

life in him. You have brought us into the kingdom of our Savior and adopted us as your children. Lord God, we praise you for your grace and steadfast love. **We praise you for the gift of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.**

Lord God, hear our prayers on behalf of those who are suffering through illness, grief and fear. Look on them in love and grace, and comfort them with the promises of your Word. According to your will, bring them healing and hope. Lord God, we praise you for your grace and steadfast love. **We praise you for the gift of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. 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 435 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *"Ah, Holy Jesus" tune
Herzliebster Jesu, setting by J. C. Bach.*

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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, Thom & Dale Zeppieri, and Ed Schweizer for making all the suppers possible.

JOIN US FOR OUR HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

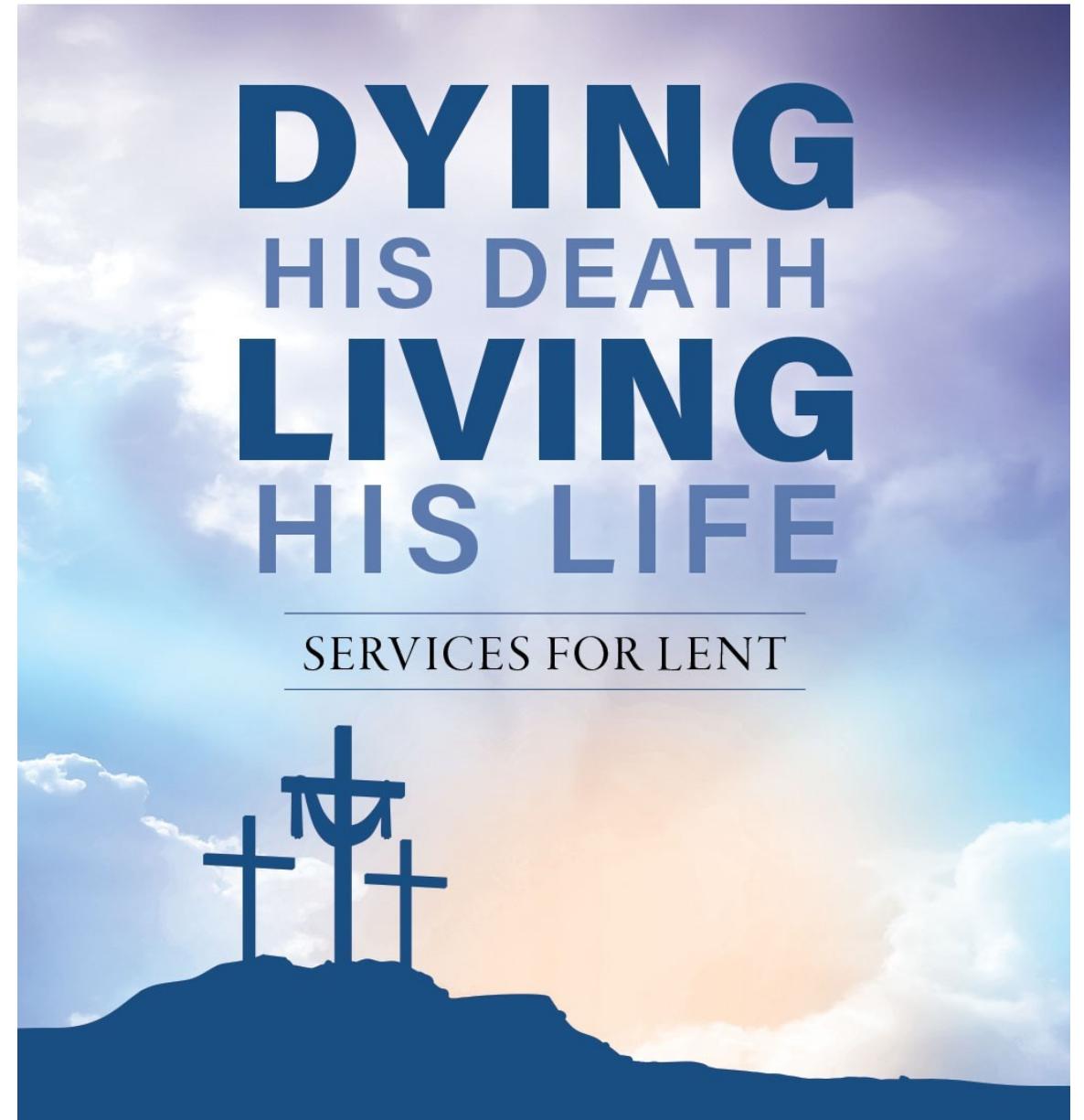
March 29: Palm Sunday Service with Procession with Palms at 8 AM and 10:30 AM

