

WELCOME

June 21, 2026

Worship Theme

WE STAND SELF-
CONDEMNED BY
GOD'S LAW AND OUR
OWN CONSCIENCE

Pastor Brian Roloff



OPENING HYMN: #655

Before You, God, the Judge of All (VS.1-3)

V1. 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!



V2.

○ Lord, my God, to you I pray:

○ 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:

○ God, be merciful to me!

V3.

O Jesus, let your precious blood
be to my soul a cleansing flood.

Turn not, O Lord, your guest away,
but grant that justified I may
go to my house at peace to be:

O God, be merciful to me!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be
with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

Silence for self-reflection

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



KYRIE:
(WITH ARISE BAND)

#652 Lord, Have Mercy
(VS.1-3)

(Congregation Sings Bold Refrain)



V1.

For what we have done and left undone
we fall on your countless mercies.

For sins that are known and those unknown
we call on your name so holy.

For envy and pride, for closing our eyes;
for scorning our very neighbor.

In thought, word and deed
we've failed you, our King;
how deeply we need a Savior.

Refrain:

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy on us.

V2.

For what you have done, your life of love
you perfectly lived, we praise you.

Though tempted and tried,
you fixed your eyes;

you finished the work God gave you.

And there on the tree, a King among thieves,
you bled for a world's betrayal.

You loved to the end, our merciful friend;
how pure and forever faithful.

Refrain(2x):

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy on us.

V3.

For hearts that are cold,
for seizing control;
for scoring our very maker.
In thought, word and deed
we've failed you, our King;
how deeply we need a Savior.

Refrain(2x):

Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy,

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy on us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, we confess that our sin and guilt are more than we can bear. Thank you for sending Jesus to carry our shame and suffer its consequences on the cross so that we know our sins are forgiven in him, who died and lives to intercede for us before your eternal throne.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 38



O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger
or discipline me in your wrath.

For your arrows have pierced me,
and your hand has come down upon me.

Because of your wrath there is no
health in my body;

my bones have no soundness
because of my sin.

My guilt has overwhelmed me
like a burden too heavy to bear.

My wounds fester and are loathsome
because of my sinful folly.

I am bowed down and brought very low;
all day long I go about mourning.

My back is filled with searing pain;
there is no health in my body.

I am feeble and utterly crushed;

I groan in anguish of heart.

All my longings lie open before you, O Lord;

my sighing is not hidden from you.

My heart pounds, my strength fails me;

even the light has gone from my eyes.

My friends and companions avoid me

because of my wounds;

my neighbors stay far away.

Those who seek my life set their traps,
those who would harm me talk of my ruin;
all day long they plot deception.
I am like a deaf man, who cannot hear,
like a mute, who cannot open his mouth;
I have become like a man who does not hear,
whose mouth can offer no reply.

I wait for you, O LORD;
you will answer, O Lord my God.
For I said, “Do not let them gloat
or exalt themselves over me when my
foot slips.”

For I am about to fall,
and my pain is ever with me.
I confess my iniquity;
I am troubled by my sin.

