

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

³⁶ “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

³⁷ They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

³⁸ “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

³⁹ “We can,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Children’s Sermon

Sermon Hymn: 492 Son of God, Eternal Savior

Sermon: An Audience with the King

Offering: *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

3rd Hymn: 491 O Master of the Loving Heart

Benediction

Closing Hymn: 415 Be Still, My Soul

Ushers: This Week – Jesse Horta & Zack Vogel
Next Week – Richard Englehart & Mark Genz

Greeters: This Week – Kevin & Holly Broedlow
Next Week – Keith & Lynn Fry

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Order of Worship: pg. 15

Grades 2nd - 4th Sing: “Where Your Treasure Is”

Opening Hymn: 417 I’m But a Stranger Here

Prayer of the Day:

M: Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson - Isaiah 53:10-12

The paying of my ransom was no cheap or easy thing. It could not have been more expensive. That’s how great my need; that’s how great his love. Now the answer to the question, When is it my turn to be served? You already have been, and by no less than the one whom God both loved and crushed just for you! Only when that work was completely accomplished and your ransom fully paid did he rise and go into the glory that he deserved as the perfect man and now as the only Savior. For now, we follow in his lowly footsteps; we follow him in his humiliation. In due course, in God’s own time, we shall rise and share with him the glory which is his alone by right and which he has purchased for us at such a price.

¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. ¹¹ After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Psalm of the Day - Psalm 22 p. 71

Second Lesson - Hebrews 4:9-16

Let us be honest with God. Let us strip away the pretense, pride and self-righteousness that we share with the young man in the gospel lesson last Sunday. Let us lay bare before the throne of God the false ambitions we have

like those of the disciples in the gospel lesson for today. The sharp sword of God’s Word pierces through our hearts and souls so that we can see and know how far we have yet to go and how much we have to confess. Don’t be afraid to do it. The Liturgy of Confession at the beginning of the service has already reminded us that there is healing from the high priest and on account of his saving work for us. Leave Confession confident of absolution; leave Confession with the resolve to reorder your ambitions to serve him who one day will give you the rest that he has earned and deserved and reserved for you in heaven

⁹ There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰ for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.

¹² For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Verse of the Day: *Alleluia. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. Alleluia. (Ephesians 2:10a)*

Gospel - Mark 10:35-45

Once again the disciples, like us, get it wrong. Jesus has just finished telling them of his coming Passion, and all they can think about is worldly ambition, which one of them should be first. Just like he does when discussing family and wealth, Jesus turns everything upside down from the way that we by nature are inclined to look at things. In fact it is our ambition to be first and have our own way that wrecks family life and perverts the proper uses of wealth. Ah, but in Jesus’ way both family life and wealth become great blessings. For the ambition is to serve, not to be served. That service is ever asking: How can I help? instead of When is it my turn? Look who has led by example! The One who alone deserves to be served has served the lowliest of the low. He served me, even me, by coming to find, to rescue, to save me by giving his own life for my ransom.