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OUR WORSHIP

Judgment

SERVICE THEME Being judged by ourselves, others, and God bothers us. What does Jesus' have to say about judgment in His final words in His final public Sermon in the Gospel of John? And what do Jesus' words tell us about this world and about ourselves?

+ Preparing Ourselves to Hear God's Word +

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING Psalm 143:1-2, 11-12

Pastor: LORD, hear my prayer,

People: listen to my cry for mercy;

Pastor: in Your faithfulness and righteousness

People: come to my relief.

Pastor: Do not bring Your servant into judgment,

People: for no one living is righteous before You.

Pastor: For Your name's sake, LORD, preserve my life;

People: in Your righteousness, bring me out of trouble.

Pastor: In Your unfailing love, silence my critics;

People: destroy all my accusers, for I am Your servant.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, into whose Name we have been Baptized. Amen!

Pastor: Amen! indeed. For, as Paul writes in Romans 6: You do know, don't you, that all of us who were Baptized into Christ Jesus were Baptized into His death, that is, we were buried with Him through Baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the death through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new LIFE! Let us, therefore, rejoice in song.

SONG OF REJOICING *LSB 818* "In Thee Is Gladness"

**In Thee is gladness, Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest;
Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely;
He stands forever; Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining,
Dying or living To Thee are cleaving;
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!**

**Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses In worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath. Wherefore the story Tell of His glory
With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices
In Him forever; Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness,
Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION *LSB 822* "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"

Pastor: According to David in Psalm 143, "No one living is righteous before You, LORD." We ourselves agree with David's assessment and humbly admit we are by nature sinful and unrighteous. Therefore, we are traumatized by the prospect of being judged by You.

People: LORD, hear our prayer, listen to our plea for mercy!

Pastor: Jesus did not come the first time to judge the world, but to save the world. Therefore, the Apostle Paul loudly proclaims, "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For what the Law was powerless to do, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be an offering for sin. So, He condemned sin in order that the righteous requirement of the Law might be fully met in us.

**Alleluia! Let praises ring! To God the Father let us bring
Our songs of adoration.
To Him through everlasting days Be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise,
Whose hand sustains creation.
Sing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy;
Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of glory.**

**Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing,
In whom we are elected.
He bought the Church with His own blood,
He cleansed her in that blessed flood,
And as His bride selected.
Holy, holy Is our union And communion.
His befriending Gives us joy and peace unending.**

**Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing
For our regeneration.
The saving faith in us He wrought And us unto the Bridegroom brought,
Made us His chosen nation.
Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal;
There is manna And an endless, glad hosanna.**

+ Hearing God's Word for Us +

OLD TESTAMENT READING Zechariah 3:1, 3-5, 8, 9b

¹ Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. ³ Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. ⁴ The angel said to those who were standing before Him, "Take off his filthy clothes."

Then He said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put fine garments on you."

⁵ Then He said, "Put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the LORD stood by.

⁸ "Listen, High Priest Joshua, you and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring My servant, the Branch," says the LORD Almighty, "and I will remove the sin of this land in a single day."

EPISTLE READING Romans 12:17-21

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is Mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Pastor: These Readings are from God's holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING John 12:47-50

Pastor: The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, the twelfth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O LORD.

⁴⁷ “If anyone hears My words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. ⁴⁸ There is a judge for the one who rejects Me and does not accept My words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day. ⁴⁹ For I did not speak on My own, but the Father who sent Me commanded Me to say all that I have spoken. ⁵⁰ I know that His command leads to eternal life. So, whatever I say is just what the Father has told Me to say.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “Hot Coals on Your Head”

MESSAGE HYMN “In Christ Alone”

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world, by darkness slain;
The, bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost it grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck Me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!**

MESSAGE "Being Judged"

Introduction

The final paragraph of Jesus' final public Sermon is about Judgment.
Jesus words are the criteria of Judgment.

Judgment

Most people live in fear of ultimate Judgment.

Even now, we don't like being judged.

Christians' and Judgment

Many Christians are apprehensive about Judgment Day.

"Whoever hears and believes will not come into judgment" (John 5:24).

Judgment Day changes things.

Paul: Do not take revenge. (Romans 12:19)

Miroslav Volf: Judgment Day enables us to seek peace instead of revenge.

+ Our Response to God's Word +

OFFERING/CREED *tune: LSB 744 "Amazing Grace"*

**In God the Father I believe; His name is Lord of hosts.
All things from Him their form receive, from Son and Holy Ghost.**

**As one they all creation made, both earth and heav'n above.
A table is before us laid; we dwell in God's great love.**

**In God's Son Jesus I believe, who came in God's own hour.
Whom virgin Mary did conceive by God's own Spirit's pow'r.**

**Suffered, crucified, laid in the tomb, then rose up from the dead.
His heavenly glory to resume; to judge both quick and dead.**

**In God's Holy Spirit I believe and in Christ's Church on earth.
The saints the gift of faith receive; a gift of priceless worth.**

**God gives us strength and sanctifies; from sin He sets us free.
And risen saints He glorifies, with God fore'er we'll be.**

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 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!**

+ The Lord's Supper – the Visible Word +

PREFACE

**Pastor: The Sacrament of the Altar does not depend upon our worthiness. For
we are not Baptized because we are worthy and holy, but, on the
contrary, because we are poor miserable people, and just because we
are unworthy; unless it be someone who desires no forgiveness nor
intends to reform.**

JESUS' WORDS

THE LAMB OF GOD *LSB 702, vv 1-2 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

**My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine, Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away; O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!**

May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire! As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

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COMMUNION BLESSING & POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Father, thank You that this Supper, the Gospel through bread and wine, frees us from the fear of being judged by the mirror, others, or You. We offer these thanks in Jesus' precious name.

People: AMEN!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord is blessing you and keeping you; The Lord is making His face to shine on you and He is being gracious to you; The Lord is smiling the biggest smile when He thinks of you, and He is giving you peace.

People: AMEN!

SENDING SONG "Here I Am, Lord"

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born My peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

CALL MEETING

AFTER SERVICE Call Meeting will take place next Sunday, September 11. The candidates for consideration are Reverends William Gratz, Peter Knutson, Jason Steffenson, and Richard Stephens.