

Lord Jesus, as we trust in you for the gift of salvation, for our eternal life, lead us with the help of the Holy Spirit to trust in you each day in this life, too. We pray that our faith will be a witness to others of your unfailing love. Lord, hear our prayer. **Lord, increase our faith! 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**

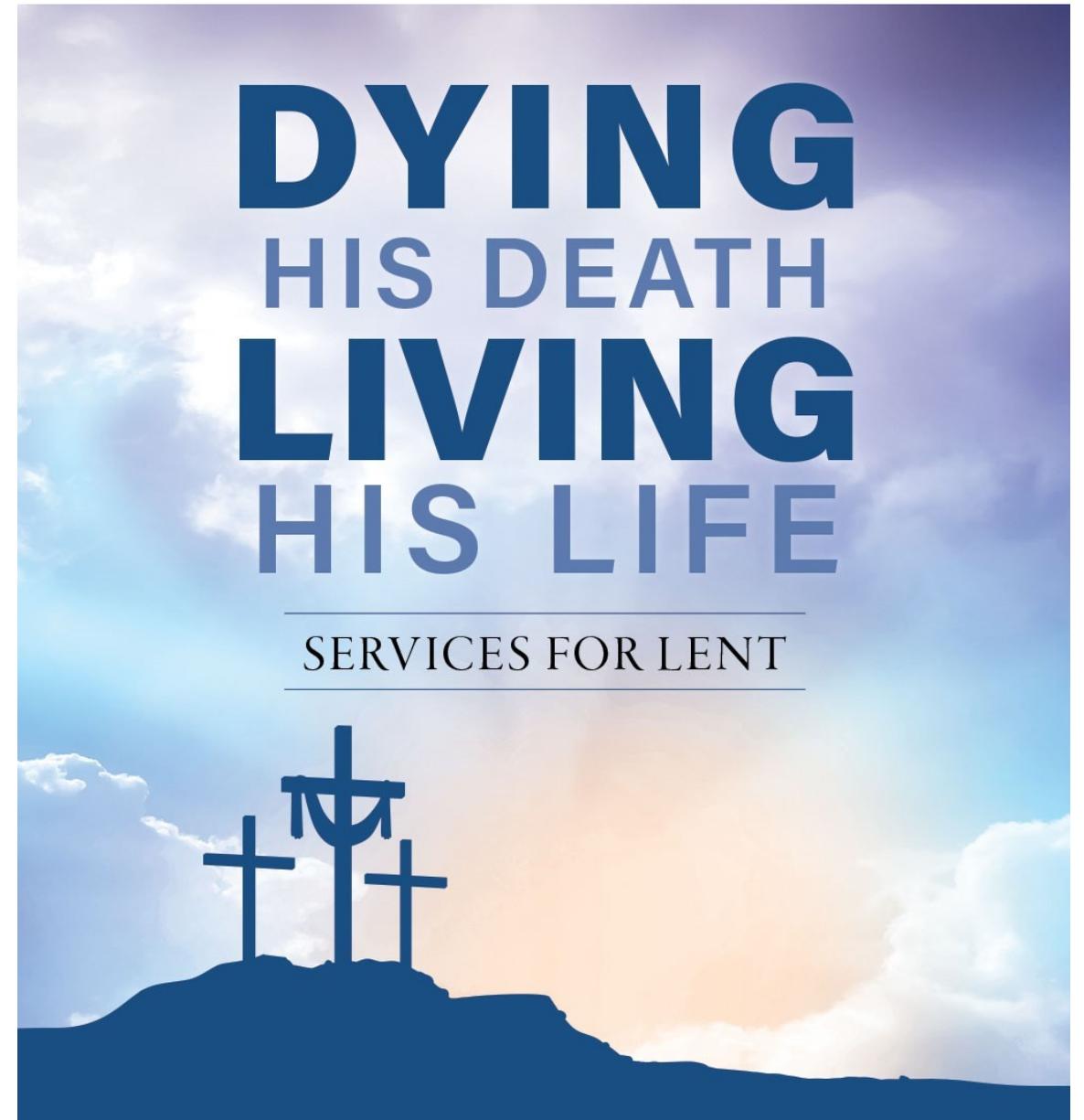
**HYMN 717** - *we sing, standing*

**POSTLUDE** - *"We Sing The Praise Of Jesus" tune Windham, setting by H. Gotsch.*

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**THANK YOU** to our Soup servers this evening and to everyone who helped with set up and clean up for 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 sup-

pers using the sheets on the hallway bulletin board.



*Week 3 - Dying to Doubt, Living by Faith*

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MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026  
7:30 P.M.

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**PRELUDE** - "*A Song Of Supplication*"  
by Johnson.

**HYMN 440** ss. 1, 2, 4, 6 - *we sing, standing*

**INVOCATION & DIALOG**

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

The disciple Peter walked on the Sea of Galilee, looking to Jesus. But as Peter saw the storm and waves, he began to sink. Jesus reached out to him and said, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:31). **Lord, teach us to look to you in faith and to trust in your ever-present care.**

God invites us to come to him in prayer without doubting his ability and willingness to help us: "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind" (James 1:5-6). **Lord, we know that you hear and an-**

**swer our prayers. Lead us to come to you in faith.**

After the resurrection, Thomas demanded proof that Jesus had risen from the dead. Once Thomas touched the scars in his hands and side, Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29). **Lord, we have seen you revealed in the Word, and we believe.**

"So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:6-7). **Lord, guide us as we walk by faith until the day we see you face to face.**

**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, when your disciple Peter walked on the water, he grew frightened when he saw the waves and felt the strong wind. He began to sink, but you reached out and raised him up, leading him to safety. When we are weak, raise us up, and lead us in the power of the Holy Spirit to place our trust in you. Strengthen our faith through the gifts of your holy Word and Sacrament. When we stumble and wander from your ways, call us to repentance, forgive our sins and help us to grow in grace and faith. Hear our prayers, dear Savior. Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

**FIRST LESSON** - Proverbs 3:3-8  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SECOND LESSON** - James 1:2-8  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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

**GOSPEL** - Saint Matthew 14:22-33  
*Before, all say: Glory to you, O Lord!*  
*After, all say: Praise to you, O Christ!*

**HYMN 729** - *we sing, seated*

**SERMON**

**OFFERTORY** - "*The Lamb*" tune by Twila Paris; Bruce Emerick, soloist.

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

Lord Jesus, the waves of trouble and sorrow in this world sometimes cause us to doubt your presence and your care. When we call on you in prayer, as Peter did, have mercy and come quickly to help us. Raise us up and grant to us the peace that only you can give. Lord, hear our prayer. **Lord, increase our faith!**

Lord Jesus, we know that you work through the troubles we experience to make us strong in faith. Encourage us with the promises of your Word. Do not let us look to the storms and waves of trouble that surround us, but teach us to keep our focus on you, dear Savior. Lord, hear our prayer. **Lord, increase our faith!**

Lord Jesus, help those who struggle with sorrow, grief, fear and illness, especially those we name in our hearts. Comfort them with the promises of your Word, and fill them with the peace that you alone can bring. Give us opportunities to bring to them help and encouragement in your name. Lord, hear our prayer. **Lord, increase our faith!**

Lord Jesus, you have called us to trust you with all our hearts. Keep us from relying instead on our own understanding. We want to trust you in all of the circumstances of our lives, in days of blessing and in times of sorrow. Lord, hear our prayer. **Lord, increase our faith!**