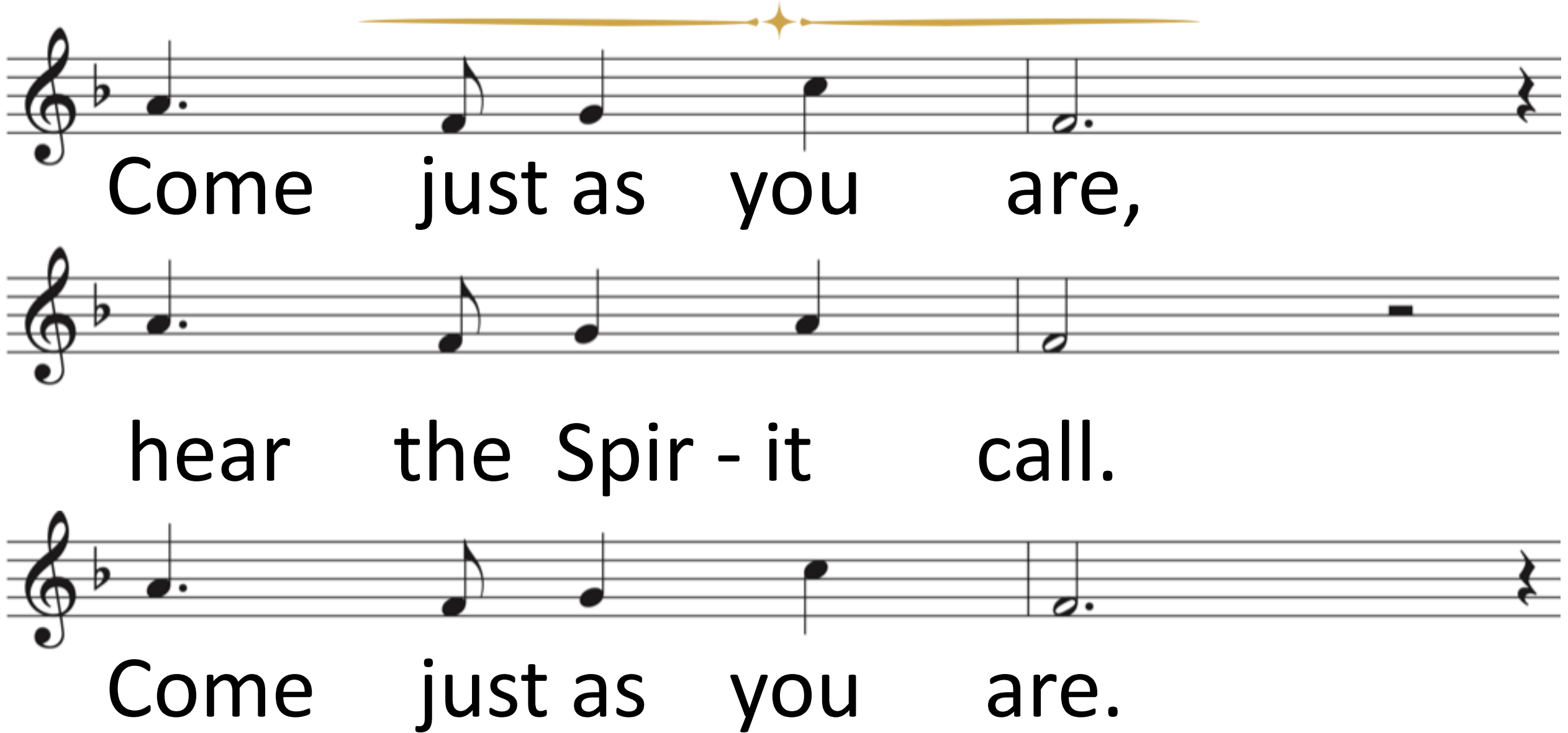
Many are those who are my vigorous enemies;
those who hate me without reason are
numerous.


Those who repay my good with evil
slander me when I pursue what is good.


O LORD, do not forsake me;
be not far from me, O my God.


Come quickly to help me,
O Lord my Savior.


SUNG RESPONSE: Come Just as You Are



Decorative line with a starburst: 


Come just as you are,


hear the Spir - it call.


Come just as you are.



Come and see,

come, re-ceive.



Come and live

for - ev - er.



Come just as you are,



hear the Spir - it call.



Come just as you are.



Come re-ceive,

Christ, the King.



Come and live

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more.

THE WORD

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 7:1-5



“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?

“How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”

NICENE CREED

Please stand

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.

SERMON HYMN: #653

Lord, to You I Make Confession (VS.I-4)

V1. Lord, to you I make confession:

I have sinned and gone astray;
I have multiplied transgression,
chosen for myself my way.

Led by you to see my errors,
Lord, I tremble at your terrors.



V2.

Yet, though conscience' voice appall me,

Father, I will seek your face.

Though your child I dare not call me,

yet receive me in your grace.

Do not for my sins forsake me,

do not let your wrath o'ertake me.

V3.

For your Son has suffered for me,
giv'n himself to rescue me,
died to save me and restore me,
reconciled and set me free.

Jesus' cross alone can vanquish
these dark fears and soothe this anguish.

V4.

Lord, on you I cast my burden—
sink it in the deepest sea!

Let me know your gracious pardon,
cleansing me from iniquity.

Let your Spirit leave me never,
make me only yours forever.

THE WORD

SERMON TEXT

Romans 2:1-16



You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth.

So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape **God's** judgment? Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that **God's** kindness leads you toward repentance?

But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. God "will give to each person according to what he has done." To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life.

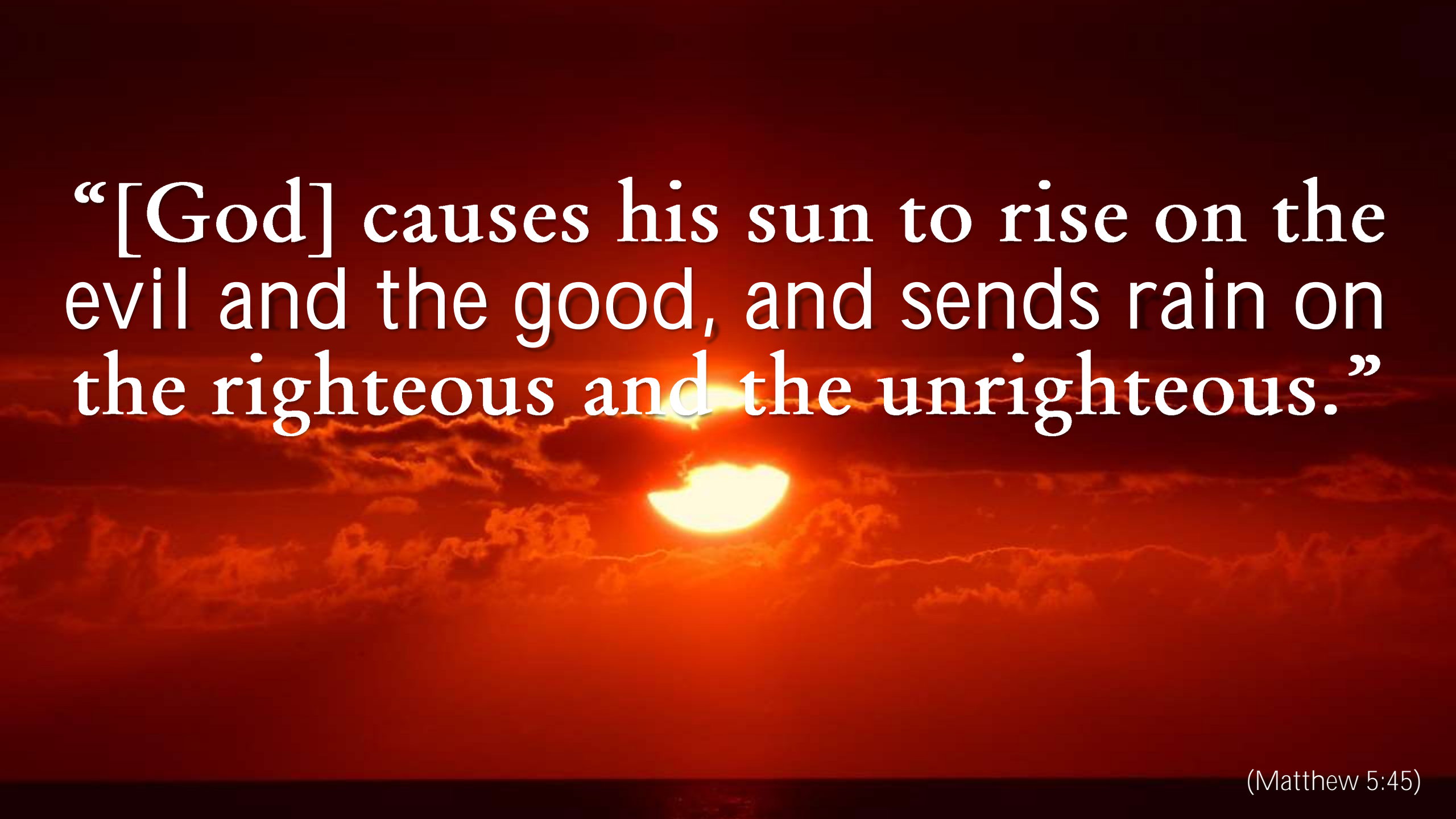
But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For God does not show favoritism.

All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous.

(Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.)

This will take place on the day when God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.