April 2: Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar at 7:30 PM

April 3: Good Friday Service of Darkness at 7:30 PM

April 5: Easter Sunday Service with Holy Communion at 8 AM and 10:30 AM - **EASTER BREAKFAST** between the services.

Don't forget to sign up for the Easter Breakfast!



*Week 5 - Dying to Judgment,
Living in Grace*

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

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PRELUDE - “*Lamb of God*” tune

Angelus, setting by David Johnson.

HYMN 420, ss. 1, 2, 4, 7 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION & DIALOG

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

As we follow Jesus through Lent,
drawing near to the cross, we remember
the reason he was born: “For God did not
send his Son into the world to condemn
the world, but in order that the world
might be saved through him” (John
3:17). **Heavenly Father, you sent your
Son to be the Savior of the world. He is
our Savior.**

We are sinners who deserve judgment,
but God saves us by grace, his
undeserved favor for sinners: “For by
grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the
gift of God, not a result of works, so that
no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9).
**Almighty God, by your grace we are
saved!**

Jesus, the Savior who gave his life for
us, has promised: “Truly, truly, I say to
you, whoever hears my word and
believes him who sent me has eternal
life. He does not come into judgment,
but has passed from death to life” (John
5:24). **Dear Savior, by your death and
resurrection you have brought us from
death into life.**

Now we live and grow in the grace of
God, the grace poured out on us through
Jesus: “But grow in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ. To him be the glory both now and
to the day of eternity. Amen” (2 Peter
3:18). **Lord, lead us by your Spirit to
grow in grace, in faith and in the
knowledge of your Word.**

**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, as we follow
you through Lent, we see you
willingly take your final steps to the
cross. We deserve God’s wrath and
condemnation for our sins, but in love
and grace you took that judgment
onto yourself. You bore our sins in
your body on the cross, suffering the
death that we deserve. By grace
through faith in your holy name, we
receive your gifts of forgiveness and
eternal life. Teach us to live so that we
reflect your love for others and make
us bold witnesses for you. In your
name. Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON - Jonah 3:1-10

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

SECOND LESSON - Romans 6:1-11

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

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

GOSPEL - Saint John 8:2-11

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

HYMN 744 ss. 1, 2, 3 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

OFFERTORY – “*Be Still My Soul*” by
*Jean Sibelius, arranged by Bonam;
Chelsea Da Paz, flute soloist.*

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

Lord God, in your holy Word we learn
of people who deserved your judgment
but instead received your grace and
forgiveness. We, too, deserve judgment,
but you have chosen us by grace to be
your holy people. Lord God, we praise
you for your grace and steadfast love.
**We praise you for the gift of your Son,
our Savior Jesus Christ.**

Lord God, the people of Nineveh
deserved your wrath and judgment, yet
at the preaching of Jonah they repented
and received your forgiveness. Teach us,
Lord, to repent of our sins as they did.
Have mercy on us and forgive us. Lord
God, we praise you for your grace and
steadfast love. **We praise you for the
gift of your Son, our Savior Jesus
Christ.**

Lord God, the woman caught in adultery
was condemned by the religious leaders,
who hoped to trap Christ in his response
to her sin. Yet, Jesus did not condemn
her. Teach us to regard others with love
and compassion as we reflect the love of
Christ to the people around us. Lord
God, we praise you for your grace and
steadfast love. **We praise you for the
gift of your Son, our Savior Jesus
Christ.**

Lord God, we are fallen, sinful people.
We do not deserve your forgiveness, yet
in love and grace you have called us to
be your own holy people in Baptism. In
the washing of water and the Word, we
are buried with Christ and raised to new