Chapel of the Cross-Lutheran 1965-2020



A Devotional Coloring Book

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"Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!" (Psalm 150)

This devotional coloring book has been created in celebration of the 55th anniversary of Chapel of the Cross-Lutheran with praise and thanksgiving to God for His many blessings.

As our Chapel community is centered around our worship services, this book is arranged in nine sections outlining the Divine Service. Included in this book you will find suggested Bible readings, short devotional thoughts, prayer experiments, as well as unique images from our church to decorate and color. Our hope is that this coloring book will be a blessing for all ages!

How to use this coloring book:

Each section begins with a Scripture passage and brief devotional thought for you to reflect on, information on the Chapel coloring page, and a list of ideas for how you might use the accompanying prayer page. You may choose to use one or more idea from each list, or come up with you own. Each prayer page is intended to encourage a deeper and more intentional time of prayer by both coloring and writing out your thoughts and prayer requests. For younger children, parents may wish to help guide them through each section, or simply use them as additional coloring pages. We also suggest using a blank sheet of paper behind the page being colored to prevent bleeding through.

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All prayer pages and Chapel coloring pages are also available for free download at Chapel's website: <u>www.chapelofthecross.org</u>. Join us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/chapelstl) for more ideas and ways to share your coloring pages with our Chapel family.

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1. Give Thanks to the Lord for He is Good

Devotional Thought...

(Read 1 Chronicles 16:23-34)

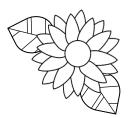
God is good, and He has undoubtedly been good to Chapel over the past 55 years! If you were asked to recall some of those blessings, what would you say? Would it be a favorite memory? Perhaps past ministries or worship experiences? Maybe a special event or festival? 1 Chronicles 16:28-29 says, "Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the nations, glory and strength...bring an offering and come before him! Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness." Our cherished memories, ministries, events and experiences all revolve around people. Consider how many families have come to Chapel of the Cross over the years to worship our God. While we are certainly thankful for a beautiful worship space, we know that Chapel is not defined by our building but by the people who are inside!

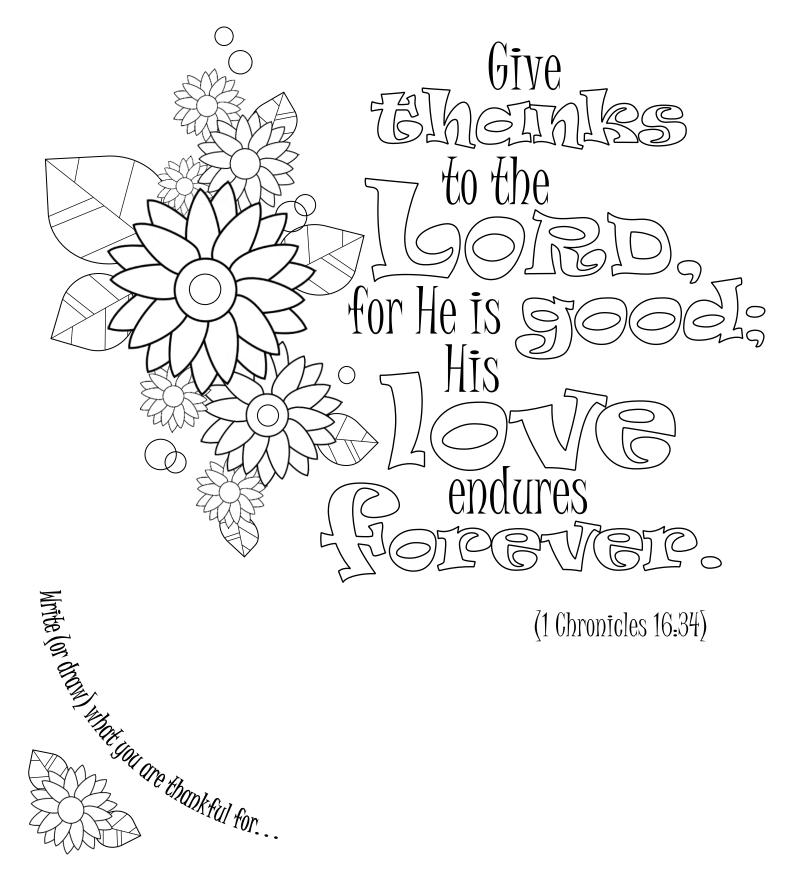
John 1:12 tells us, "Yet to all who received him...who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." And that is what we are! What a blessing to be part of God's family here at Chapel, to be built up and encouraged by brothers and sisters in Christ. Ephesians 2:19-22 says, "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit." Thanks be to God for 55 years of ministry and family at Chapel of the Cross-Lutheran!

Chapel Coloring Page:

This coloring page shows the southwest facing exterior of Chapel's sanctuary. On June 11, 1967, Pastor Milton J. Nauss and members of Chapel of the Cross-Lutheran broke ground for what would be their new worship space. It was completed and dedicated almost one year later on March 31, 1968.