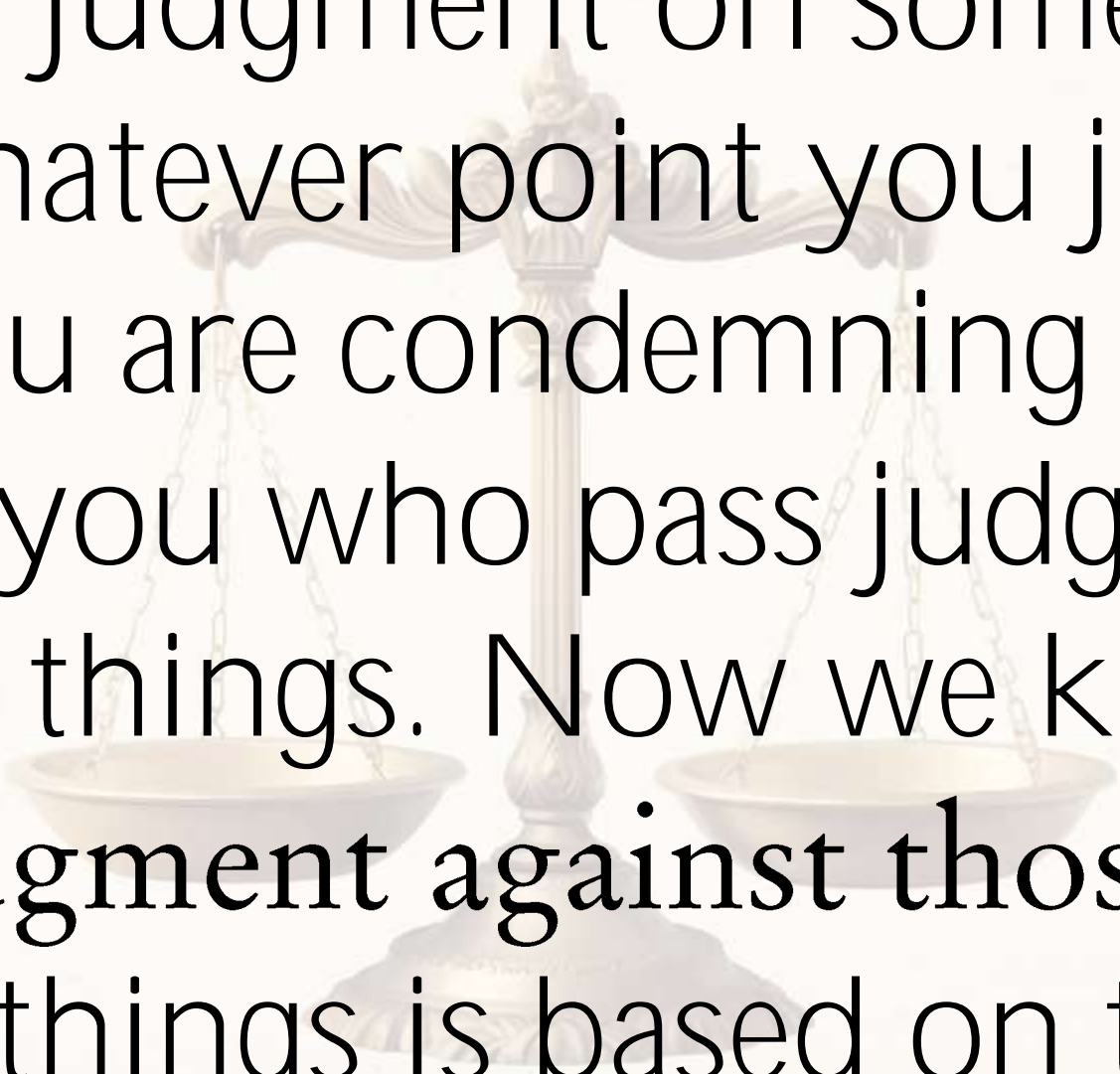


“[God] causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”

