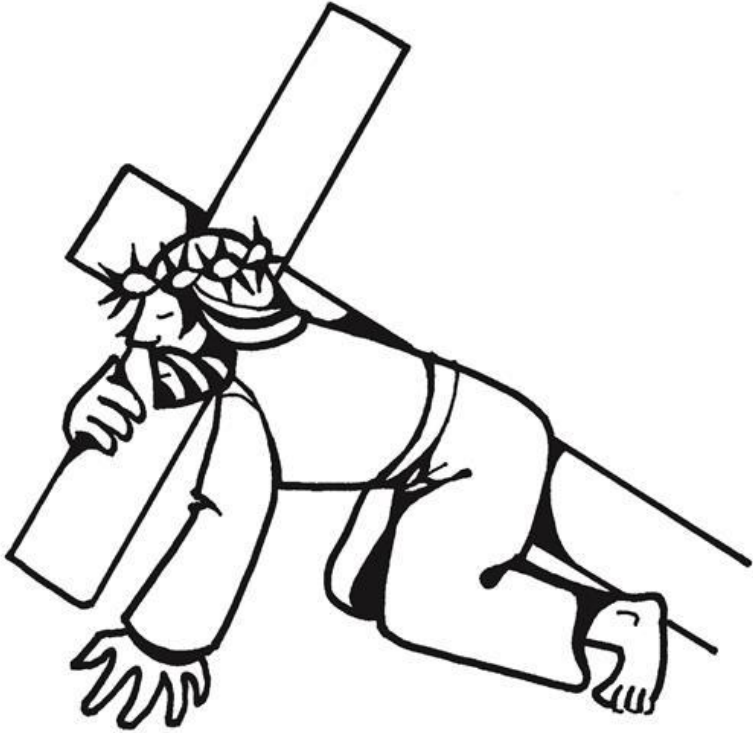


GRACE AT HOME



14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CROSS-CARRYING LIFE

"If anyone wants to follow after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me." – Matthew 16:24

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK

Psalm 26

ROMANS READING

Matthew 16:21-28

QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT AT HOME

1. What is it that Jesus says He must do?
2. What is to happen to Him in Jerusalem? Why?
3. Why do you think Peter rebukes Jesus?
4. What does Jesus mean by His response to Peter?
5. What does it mean to deny yourself and to take up your cross?
6. What do you think your life is worth?



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

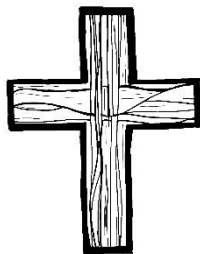
O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. – Psalm 78:4



Classes Resume September 13th!



DAILY READINGS

Mon. – Matthew 14:22-33; Isaiah 60
Tues. – Matthew 15:21-28; Isaiah 61
Wed. – Matthew 16:13-25; Isaiah 62
Thur. – Mark 9:2-10; Isaiah 63
Fri. – Matthew 18:23-35; Isaiah 64

GOD'S WORD BY HEART

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. – Psalm 145:15-16

CATECHISM CORNER

BAPTISM

How can water do such great things?

Clearly the water does not do it, but the word of God, which is with and alongside the water, and faith, which trusts this word of God in the water. For without the word of God the water is plain water and not a baptism, but with the word of God it is a baptism, that is, a grace-filled water of life and a "bath of the new birth in the Holy Spirit," as St. Paul says to Titus in chapter 3, "through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure."

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