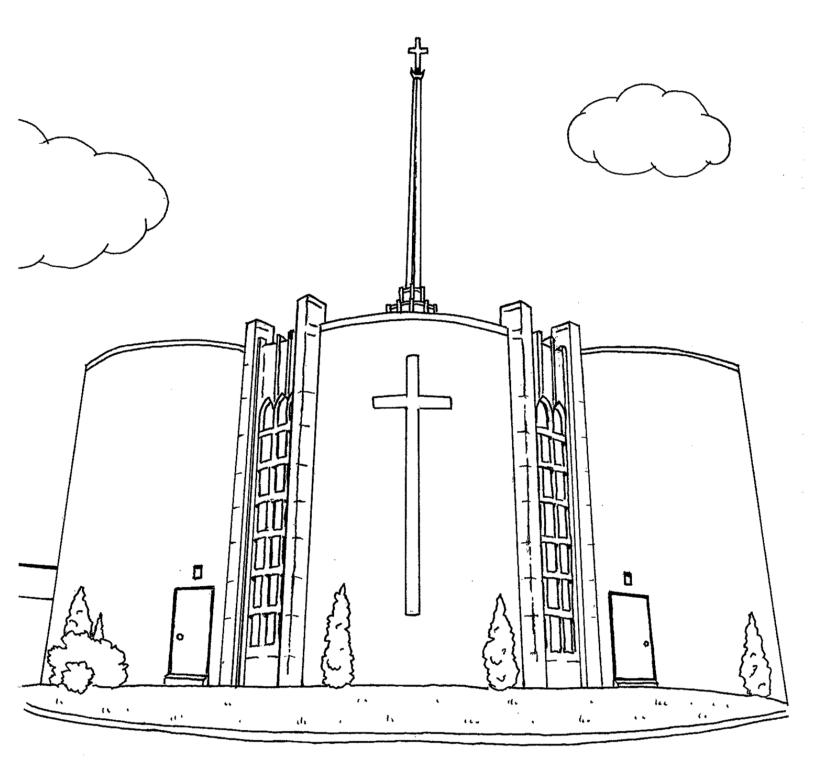
- As you color this page, reflect on the many ways God has blessed Chapel of the Cross over the past 55 years, and how He continues to bless us today.
- Pray for Chapel's pastors, staff, leaders, volunteers, and all members to seek God with all their hearts and joyfully do His will, spreading the Gospel message to North County and beyond.
- Use the blank spaces to write or draw what you are thankful to God for.
- Use the blank spaces to write or draw what you love most about your church.





(1 Chronicles 16.34)

Worship the Lord with Gladness!



2. Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Devotional Thought...

(Read Psalm 51)

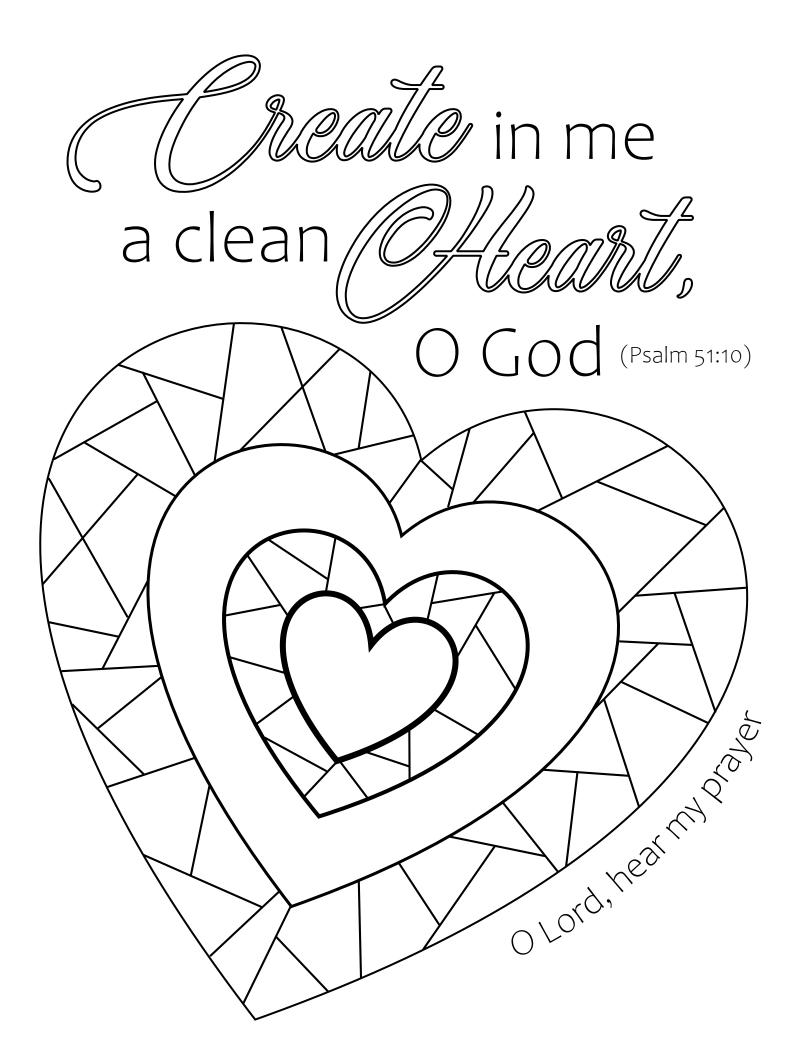
Ever since Adam and Eve first sinned in the Garden of Eden, our whole world has been suffering the consequences. Sin severely impacts all of our lives, and yet we cannot escape it. David tells us in Psalm 51:5, "Surely I was sinful at birth...from the time my mother conceived me." However, David does more than just acknowledge his sin (which is right to do), he also points us to our need for a Savior—to a God who will save us "according to His great compassion and unfailing love." He writes that if *God* will cleanse him, he will be clean; if *God* will wash him, then he will be whiter than snow.

