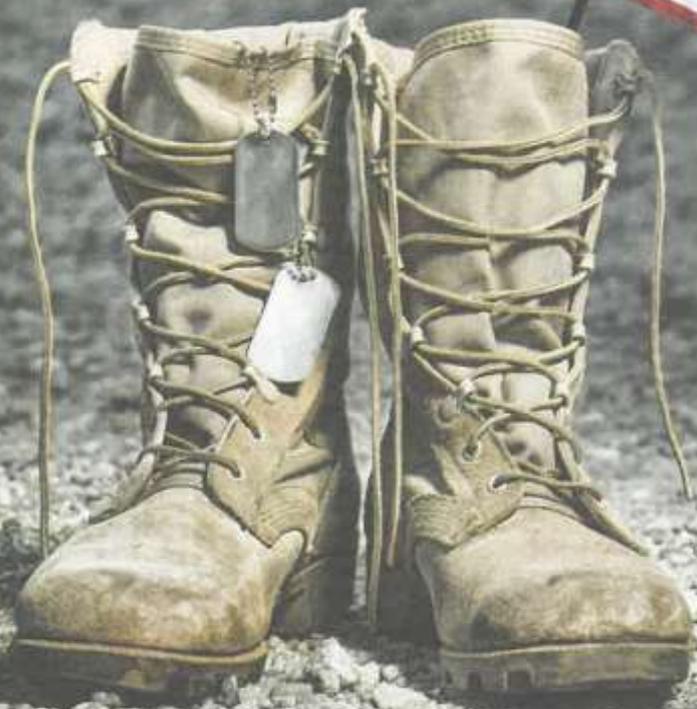


Let thy mercy,
O Lord,
be upon us,
according as we
hope in thee.

PSALM 33:22



Last Judgement Sunday
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Before You, God, the Judge of All

(Hymn 306 vv. 1-2)

1 Before you, God, the Judge of
all,
With grief and shame I humbly fall.
I see my sins against you, Lord,
My sins of thought and deed and
word.
They press me sore; to you I flee:
O God, be merciful to me!

Please rise
2 O Lord, my God, to you I
pray:
Oh, cast me not in wrath away!
Let your good Spirit ne'er depart,
But let him draw to you my heart
That truly penitent I be:
O God, be merciful to me!

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated

Old Testament Lesson

Real Power

When we elect people, we put them into positions of power and authority. Sometimes that power is considerable. But it is important to remember that all earthly power is limited and temporary. The policies one

group creates will be changed by those who follow. The things that they do don't last forever; they can end and be undone.

Ultimate power always and only rests with God. His will cannot be thwarted and what he establishes cannot be undone. The laws he established at creation are still in force. The commandments he instituted are still binding. And all people, regardless of politics or creed, will stand before his throne to be judged at the end of days.

God gave the prophet Daniel a vision of his divine power and eternal authority. He is ancient, pure, and power fairly blazes around him. He is attended by myriads of angels and everyone stands accountable before him.

What is astonishing is how God chose to use all that power. He used it all to rescue us. He sacrificed himself and freed us from sin and death. Now his majesty and power are our refuge and our strength. It's God's mercy that cares for us. It's his will that guides us. And it's his victory that put our names into the book of life.

We live in an uncertain world. Politics will always be played and earthly power will constantly shift and change. But in all the chaos, we have peace. No matter who happens to be in power on earth, we rest securely in God's grace.

Daniel 7:9-10 (EHV)

⁹I continued to watch until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days was seated. His clothing was white as snow, and the hair on his head was like pure wool. His throne was flames of fire. Its wheels were blazing fire. ¹⁰A river of fire flowed out from his presence. Thousands upon thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and books were opened.

Gospel Lesson

Got Any Plans for Judgment Day?

You have an appointment with Jesus. Are you ready? Most people aren't. Far too many people are unconcerned about an appointment with Jesus. Most don't realize its significance.

Jesus is constantly underestimated. People tend to see him as a good man, a kind and gentle soul, and a fine example. And he is all that, but he is so much more.

When he comes again, he will come with all his power, all his glory, all his angels, and he will sit on his glorious throne. He will summon everyone. And they will come—whether they want to or not—whether they believe or they don't—they will stand before his throne to be judged.

In this judgment, there will be no shades of gray: you are either a sheep and brought to heaven; or a goat and condemned to eternal fire—there is no third option. Jesus’ judgment on unbelievers will be just, yet one he never wanted. He sacrificed his life to save them. He has called out through the Gospel in every generation. But people chose sin instead. So, his judgment will be just.

That doesn’t mean that it will be understood. Both sheep and goats fail to see how they could possibly merit their eternal fate. In fact, they speak the same words. The contrast, however, is absolute: the sheep had faith in Christ that gave evidence of itself in the world; the goats had neither faith nor true fruits. Both receive an eternal judgment—life for the sheep and punishment for the goats.

