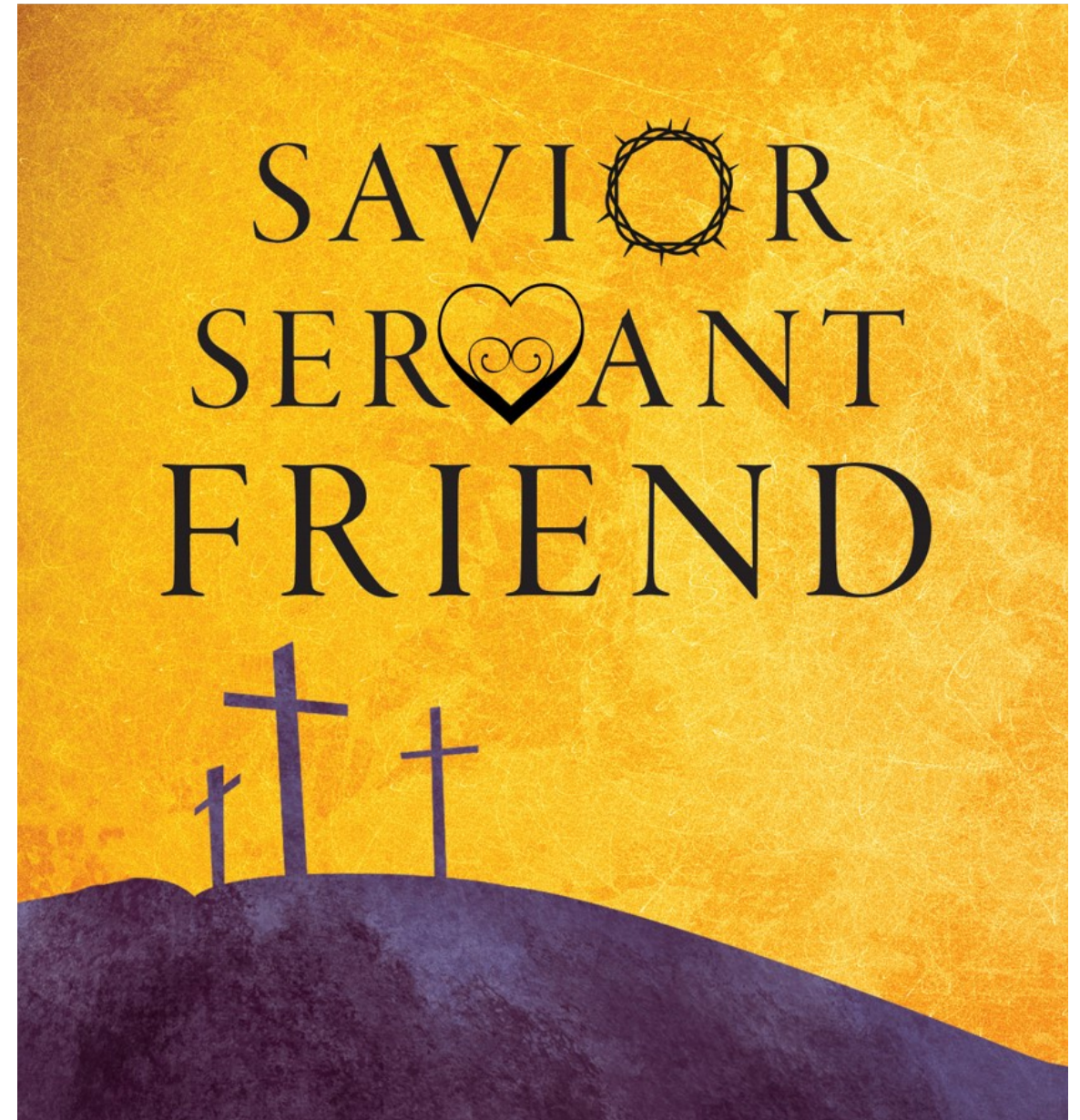


THANK YOU to our Soup servers this evening and to everyone who helped to set up for and clean up from our Soup & Salad Supper. Join us next Wednesday evening at 6 PM for the last of our Soup & Salad Suppers for this year. We will have Bible study after the supper and then Wednesday night service at 7:30 PM. Please remember to sign up for the suppers using the sheets on the hallway bulletin board.



Week 4—PROTECTOR

CHESHIRE LUTHERAN CHURCH
660 WEST MAIN STREET
CHESHIRE, CT 06410

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025
7:30 P.M.

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PRELUDE - “*Spirit Of God*” by Atkin-
son.

HYMN 423 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION & VERSICLES

In the name of the Father and of the ✠
Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Spread your protection over us **That
those who love your name may exult in
you.**

May the Lord answer us in the day of
trouble! **May the name of the God of
Jacob protect us!**

Father of the fatherless and protector of
widows **Is God in his holy habitation.**

Spread your wings over your servants,
For you are a redeemer.

In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
**For you alone, O Lord, make me dwell
in safety.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the**

**beginning is now, and will be forever.
Amen.**

GREETING, followed by PRAYER
The Lord be with you. **And also with
you.**

Let us pray. **Mighty Savior and fortress
of my soul, let this season of Lent be a
time of return. Bring us back to Your
protecting presence, and cover us with
Your grace and mercy. Remind us that
we are never alone because You are
our ever-present friend. We pray this
in Your name, for You live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON - Psalm 121
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be
to God!**

SECOND LESSON - 2 Thess. 3:1-5
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be
to God!**

page 157 - **VERSE FOR LENT** - *all
standing*

GOSPEL - John 14:18-27
*Before, all say: **Glory to you, O Lord!**
After, all say: **Praise to you, O Christ!***

HYMN 656 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

OFFERTORY – “*In The Hour Of Trial*”
by Spencer Lane, setting by L. Smith.

PRAYERS & LORD’S PRAYER - *all
may kneel*

Mighty fortress, protector and friend,
our Lord and Savior, Jesus: we come
before You in prayer. Incline Your ear to
us, and hear the prayers and petitions of
Your people. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Protect us from pride and arrogance, lest
we think that we can live on our own
apart from You. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Protect us from sin and temptation,
sending us Your Spirit of truth and de-
liverance so that we can lead lives of
righteousness and holiness according to
Your will. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Protect the weak and vulnerable, the so-
journer and fatherless, the widow and
orphan and the dying. **Lord, hear our
prayer.**

Protect those in warring nations, and
provide Your perfect peace to places
caught in the midst of warfare and strife.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Protect those who are charged with the
task of protecting others—police, fire-
fighters, soldiers, parents, caretakers and
all others whose task it is to protect and
serve their neighbors **Lord, hear our
prayer.**

Protect us from ingratitude and indiffer-
ence so that we can always thank and
praise You for all Your goodness and
mercy. **Lord, hear our prayer and pro-
tect us unto eternity. Amen.**

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and
teach us to pray: **Our Father who art
in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven; give us this
day our daily bread; and forgive us
our trespasses as we forgive those who
trespass against us; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

BENEDICTION
The Lord bless you and keep you. The
Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you. The Lord look upon
you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

HYMN 524 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - “*Prayer*” by Cesar
Franck.

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