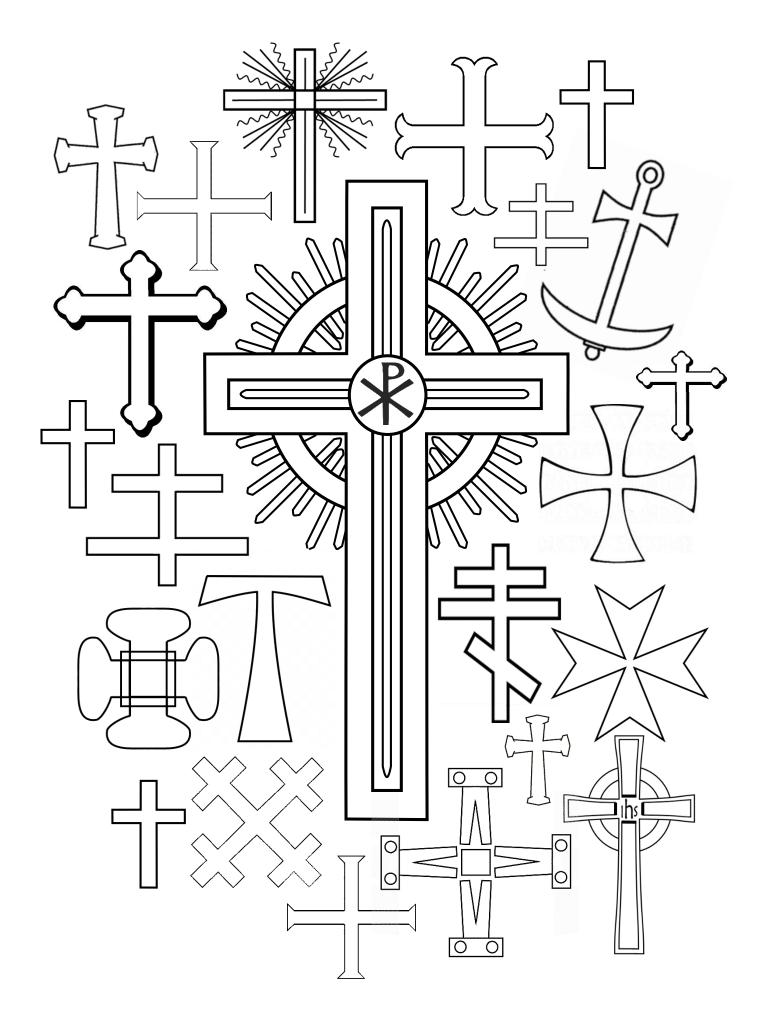
In our worship services each week at Chapel of the Cross, we make public confession of our sin and our need for a Savior. We trust God's promise (found in 1 John 1) that "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us." Thanks be to God for sending His Son, Jesus, to take our place by dying on the cross to forgive our sins.

Chapel Coloring Page:

This coloring page is a collage of different crosses that can be found at Chapel, including those found on our pews, the lectern, stained glass windows, the welcome center and our processional cross. Did you know that there are several hundred cross variants in the world? Can you find and identify some of the crosses on this coloring page? (Celtic Cross, Latin Cross, Latin Cross Botonee, St. Julian's Cross, Maltese Cross, Cross of Lorraine, Tau (or St. Anthony) Cross, Cross Moline, Cross in Glory (or Rayed Cross), Cross of lona, Canterbury Cross, Cross Potent, Eastern (or Russian) Cross, Cross Chapiteau, Mariner's Cross, Patee)

- As you color each part of the heart, reflect on our sinful nature and our need for a clean heart, as well as God's gracious forgiveness won for us when Jesus died on the cross.
- Ask God to show you those hidden sins, idols, or "blind spots" which affect your relationship with God and others.
- Use the open spaces of the heart to write a prayer of confession or to ask God's help with a specific struggle.
- If you are uncomfortable writing your thoughts and prayers down, consider writing just the first letter of those struggles in the smaller boxes of the heart. Use the open spaces of the heart to write a prayer of thanksgiving for what God has done for you.





3. Come, Let Us Sing for Joy to the Lord!

Devotional Thought...

(Read Psalm 95)

Throughout the Bible, and certainly the book of Psalms, we read how music was used in the worship of our God. 2 Chronicles 5:13 says, "The trumpeters and singers joined in unison...to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: 'He is good; his love endures forever.' Then the temple of the LORD was filled with a cloud..." In Psalm 95, we see this very clearly when the Psalmist writes, "let us sing for joy to the Lord," and again, "extol Him with music and song"—both for who He is and for all that He has done for us. Colossians 3:16 commands us to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God." Scripture even speaks of music in heaven in Revelation 14:3, "...and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth."

Music also plays a very important role in the worship life at Chapel of the Cross. In the worship service, we join not only our voices but also our faith in songs of prayer and praise as we gather together each week. We, too, are led in the songs of the Church by various instruments, but most prominently by the pipe organ. Thank You, Lord, for the gift of music to worship and praise You! Amen.

Chapel Coloring Page:

This coloring page shows one of the pipe chambers for Chapel's Zimmer pipe organ. Dedicated on November 7, 1999, by Dr. Charles W. Ore, this instrument was graciously given by Lois Schaefer (in loving memory of her husband Wayne) and the Paul Noltensmeyer estate. In the Fall of 2018, an anonymous donation was again given for the addition of the new MIDI system, which included a major overhaul of the internal components of the console. Did you know that Chapel's organ has over 1,800 pipes, plus 127 digital voices and sound effects?

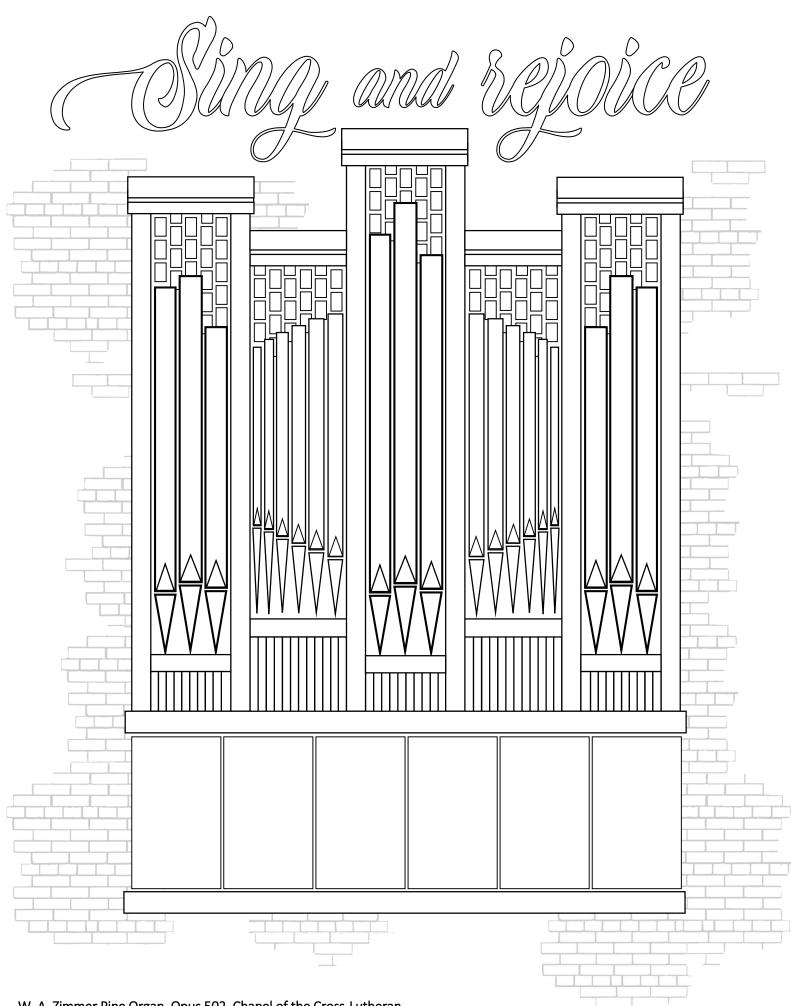
Ideas for using the following prayer page...

- As you color this page, reflect on how thankful we should be for what God has done for us.
- Ask God to give you a joyful heart, and to be aware of how Satan often tries to steal your joy.

The lines at the top of this page could be seen as a rainbow or a music staff (or both). You could:

- Use the lines to write a prayer, lyrics of a song, or a different Bible verse that is especially meaningful to you.
- Use the lines to write your own music. This could be a hymn tune, a Christian song, or your very own music!





4. Your Word is a Lamp to My Feet

Devotional Thought...

(Read Psalm 119:89-105 and Matthew 13:3-23)

In the Bible we hear God's Word described as "living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword" (Hebrews 4:12). This passage may seem a bit confusing for some people. How could God's Word be living? The opening sentences of the Gospel of John tells us, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word *was* God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made." This brings even more clarity to what the Psalmist writes in Psalm 119: "Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens."

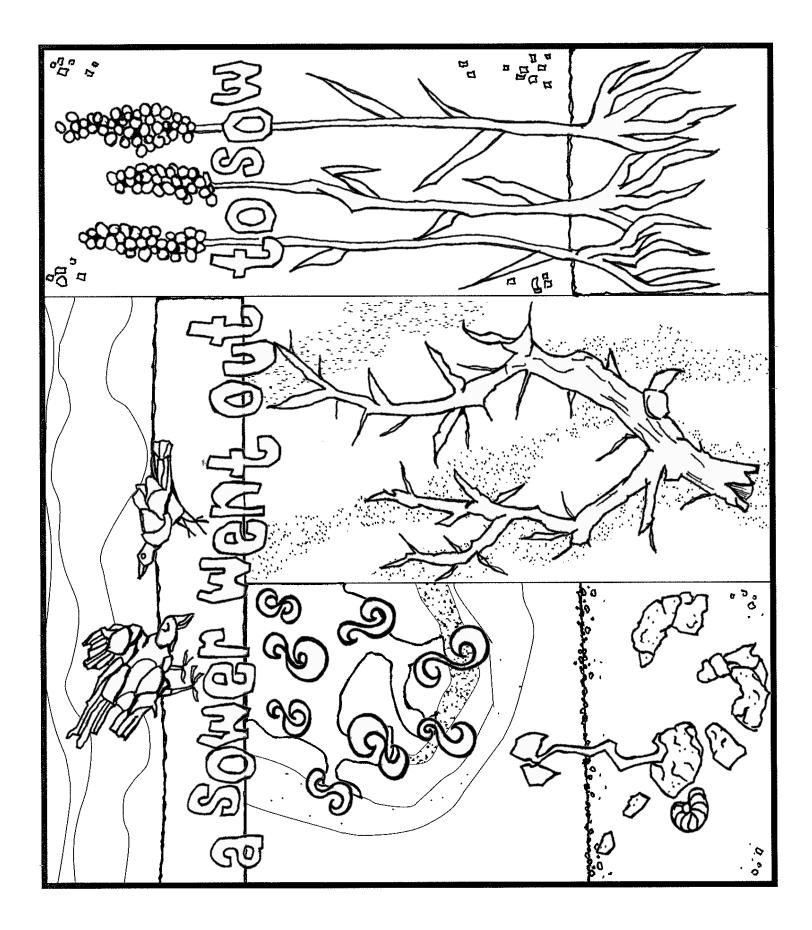
God's almighty, eternal Word brought forth life at creation, and it has the power to create new life in us. The Psalmist goes on to write of the goodness of God's law, that it is "sweeter than honey to my mouth!" How precious His words are to us even today, as the Holy Spirit creates faith in our hearts and brings us Life at their hearing. It is no wonder, then, that Satan should work so hard to snatch away and choke out this Word in people's lives. Thanks be to God that we get to hear His Word read, preached and sung each week in our worship services!

Chapel Coloring Page:

This coloring page is of the mural hung in the lower commons at Chapel called "The Parable of the Sower," a depiction of the parable told in Matthew 13:3-9. Created for Concord Lutheran School in 1970 by James Selle and Ruth Funck, it was later removed and re-assembled at Chapel of the Cross in 1993.

- As you color this page, reflect on how God's Word shines in our lives. Consider coloring those boxes in the center lighter and continue getter darker as you move away from the center.
- Ask God to open your heart and mind to the Truth He wishes to reveal to you.
- Use the larger boxes to write short prayers as you seek God through His Word.
- Use the boxes to write Scripture passages (e.g. Matt. 13:3-9) that you feel speak Truth in specific areas of your life.





