The Gospel reading starts with James and John obsessing over who is number one. However, Jesus has a different idea about importance and power. Instead of wielding power over others, we are to be slave of all (Mark 10:44). St. Paul echoes his Master’s teaching when he tells the Corinthian Christians that his apostolic ambition to “work with [them] for [their] joy” (2 Corinthians 1:24). This year, Concordia Seminary has adopted as her theme: Helpers for the Joy of Faith. Concordia Seminary strives to prepare her students to work together with the congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and their people to work for the joy of the world through Word and Sacrament ministry. Faculty and staff join all the baptized, gathered around Christ’s Word and Meal and under the shadow of the cross, the sign of the One who “was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon Whom was the punishment that made us whole, and by [whose] bruises we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5).

**READINGS**

- Isaiah 53:4-12
- Psalm 91:9–16
- 2 Corinthians 1:15-24 (sermon text)
- Matthew 20:20–28 or Mark 10:35–45

**HYMNS**

- 813 - Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng
- 857 - Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way
- 427 - In the Cross of Christ I Glory
- 803 - Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PETITION FOR PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

For Concordia Seminary, all those who teach, and all those who learn, that they may apply themselves with ready diligence to their tasks and faithfully fulfill their service according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy...