

that you have given to us. Jesus, priceless Treasure, **In you we have the riches of forgiveness and eternal life. 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.**

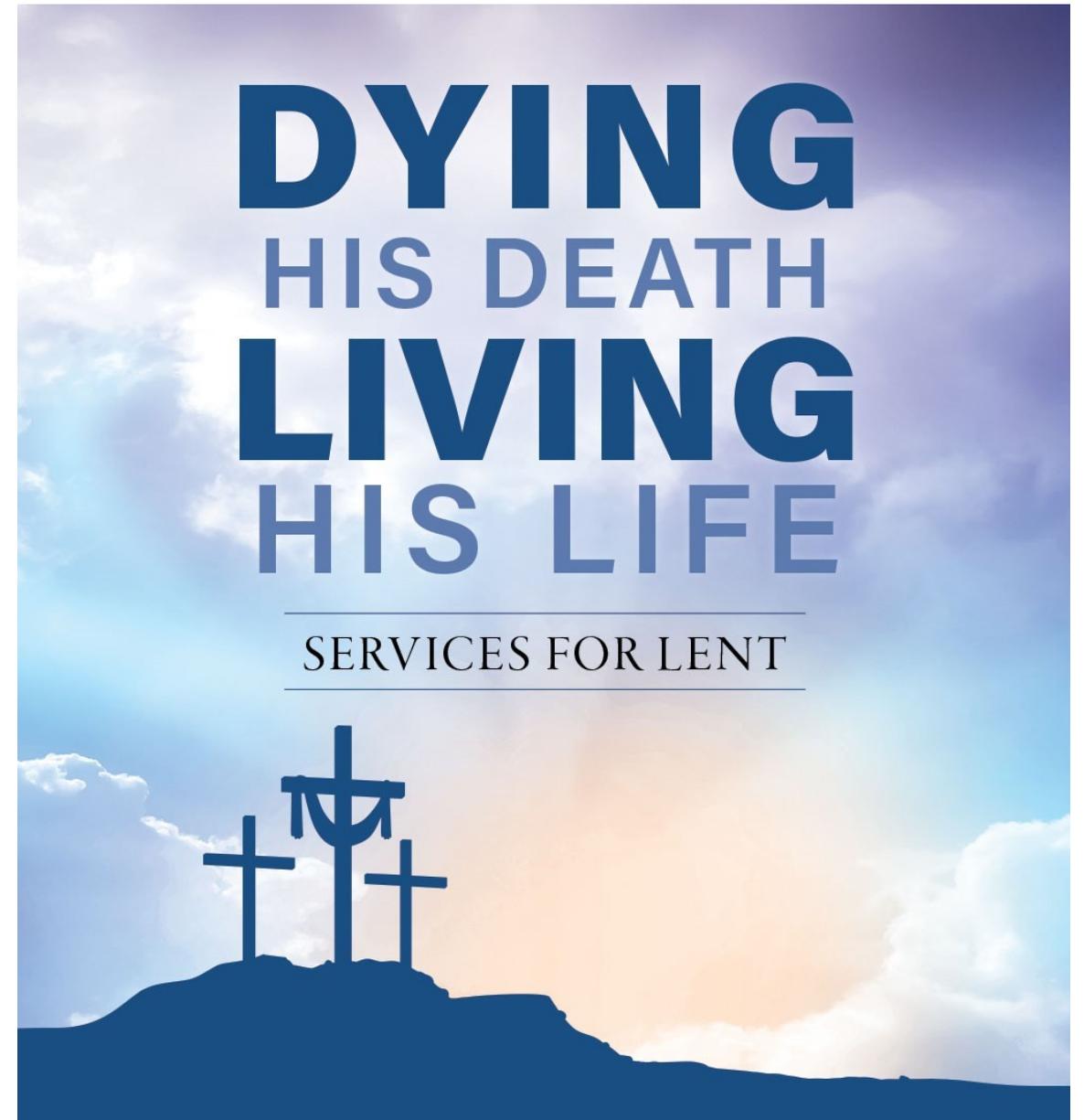
#### **BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 425** - *we sing, standing*