5. Confessing Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Devotional Thought...

(Read Luther's Explanation of The Creed in the Small Catechism)

In his Small Catechism, Martin Luther writes about the Holy Trinity (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit) in three articles of the Creed (1-Creation, 2-Redemption, 3-Sanctification) to better teach the work of each person of the God-head. There are numerous Bible verses from which these are drawn and that also reference the Trinitarian nature of God. A few of these are listed below:

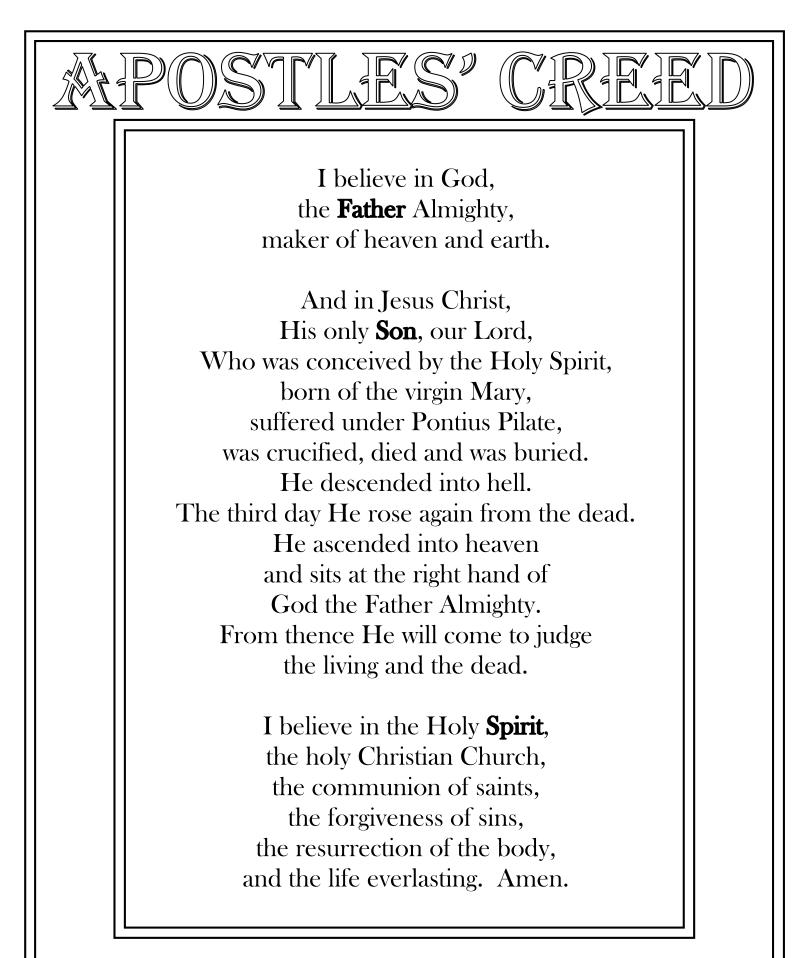
God the Father:	Genesis 1:1; Jeremiah 10:12; Romans 1:20
God the Son:	Luke 1:31-35; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Acts 2:32-34; 1 Peter 4:5
God the Holy Spirit:	1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:26
Holy Trinity:	Luke 3:22; Matthew 28:19; John 15:26; 2 Corinthians 13:14

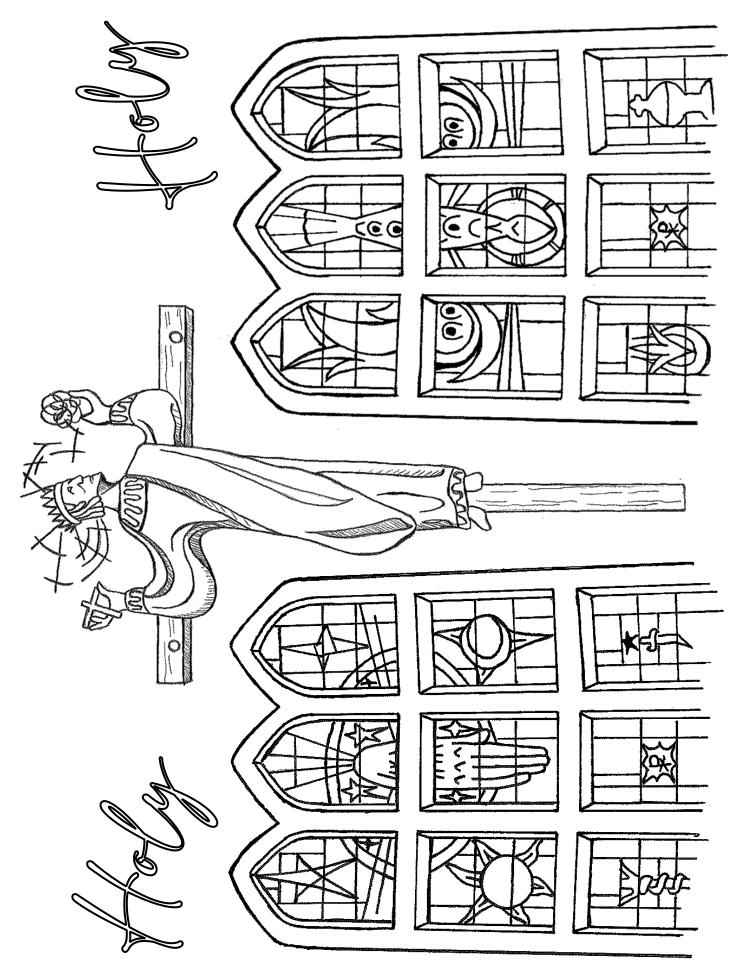
Chapel Coloring Page:

This coloring page depicts the chancel, or the front portion of the sanctuary around the altar. In the center hangs the large sculpture of Christ the King, or Christus Rex. We see Jesus wearing a royal crown, robe and sash. In His hands, He holds a cross and image of the world. Flowing from the cross to the world is an arc of wire which represents hope and faith being transmitted from Christ to the world. Christ facing the world is a reminder that the gift of hope and faith come to us from Christ alone. Christ holding the world also brings to mind that He is King of kings, ruler over all created things.

The two stained glass windows on either side of the Christus Rex show the hand of the God the Father at creation and a dove symbolizing the God the Spirit. Did you know that together, these three remind us of the Trinitarian nature of our God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) each time we worship together at Chapel of the Cross?

