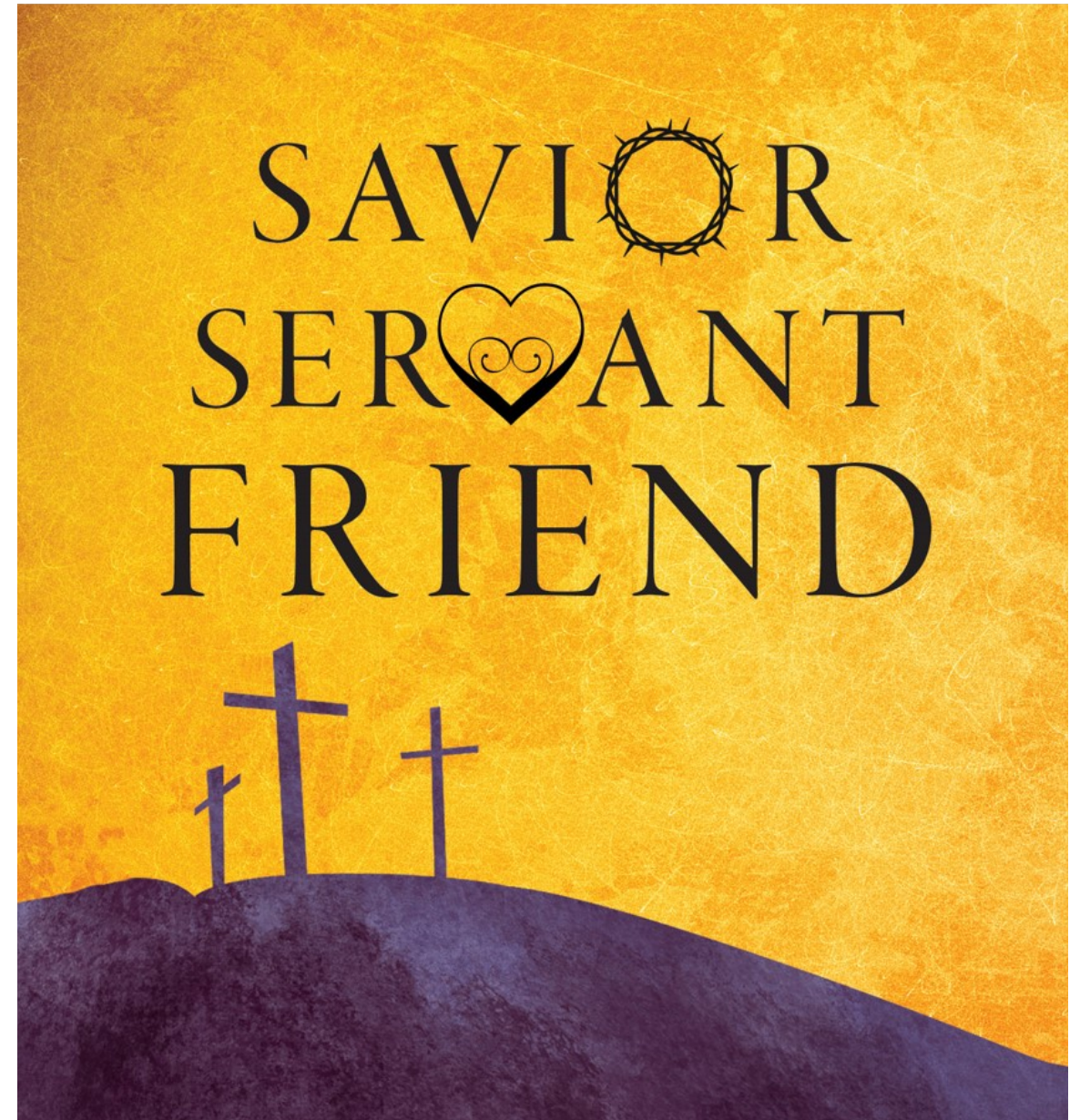


**THANK YOU** to our Soup servers this evening and to everyone who helped to set up for and clean up from our Soup & Salad Supper. Join us every Wednesday evening at 6 PM from now through Palm Sunday for our Soup & Salad Supper. We will have Bible study after the supper and then Wednesday night service at 7:30 PM. Please remember to sign up for the suppers using the sheets on the hallway bulletin board.



*Week 1*—HEALER

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MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025  
7:30 P.M.

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**PRELUDE** - *“In the Hour of Trial”* tune  
Penitence; *setting* by James Denton.

**HYMN 435** - *we sing, standing*

**INVOCATION & VERSICLES**

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

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am lan-  
guishing; **heal me, O Lord, for my  
bones are troubled.**

O Lord my God, I cried to You for help,  
**and You have healed me.**

He sent out His word and healed them,  
**and delivered them from their destruc-  
tion.**

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing  
praises to our God; **for it is pleasant,  
and a song of praise is fitting.**

He heals the brokenhearted **and binds  
up their wounds.**

**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, You created us for life and flour-  
ishing, not for death and disease. Turn  
our hearts from all that is contrary to  
You, and bring us back to Your healing  
ways. Let us seek You and the eternal  
healing that You alone provide. Let us  
desire friendship with You so that we  
are healed by love. We pray 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** - Malachi 4:1-3  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be  
to God!**

**SECOND LESSON** - 1 Peter 2:22-25  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be  
to God!**

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

**GOSPEL** - Matthew 8:14-17  
*Before, all say: Glory to you, O Lord!*  
*After, all say: Praise to you, O Christ!*

**HYMN 763** - *we sing, seated*

**SERMON**

**OFFERTORY** – *“Adagio”* by J. S. Bach;  
*Frank Vasi, soloist.*

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

Lord God, there are hurts everywhere.  
This world hurts and we hurt. So we  
pray that the healing hands of Jesus  
would be placed upon us and all our  
hurts. Jesus, in your great love, place  
Your healing hands on us. You know  
where it hurts—come and bring healing.  
Lord, in Your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Heal the hurts festering in our hearts and  
souls so that we might die to sin and live  
to righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy;  
**hear our prayer.**

Heal the hurts of this world as you bring  
peace to war-torn places, protection to  
innocent lives and integrity to leaders  
and rulers. Lord, in Your mercy; **hear  
our prayer.**

Heal the hurts of failing bodies and ach-  
ing bones, work through the hands and  
feet of medical practitioners and draw  
near to all in their times of illness and

physical hurt. Lord, in Your mercy; **hear  
our prayer.**

Heal the pain of loneliness and despair,  
anxiety and fear. Lord, in Your mercy;  
**hear our prayer.**

Heal any strife that threatens to break  
apart your church, and replace it with  
friendship and unity. Lord, in Your mer-  
cy; **hear our prayer.**

Heal us from all ungodly apathy or in-  
difference so that we can be passionate  
for your kingdom work. Lord, in Your  
mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, heal us by means of your  
body and blood. **Place your healing  
hands on all our hurts. 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 421, ss. 1-4** - *we sing, standing*

**POSTLUDE** - *“Jesus, Refuge of the Wea-  
ry”* tune O du Liebe meiner Liebe.

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