Lord, keep us in faith all the way to the gates of heaven!

Matthew 25:31-46 (EHV)

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. ³⁶I was lacking clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.’

³⁷“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or lacking clothes and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

⁴⁰“The King will answer them, ‘Amen I tell you: Just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.’

⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire, which is prepared for the Devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you did not give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you did not give me anything to drink. ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, lacking clothes and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not take care of me.’

⁴⁴“Then they will also answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or lacking clothes or sick or in prison and did not serve you?’

⁴⁵“At that time he will answer them, ‘Amen I tell you: Just as you did not do it for one of the least of these, you did not do it for me.’ ⁴⁶ And they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

(Hymn 207 vv. 1,3,5)

1 The day is surely drawing
near
When God's Son, the Anointed,
Shall with great majesty appear
As judge of all appointed.
All mirth and laughter then shall
cease
When flames on flames will still
increase,
As Scripture truly teaches.

3 A book is opened then to all,
A record truly telling
What each has done, both great
and small,
When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,
And all be known as they have
been
In thoughts and words and
actions.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

Epistle Lesson/Sermon Text:

What Is Good

Our nation is deeply divided. Groups of people are passionately (sometimes belligerently) convinced that they are right and that others are wrong. Both sides believe they have goodness, truth and right on their side. Many people believe that they have the ability, even a moral responsibility, to judge issues, morality, and people.

What God tells us is that all people are sinners—on all sides of every issue. Our judgments are biased, our information is inadequate, and our conclusions are flawed. When we accuse people of sin, we condemn them for the very same sins we commit.

Our deepest need is not to correct others, but to repent and receive forgiveness. Judgment is coming, but it won't come from us. It will come from a much, much higher authority.

God is the only one who has the information, the wisdom, the ability, and the authority to judge anyone. God makes his judgments based

on truth—not temporary truth or biased truth—but real, unchangeable, eternal truth.

In his patience, God is withholding final judgment. During this time of grace, our highest priority is to pursue good—not good as our culture defines it, but good as God defines it. We know the commandments. We can start there. We also know that we don't keep the commandments, so we come right back to repentance. Forgiveness is available to everyone who repents by faith. By faith, we walk with God and receive his gift of eternal life. Anything else—everything else—ends in wrath and judgment.

Instead of turning against each other, we need to turn to God. When we walk by faith, we follow God's voice and find what is truly good.

Romans 2:2–11 (EHV)

²And we know that God's judgment on those who do such things is based on the truth.

³Are you thinking that you will escape God's judgment, you who judge those who do such things and then do the same things yourself? ⁴Or do you have so little regard for his rich kindness, his restraint, and his patience, that you ignore the fact that the purpose of God's kindness is to lead you to repentance? ⁵As a result of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath, when God will reveal his righteous judgment.

⁶God “will repay each person according to what he has done”—⁷eternal life to those who seek glory, honor, and immortality by persisting in doing what is good, ⁸but furious anger to those who out of selfish ambition are disobeying what is true and obeying what is wrong. ⁹There will be trouble and distress for the soul of every person who does what is evil—for the Jew first and for the Greek—¹⁰but glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does what is good—for the Jew first and for the Greek. ¹¹For God does not show favoritism.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
 and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers for Our family and Friends

The Beaumont Family, Milferd Behnke, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Ardice Cerney, Gladys Constine, Geri Garbrecht, Jean Harper, Dorothy Johnson, Sally Kamps, Rose Karr, Noah & Kristin Olson, Lisa Schmitt, Marjorie Urbaniak, and Jesse Zach

Prayers for those called to protect

Military: Jesse Adams (Sue Connor's son), **Greg Carow** (Dennis Carow's godson/nephew), **Aeron Forsberg** (Linda and Gene Erickson's grandson), **Dayton Godfrey** (Dave & Cindy Schacht's great-nephew), **Joshua Jansen** (Isaac Jansen's cousin), **Jesse Johnston** (Jim & Laurie Johnston's son), **Patrick Noppenberg** (Denis & Deb Vieth's son), **Aaron Stocker Jr.** (Martina (Dura) Stocker's husband), **Dylan Vanko**, (Roy and Grace Chmela's grandson), **and Thomas Weirich** (Mary Bush's nephew).

Firefighter: Steve Campbell.

Police: Greg Haemker, Raymond Cashaw (Pastor Sonnemann's niece's husband) and **David Peterson** (Jamie Tesch's uncle). Ask the Lord to bless them, strengthen them, and keep them safe.

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 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.*

Words of Intuition:

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

P: Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (spoken) Amen.

The Benediction:

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

Just As I Am, without One Plea

(Hymn 397 vv. 1,5,6)

1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for
me

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse,
relieve;

And that thou bidd'st me come to
thee,

Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down.
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

TRINITY'S CORE MISSION

Shining the Light of the Gospel in our community.

John 8:12 - *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Matthew 5:16 - *"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*