- As you color this page, reflect on Holy Trinity and the work of each person of God.
- Ask God to strengthen your faith as you daily study His Word.
- Decorate the frame (or border) using images you might associate with the Trinity (e.g. three interlocking circles) or images associated with each person of the Trinity (e.g. crown, cross and dove).
- Use the three open sides of the frame to write different attributes or Bible verses about each person of the Trinity.





Chancel Stained Glass Windows and Christus Rex, Chapel of the Cross-Lutheran

6. Let My Prayer Rise Up Before You

Devotional Thought...

(Read Psalm 141 and Matthew 6:5-13)

"Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer." These words from the beloved hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," remind us what a privilege and gift we have to know that we can bring our requests before our God day or night. In fact, the Bible says we ought to "pray without ceasing" because "this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thess. 5:17-18) So often life *is* filled with temptations and trouble, and we *do* get discouraged. Worry over finances, family problems, loneliness, sickness, death—the list could go on forever!—can all plague our lives and threaten to steal our peace. But when we turn to God's Word, we find His assurance and grace for us. Philippians 4:4-7 says, "Rejoice in the Lord always...Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

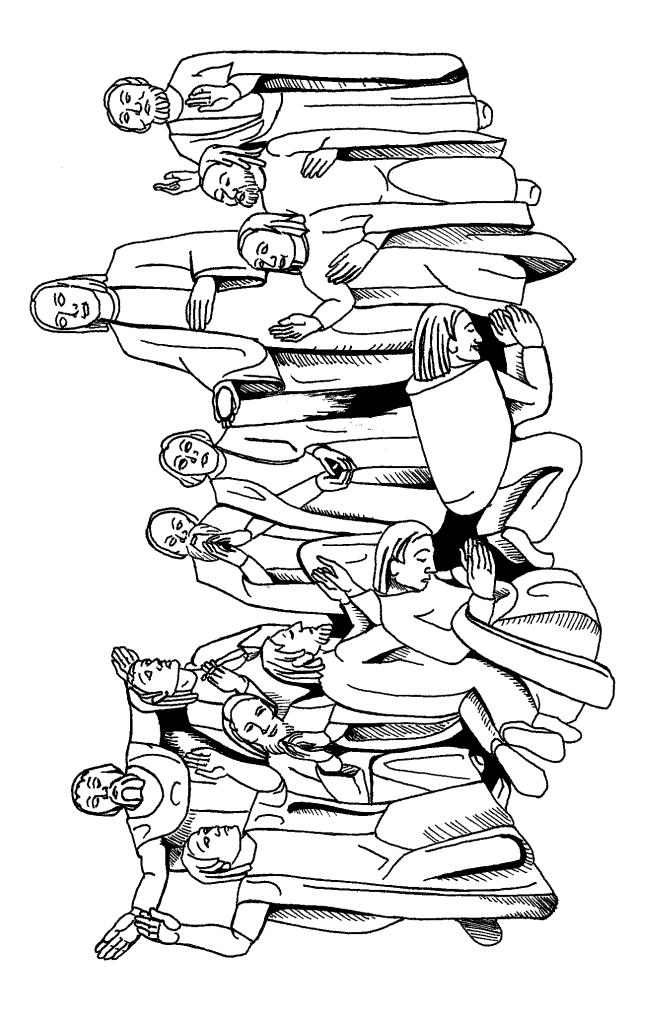
In Psalm 141, the psalmist is praying for the Lord to both hear and deliver him from all his trouble and temptations, and to keep his eyes fixed on his Savior. Only God, our true Refuge, can save us in the midst of trial and temptation. In corporate worship, we pray each week for the many petitions of the church and remember the words that Jesus Himself taught His disciples (and us) to pray in Matthew 6:5-13. Our Heavenly Father knows just what we need before we even ask Him, and even when we don't. Thanks be to God for loving us so much that we can pray to Him in all circumstances!

Chapel Coloring Page:

This coloring page shows Chapel's wood carving of Jesus and the twelve disciples, which hangs in the commons, titled "Giving the Bread." We see the disciples worshiping their Lord as He offers Himself as the Bread of Life. This carving was designed by master woodcarver Hans Heinzeller and hand-carved in 2000 by first studio-master Siegfried Lehnesis in Oberammergau, Germany. Did you know there are only two other carvings of "Giving the Bread" in the world?

- As you color this page, reflect on our almighty God as the source and giver of all good things.
- Ask God to protect you from the deceptions of the evil one, and to keep your eyes fixed on Him, trusting in His good plans for your life.
- Use the lines of the smoke, or "incense," to write down your prayer requests.
- As you write your prayers, think about those requests rising up to our always-gracious and listening God.





7. Taste and See that the Lord is Good

Devotional Thought...

(Read Psalm 34)

Psalm 34 is filled with vivid imagery of God's goodness for us. It's no wonder it contains so many favorite Bible verses. Here, however, we see that the psalmist is not just reflecting on God's goodness, but rather attempting to point his listeners to continually seek the Lord because of what He has done for us. Those who call on His name are under the safety of His ever-watchful eye, and He promises to always hear us when we pray. When we humble ourselves before God and seek His face, we can be assured that He is always near, ready to save and deliver in times of trouble. Have you tasted and seen the goodness of our Lord? We can't help but to echo the opening words of the psalmist, "I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