**POSTLUDE** - *“In The Cross Of Christ I Glory”* tune *Rathbon*, setting by Engel.

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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 2 - Dying to Greed, Living for the Treasures of Heaven*

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MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 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 421 ss. 1-4** - *we sing, standing*

**INVOCATION & VERSICLES**

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

God commands us, “You shall not covet  
your neighbor’s house; you shall not  
covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male  
servant, or his female servant, or his ox,  
or his donkey, or anything that is your  
neighbor’s” (Exodus 20:17). **Lord, lead  
us by your Spirit to obey your holy  
Word and follow your commands.**

Jesus said, “Take care, and be on your  
guard against all covetousness, for one’s  
life does not consist in the abundance of  
his possessions” (Luke 12:15). **Lord,  
help us to walk in your ways and teach  
us to be content with what we have.**

Jesus tells us, “Do not lay up for your-  
selves treasures on earth, where moth  
and rust destroy and where thieves break  
in and steal, but lay up for yourselves

treasures in heaven, where neither moth  
nor rust destroys and where thieves do  
not break in and steal” (Matthew 6:19-  
20). **Lord, you alone are our only last-  
ing treasure.**

The apostle Paul reminds us, “My God  
will supply every need of yours accord-  
ing to his riches in glory in Christ Je-  
sus” (Philippians 4:19). **Lord, in you we  
have all that we need.**

**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 God, you have  
graciously given to us the true Treas-  
ure, Jesus our Savior. By the riches of  
your grace, through faith in Jesus, we  
have received the gifts of forgiveness  
and eternal life. As we follow Jesus to  
the cross during these days of Lent,  
cleanse our hearts from greed, and  
teach us to put aside our selfish de-**

**sires. Lead us to use the many earthly  
gifts you have given to us in service to  
others. We pray, too, that you would  
guide us by your Spirit to be bold wit-  
nesses for our Savior, so that others  
can share in the riches of salvation  
through faith in his name. Hear our  
prayer and accept our praise for Je-  
sus’ sake. Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

**FIRST LESSON** - Isaiah 53:8–10

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

**SECOND LESSON** - 1 Peter 1:13–21

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be to God!**

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

**GOSPEL** - Saint Luke 12:16–21

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

**HYMN 730** - *we sing, seated*

**SERMON**

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

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

Lord Jesus, for us you laid aside the  
riches of heavenly glory. You humbled  
yourself to be born among us to save us,

so that we would know the wealth of  
God’s grace through faith in your holy  
name. Jesus, priceless Treasure, **In you  
we have the riches of forgiveness and  
eternal life.**

Lord Jesus, you suffered and died on the  
cross to atone for the sins of the world.  
You were buried in the borrowed grave  
of a wealthy man, but on the first Easter  
morning you were raised to life to give  
us victory over death and the grave. Je-  
sus, priceless Treasure, **In you we have  
the riches of forgiveness and eternal  
life.**

Lord Jesus, guard our hearts against the  
desire to covet what others have. Help  
us to be satisfied with the earthly gifts  
that you graciously give to us. Help us  
to remember that you will provide for all  
of our needs. Jesus, priceless Treasure,  
**In you we have the riches of for-  
giveness and eternal life.**

Lord Jesus, we ask your blessing for  
those who are enduring times of trouble  
through illness, fear, doubt and grief. We  
pray for our members who are not with  
us due to distance, age, or infirmity, and  
especially for those we name in our  
hearts. Comfort them through the prom-  
ises of your Word and, according to your  
will, bring them healing. Jesus, priceless  
Treasure, **In you we have the riches of  
forgiveness and eternal life.**

Lord Jesus, forgive our greed and con-  
stant grasping for more possessions and  
greater wealth. Instead, give us willing  
and generous hearts so that we will glad-  
ly share with others the earthly treasures