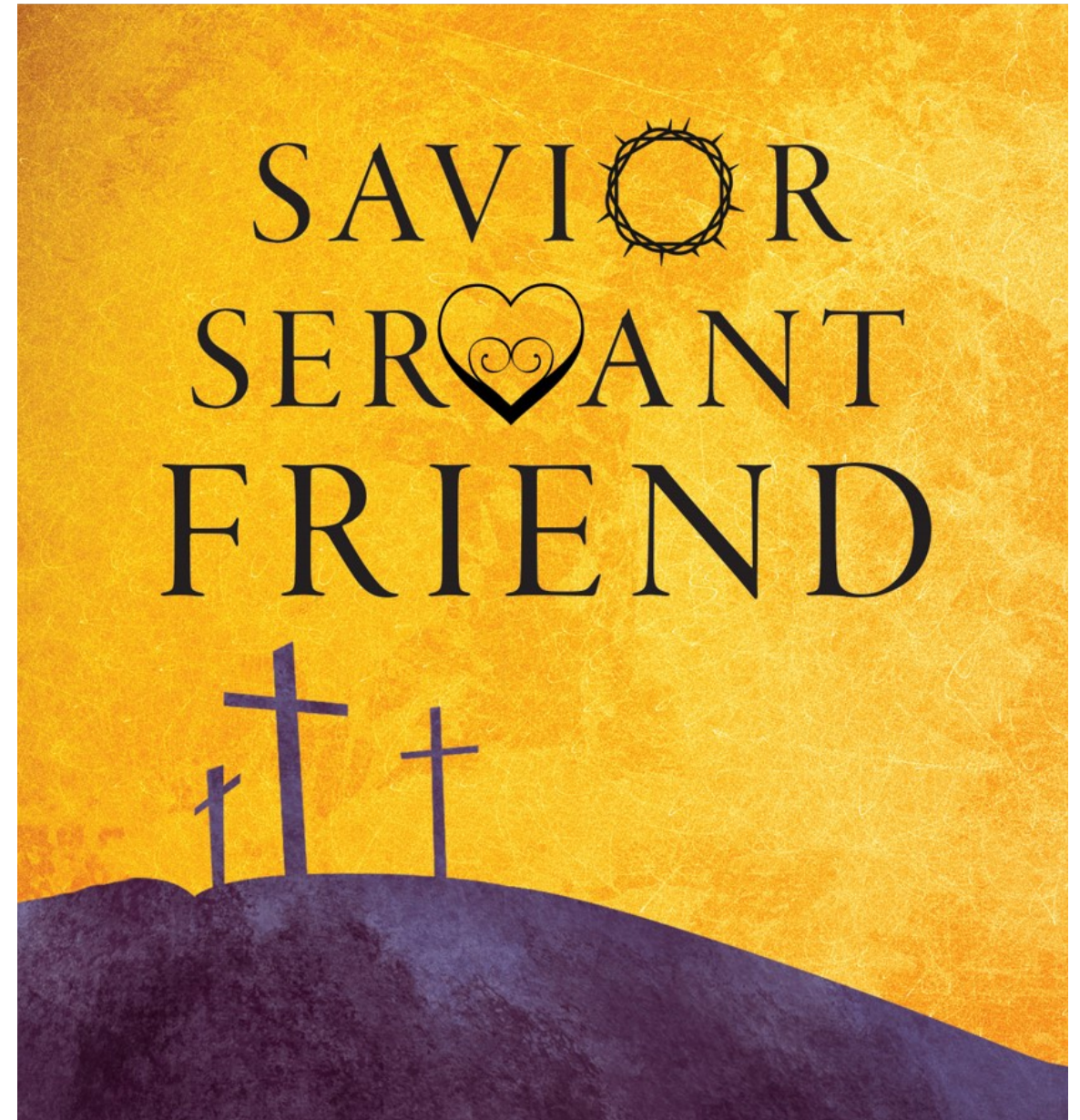


**THANK YOU** to our Soup servers this evening and throughout the season of Lent. Thank you to everyone who brought dessert and to all who helped set up and clean up from our Soup & Salad Suppers. Thank you especially to Don & Diane Drust and Pam & Andy Clark for making all the suppers possible.

**JOIN US FOR OUR HOLY WEEK SERVICES:**

- April 13: Palm Sunday Service with Procession with Palms at 8 AM and 10:30 AM
- April 17: Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar at 7:30 PM
- April 18: Good Friday Service of Darkness at 7:30 PM
- April 20: Easter Sunday Service with Holy Communion at 8 AM and 10:30 AM - EASTER BREAKFAST between the services



*Week 5*—COMFORTER

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MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025  
7:30 P.M.

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**PRELUDE** - “*Glory In The Cross*” by  
James Southbridge.

**HYMN 347** - *we sing, standing*

**INVOCATION & VERSICLES**

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

Comfort, comfort my people **Says your  
God.**

Even though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death, **I will fear no evil**

For you are with me **Your rod and your  
staff, they comfort me.**

This is my comfort in my affliction,  
**That your promise gives me life.**

Let your steadfast love comfort me **Ac-  
cording to your promise to your serv-  
ant.**

**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. **Almighty and everlasting  
God, as we venture deeper into this  
Lenten season, draw us into an ever-  
deeper friendship with You. Give us  
Your Holy Spirit so that we can hear  
Your Word, trust in Your promises, fix  
our eyes on the cross, and be comfort-  
ed by Your loving-kindness. We pray  
this through Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever. Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

**FIRST LESSON** - Isaiah 51:1-6  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be  
to God!**

**SECOND LESSON** - 2 Corinthians 1:3-7  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be  
to God!**

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

**GOSPEL** - John 11:17-27  
*Before, all say: **Glory to you, O Lord!**  
After, all say: **Praise to you, O Christ!***

**HYMN 744** - *we sing, seated*

**SERMON**

**OFFERTORY** – “*Beneath The Cross Of  
Jesus*” tune St. Christopher, setting by  
Peterson.

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

Lord Jesus, Your power and promises  
bring profound comfort to us in our  
hardships and struggles. Hear us now as  
we lift our prayers and raise our peti-  
tions to You. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, bring comfort to every cor-  
ner of Your creation, and assure us with  
Your promise to one day wipe away  
every tear from our eyes. **Lord, hear  
our prayer.**

Comfort our deepest hurts and sorrows,  
and remind us that nothing is too far  
broken for Your hope and healing. **Lord,  
hear our prayer.**

Comfort the vulnerable and lonely, the  
weak and powerless, the grieving and  
impoverished—all the while using us as  
instruments of Your comforting friend-  
ship. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Comfort those who are near the point of  
death and being called to Your nearer  
presence. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Comfort Your church around the world,  
especially the faithful gathered in places  
that are hostile toward the Christian  
faith. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Comfort us when we are afflicted by sin  
and assure us of Your forgiveness—yet,  
bring discomfort to the parts of our lives  
that are far too comfortable in sin and  
waywardness. **Lord, hear our prayer,  
and comfort us as only you can.  
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 917** - *we sing, standing*

**POSTLUDE** - “*Commemoration*” by B.  
Luciotti.

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