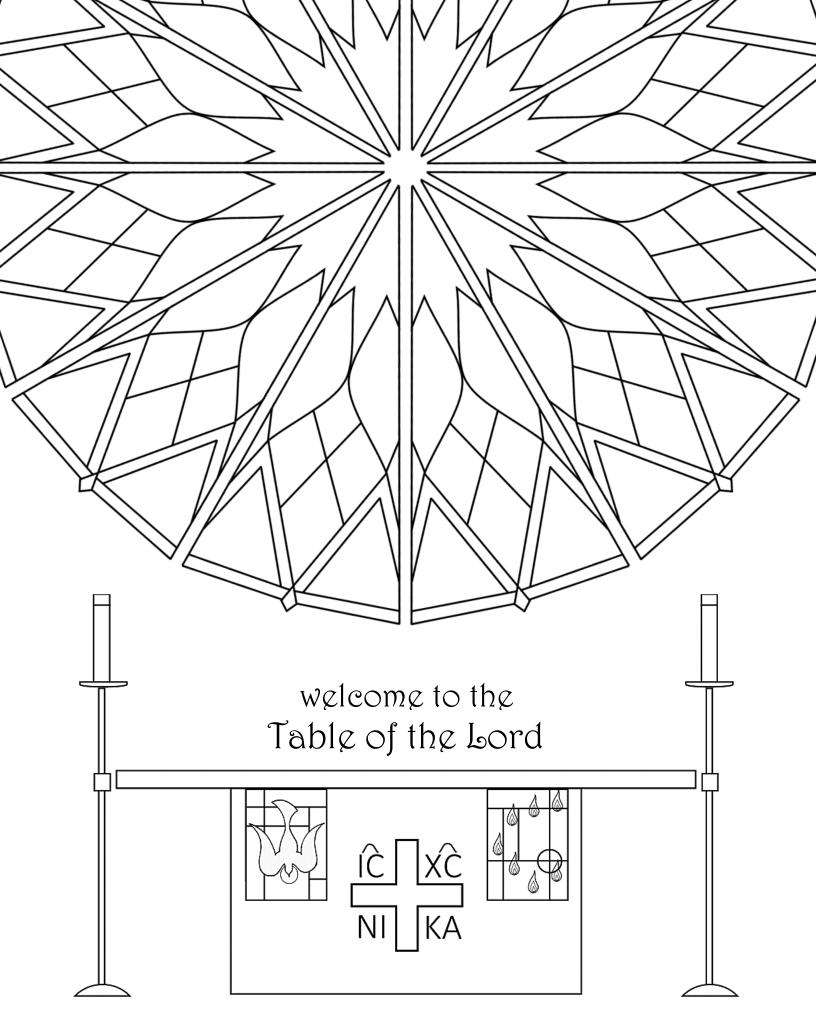
During the Divine Service, our worship culminates with the celebration of Holy Communion. As we come to the Lord's Supper, we literally taste and see the goodness of our Savior—His Body and Blood, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins. Thanks be to Jesus for showing us His goodness and love in His ultimate sacrifice on the cross for our life and salvation. Let us always magnify and exalt His precious name together—"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!"

Chapel Coloring Page:

This coloring page shows Chapel's altar, which along with the baptismal font, is made of imported marble from Botticino, Italy. On the front of the altar, around the red cross, are cast bronze insignias. These are the abbreviations of the Greek words, "Jesus Christ, Conqueror." Suspended above the altar hangs the rose-window banner, designed and created for Chapel's 50th anniversary in 2015 by Jeff Arnold, Judy Kooi, Jamie Mueller and Karen Wahlers.

- As you color this page, reflect on how you have tasted the "goodness of the Lord," and what this phrase means to you.
- Ask God to help you always seek His goodness in all you do, trusting in His promises and saving grace "no one who takes refuge in Him will be condemned."
- Use the space at the bottom of the page to write or draw different thoughts or images that are especially important or comforting to you from reading Psalm 34.
- Use the space at the bottom of the page to write or draw more about the sacrament of Holy Communion.





8. The Great Commission

Devotional Thought...

(Read Matthew 28:16-20 and Acts 1:7-8)

Our culture today seems to get more and more corrupt. We often hear in the news about people, groups or institutions that set themselves against the teachings of Christianity. Perhaps you've even heard people say that our world today is worse than it's ever been before. If we look through the pages of Scripture, we see that the world has been corrupt ever since the fall in the Garden of Eden. In fact, things must have been very bad then for our God to send a world-wide flood to destroy His creation! The truth is that since the day Adam and Eve gave in to temptation we are now fallen, sinful beings. We desperately need a Savior, and left on our own we have no hope for redemption. But God had a plan to save people—all people—through His Son, Jesus.

During the time of the Exodus, God instructed the Israelites in Exodus 19:5-6 that "if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." In the New Testament we see this language again when Peter writes, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9) Through faith, we are God's new Israel—set apart for His service and to do His will. We boldly confess before the whole world all that God has done for us through Jesus, His Son.

Chapel of the Cross has always placed a high priority on missions. In fact, the back of our weekly service bulletin shows a list of the various missions we support, including three that we emphasize each year. How blessed we are to continue to proclaim the Gospel with our own families and community. Thanks be to God for His plan for salvation for all people!

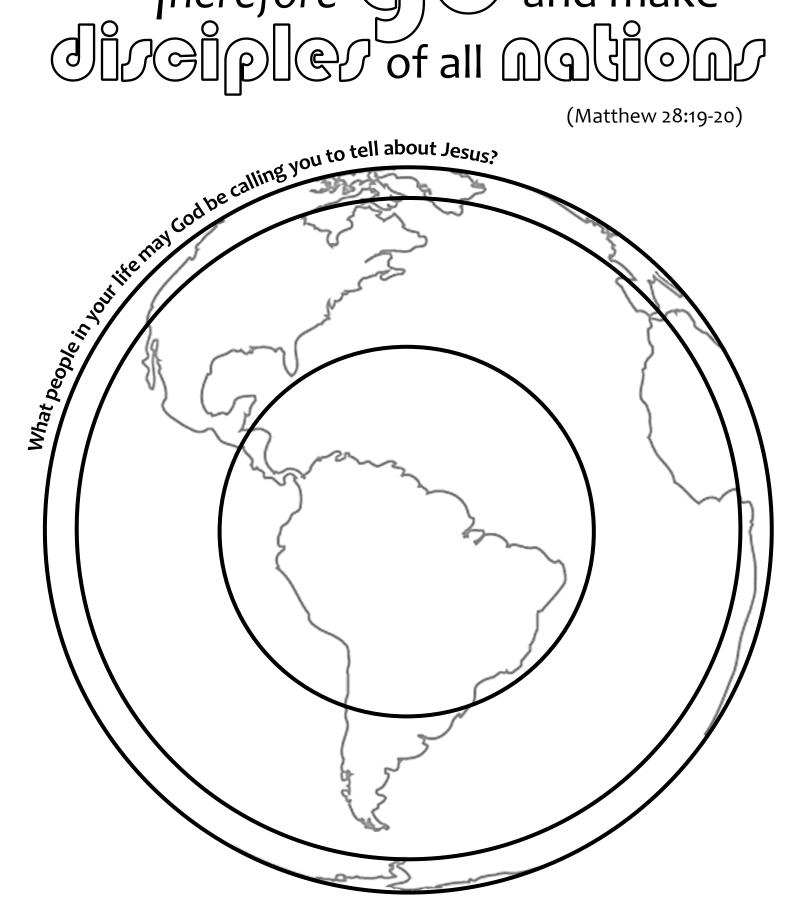
Chapel Coloring Page:

