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While the passion of our Savior seems unfair to believers and hurts our hearts, it underscores the result of sin's curse and the need to satisfy God's holy justice. There is no way any human could atone for sin, because we truly "*like sheep have gone astray*" (Isaiah 53:6).

But our loving, heavenly Father sent His Son to be "*the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world*" (John 1:29). Isaiah emphasizes that the Messiah's humiliation secured our salvation and once Jesus completed His saving work, He reigns as our exalted Savior. The writer to the Hebrews points out that Jesus is the Fulfiller of our Sabbath rest, the free, "rested" conscience that surely comes from the forgiveness of sins Jesus won for us. Mark stresses Jesus' humility in light of James and John's request of their human view of service.

In all three readings for this Sunday, we witness how Jesus' mission consisted of voluntary and completely selfless, humble service to His Father's will. His mission has freed us from slavery to Satan and sin, and made us God's children to live freely for Him.

Order of Worship: CW Page 15, "*Common Service*."

Hymns: 413, How Great Thou Art, 54, God Be With You Till We Meet Again

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Old Testament: Isaiah 53:10-12. Isaiah teaches us that our Messiah (Jesus) humiliation secured our salvation by His humiliation; Jesus resumed His state of exaltation after completing His saving work on the cross. The LORD's prophet further emphasizes the great blessings which the Servant (Jesus) secured for sinners through His carrying out our God's divine plan of salvation.

Psalms of the Day: Psalm 22. In this Messianic psalm, David through the Holy Spirit foreshadows the events of Good Friday (Supplement).

Epistle: Hebrews 4:9-16. God's writer speaks of the spiritual Sabbath-rest remaining for God's people, the power of God's living and active word, and Jesus our great High Priest.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works. Alleluia. (Ephesians 2:10a, EHV)

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45. Mark records Jesus' answer to the request James and John set before Him. Our Savior emphasizes that, just as Jesus came not to be served but to serve, so His disciples ought not seek to be lords over one another. Jesus' humble service prompts us to humbly serve others.

Sermon: Mark 10:35-45

Theme - "Jesus Serves By Bringing Life"

Points to ponder from the day's Scripture readings:

- Old Testament: Review Isaiah 53. Isaiah penned this prophecy 700+ years before Jesus' birth and saving work. What's the point of comparing Jesus' to a "*tender shoot*" and a "*root out of dry ground*?"
- Old Testament: What does Isaiah mean in verse 4 when he writes how Jesus took up our "*infirmities*?"
- Old Testament: What's significant about picturing sinners like straying sheep and John 1:29?
- Old Testament: Go through Isaiah 53 and mark each verse as to whether it shows law or proclaims gospel.
- Epistle: What's the connection between this section of Scripture and Jesus' words in Matthew 11:28-30?
- Epistle: What's the point about God's law made in verse 12?
- Epistle: How was Jesus like the high priest in Old Testament times yet different?
- Gospel: How did James and John view service for the kingdom of God differently than Jesus?
- Gospel: How did Jesus serve us?

Announcements:

+ Please join us for Bible class on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. We are studying the Book of Psalms.

+ Confirmation class: every Monday from 3:15-5:00 p.m. at the church.

+ Sunday school on Sunday mornings from 8-8:30 a.m.

Isaiah 53:10-12 – Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and to allow him to suffer. Because you made his life a guilt offering, he will see offspring. He will prolong his days, and the LORD's gracious plan will succeed in his hand. After his soul experiences anguish, he will see the light of life. He will provide satisfaction. Through their knowledge of him, my just servant will justify the many, for he himself carried their guilt. Therefore, I will give him an allotment among the great, and with the strong he will share plunder, because he poured out his life to death, and he let himself be counted with rebellious sinners. He himself carried the sin of many, and he intercedes for the rebels. (EHVTM)

Hebrews 4:9-16 – So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God rested from his work. Therefore, let us make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall into the same pattern of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to the point of dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, even being able to judge the ideas

and thoughts of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from him, but everything is uncovered and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we will give an account. Therefore, since we have a great high priest, who has gone through the heavens, namely, Jesus the Son of God, let us continue to hold on to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. So let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (EHV™)

Mark 10:35-45 – James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached him and said, “Teacher, we wish that you would do for us whatever we ask.” He said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” They said to him, “Promise that we may sit, one at your right and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am going to be baptized with?” “We can,” they replied. Jesus told them, “You will drink the cup that I am going to drink and be baptized with the baptism that I am going to be baptized with. But to sit at my right or at my left is not for me to give; rather, these places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.” When the ten heard this, they were angry with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But that is not the way it is to be among you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you will be a slave of all. 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.” (EHV™)

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God be with you till we meet again, By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you—God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, Till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus’ feet.
Till we meet, Till we meet—God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again, ‘Neath his wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you—God be with you till we meet again.
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