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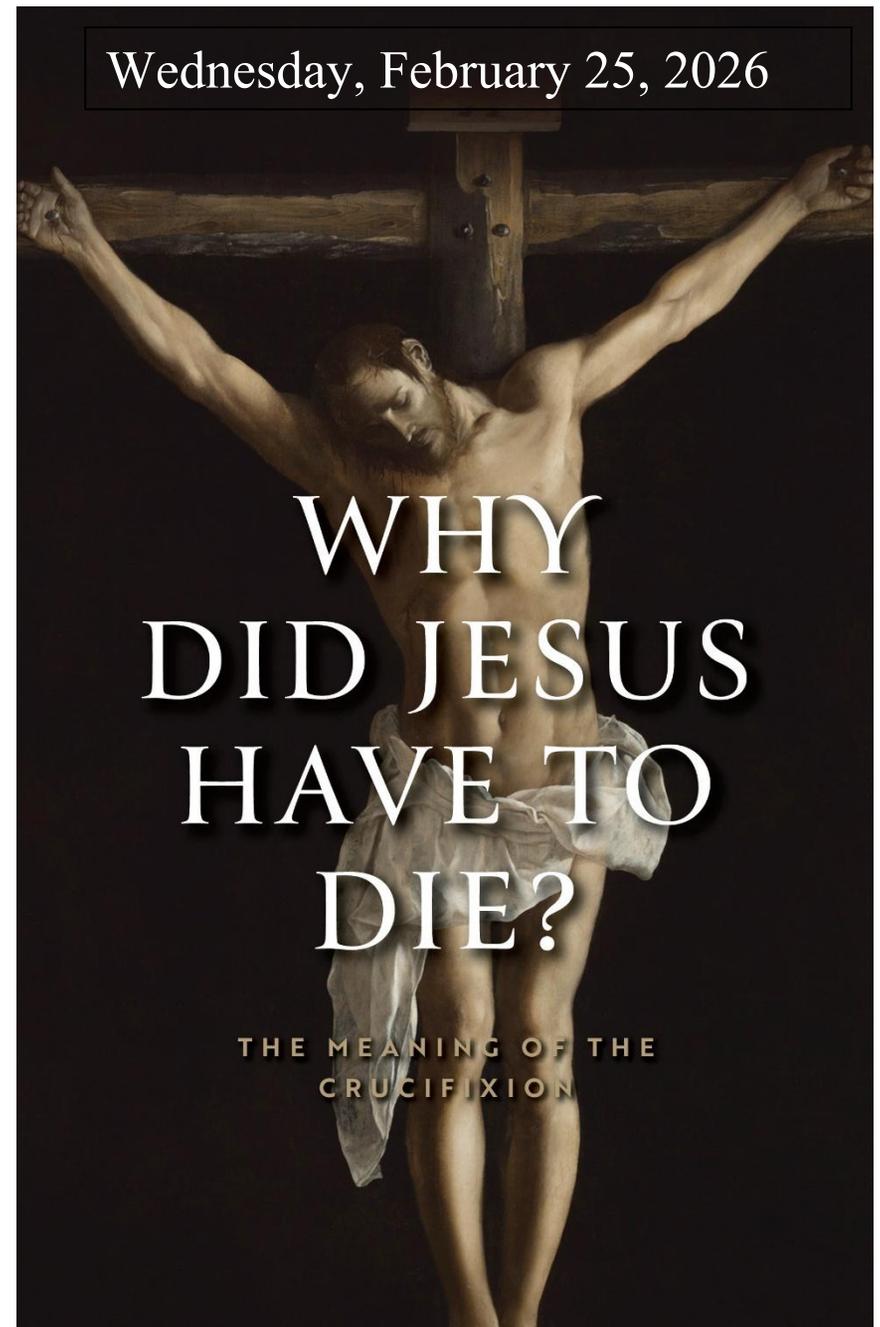
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GREETING

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the beginning was the Word,

People: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Pastor: Through Christ, the Word became flesh and made his home among us.

People: In Adam all die, but in Christ are made alive!

Pastor: Come, lift high the cross!

People: We come to worship the One who gives life, love, and hope to the world! Amen.

OPENING HYMN NO. 287.....“Lift High the Cross”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, as we search our hearts through this season of Lent, we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from those in need. We have not lifted up the lowly. We have strayed from your will. We have failed to do the things you have called us to do. We have looked on others with judgment rather than compassion. Forgive us, we pray. Lift us out of our sin and fill our hearts with your goodness and love. See us as we are. Show us mercy and remember us today. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: Hear the good news. The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost, and there is joy in heaven when even one sinner repents. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

ENGAGING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17, 1 Corinthians 15:22, 45, John 1:1-5, 14

MESSAGE.....The Crucifixion as God’s Word

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

With all my heart I glorify the Lord! In the depths of my soul I rejoice in God my savior. God has looked with favor on those of low status. The mighty one has done great things for us. God shows mercy to everyone, from one generation to the next. God scatters those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations, and welcomes sinners and outcasts. God pulls the powerful down from their thrones and lifts up the lowly. God fills the hungry with good things and sends the rich away empty-handed. There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent, when those who are lost have been found. For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

GOING WITH THE WORD

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go now, carrying not the banner of this world but the sign of the cross.

People: Lift high the cross, so that all the world may see that God’s Word has become flesh, and his love is making all things new.

Pastor: Go in peace, to love and serve your neighbor in all you do. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN NO. 110.....

“Come, O Christ to You” (Tune: “Rejoice, the Lord is King”)