

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.

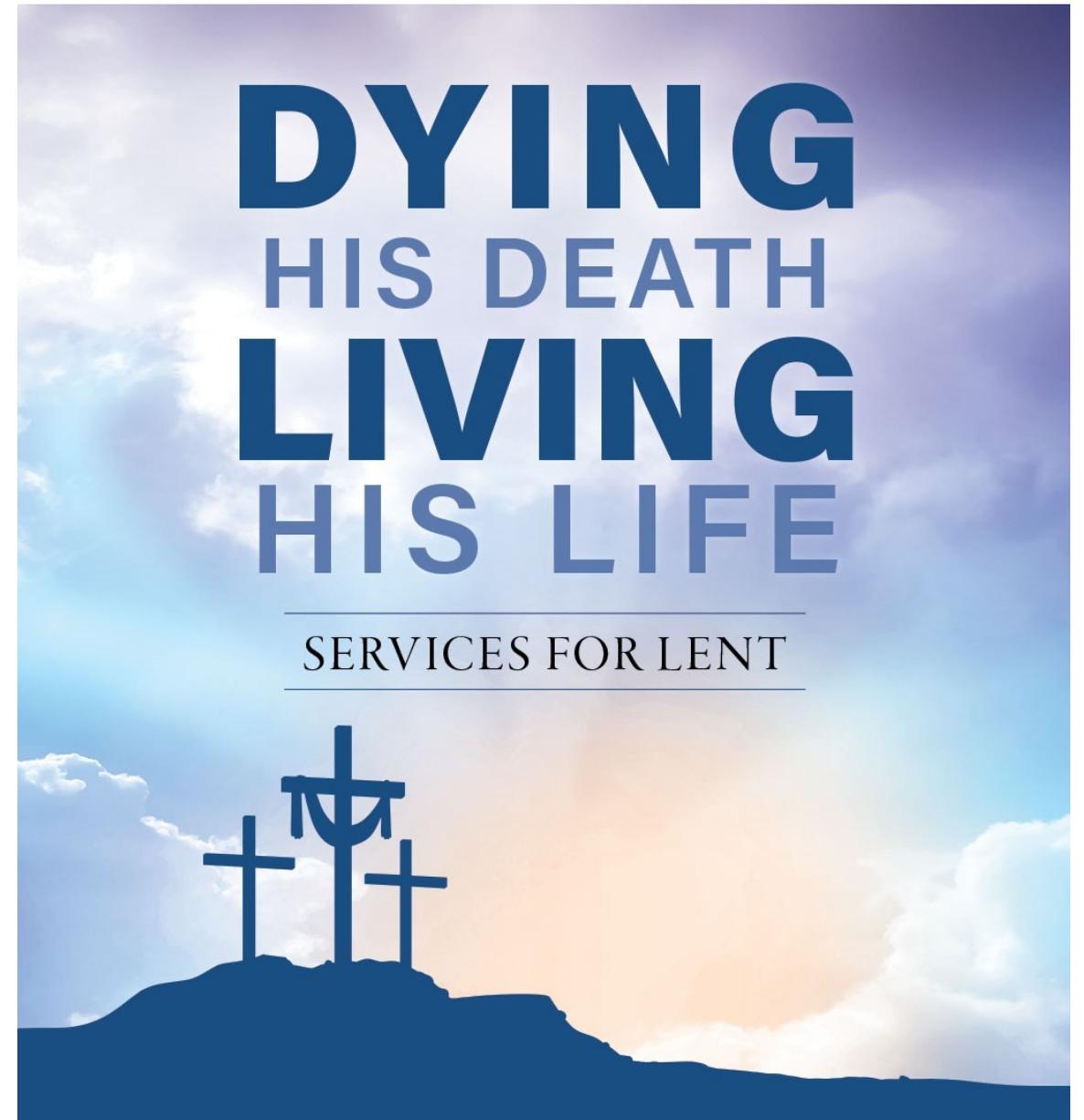
BENEDICTION

HYMN 842 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *“Be Ever Near Me, Lord”*
arranged by Schreiner.

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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 every Wednesday evening at 6 PM from now through Palm Sunday for our Soup & Salad Supper. 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 1 - Dying to Pride, Living for Others

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MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026
7:30 P.M.

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PRELUDE - *“In The Hour Of Trial”*
tune *Penitence*, setting by Spencer Lane;
Chelsea Da Paz, flute soloist.

HYMN 702 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION & VERSICLES

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

The apostle Paul writes, “Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love...” (Ephesians 4:1-2). **Lord, help us to lay aside selfish, conceited and prideful ways.**

We are told, “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3-4). This is the attitude of Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us. **Lord, help us to be humble and to regard others as more important than ourselves. Lead us to lives of service to others.**

The Lord tells us, “Through love serve one another” (Galatians 5:13). **Lord, help us to love others as you love us.**

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. **Lord Jesus, in your life of humble service, we see the pattern for our own lives. You laid aside your heavenly majesty and humbled yourself to be born among us and to give your life to save us. As we follow your path to the cross, teach us to walk in the way of love, the way in which you walked. Help us to put aside our pride and selfish ways. Open our eyes to the needs and suffering of those around us, so that we might serve them in love and share with them the good news of salvation through faith in your name. Hear our prayer and accept our grateful praise. Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON - Genesis 11:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SECOND LESSON - Philippians 2:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

page 173 - **VERSE FOR LENT** - *all standing*

GOSPEL - Saint Mark 10:35-45

Before, all say: Glory to you, O Lord!
After, all say: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 851 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

OFFERTORY – *“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”* tune *Hamburg*, setting by Lani Smith; Chelsea Da Paz, flute soloist.

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

Lord Jesus, from all eternity you are one with the Father and the Spirit, yet you laid aside your divine majesty to be born among us. In obedience to your heavenly Father, you humbled yourself to the point of death on a cross. Lord Jesus, you gave your life to save us; **Help us to spend our lives in service to others.**

Lord Jesus, in baptism we die with you and are raised to new life. Teach us daily to die to self and to lay aside our selfish, prideful ways. Lead us to live for others

as you did and to put their interests and needs ahead of our own. Lord Jesus, you gave your life to save us; **Help us to spend our lives in service to others.**

Lord Jesus, you are our crucified and risen King. You reign now in exalted glory at the right hand of the Father. King of Kings, by the power of the Holy Spirit, strengthen us in faith as we seek to serve you by serving others in love. Lord Jesus, you gave your life to save us; **Help us to spend our lives in service to others.**

Lord Jesus, we pray that you would use us to bring comfort and hope to those who are suffering. Through the promises of your Word, give them peace. According to your will, bring healing to ... and to those we name in our hearts. Lord Jesus, you gave your life to save us; **Help us to spend our lives in service to others.**

Lord Jesus, you raised us to new life as your holy people. Help us to build up others and treat them with kindness and care. We pray that the Holy Spirit would work through our works of love and our words of witness so that others will come to know and worship you as Lord and King. Lord Jesus, you gave your life to save us; **Help us to spend our lives in service to others. 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**