This coloring page shows the logo and mascot (Swaggy) for Chapel's Sidewalk Ministry, which takes Sunday School to the community in a mid-week outdoor event right where the children and their families live. With the help of Chapel's Sidewalk Sunday School truck, volunteers can interact with the children as they sing and listen to music, and hear the gospel message proclaimed.

- As you color this page, reflect on Jesus' command to spread the Gospel message to all the world. How important is this command, and what would the outcome be if we ignore it?
- Ask God to give you courage and strength to be bold in your witness of His Gospel message, trusting in the promised help of His Spirit.
- Use the different circles to write the names of people (or a prayer for those people) in your life who still need to hear about the love of Jesus. One option might look like this:
 - Place people in your immediate family or closest friends in the inner circle, people you see regularly in your daily life such as neighbors or coworkers in the middle circle, and people who you don't know well or see often in the outer circle.

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(Matthew 28:19-20)





9. The Greatest of These is Love

Devotional Thought...

(Read 1 Corinthians 13 and 1 John 3-4)

Have you ever stopped to think about how many things we say we love in life? "I love that sweater!" "I love that flavor!" "I love going on trips!" "I love that song!" We love...well, just about anything. The word "love" is really used quite often in our regular conversations. We often say we love people too. But what does love really mean? Perhaps we need to reframe the question: "What does love *look* like?"

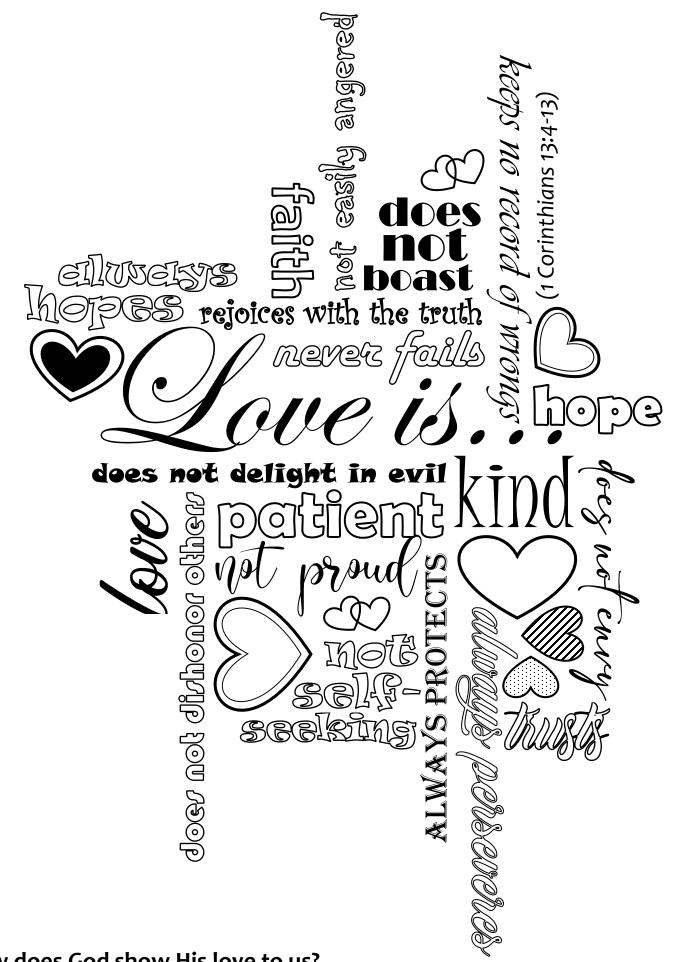
The Bible is actually very clear about what real love looks like. 1 John 3:16-18 tells us, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." (See also Romans 5:8 and John 3:16) In 1 Corinthians 13, often referred to as the love chapter, Paul gives us even more details about how we can show our love to others with our actions.

Scripture tells us that God *IS* love; we love because He first loved us; and that if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us (1 John 4). Thanks be to God for loving us so much!

Chapel Coloring Page:

This coloring page shows a portion of the front panel of the lectern in Chapel's sanctuary. Four symbols, carved from oak, show a Chi-Rho (a symbol for Christ, made up of X and P, which are the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ) and three shields. The first shield contains a cross to symbolize "faith," the second contains an anchor/cross to symbolize "hope," and the third contains a heart to symbolize "love." This coloring page shows these three shields to represent the end goal of Chapel's mission statement: "living in faith, hope and love."

- As you color this page, first reflect on how God shows His perfect love to His people. Then reflect on how God tells us we ought to one another.
- Ask God to help you be more patient, kind, content, humble, selfless, joyful, forgiving, trusting, faithful and disciplined.
- Finish the "word cloud" by adding your own ways God shows His love to you, or how you may have specifically shown God's love to someone else.
- Use the blank space around the word cloud to draw pictures or symbols representing the different characteristics of love in 1 Corinthians 13.



How does God show His love to us?

Faith

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5:1-2)

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We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. (Romans 5:3-5)



You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:6-8)