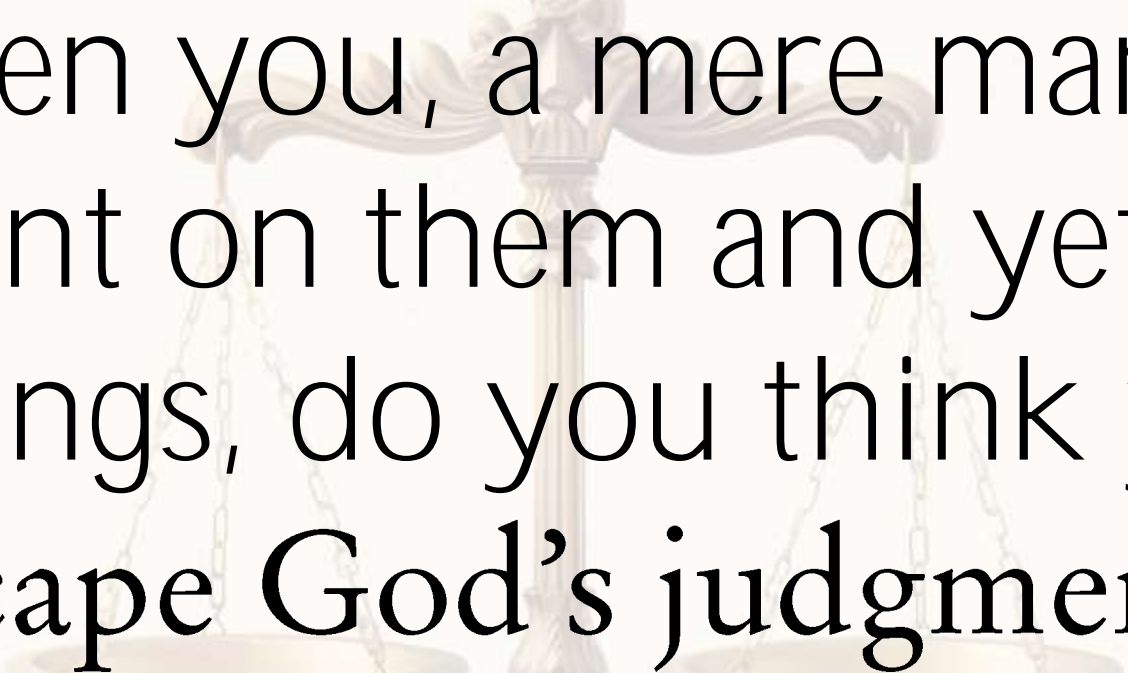
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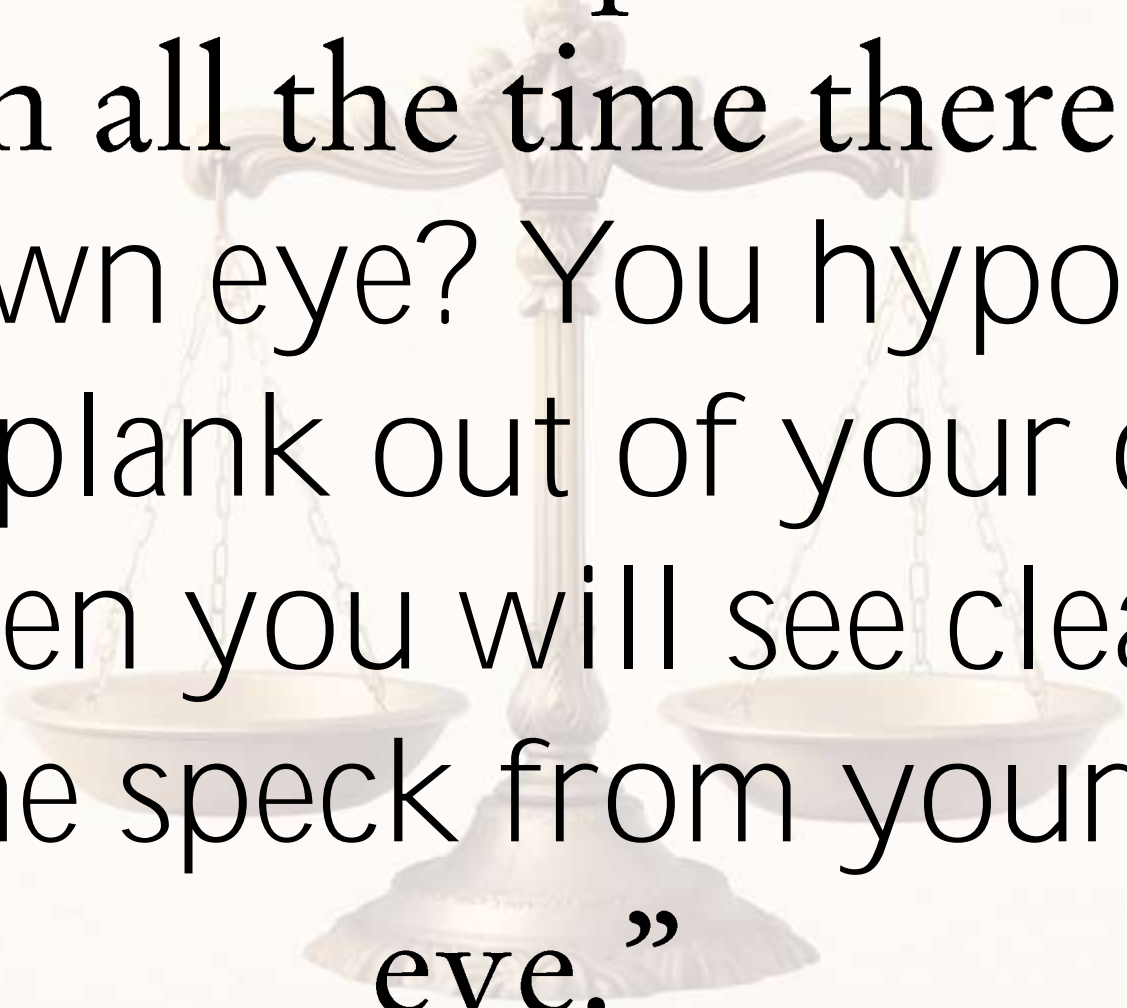
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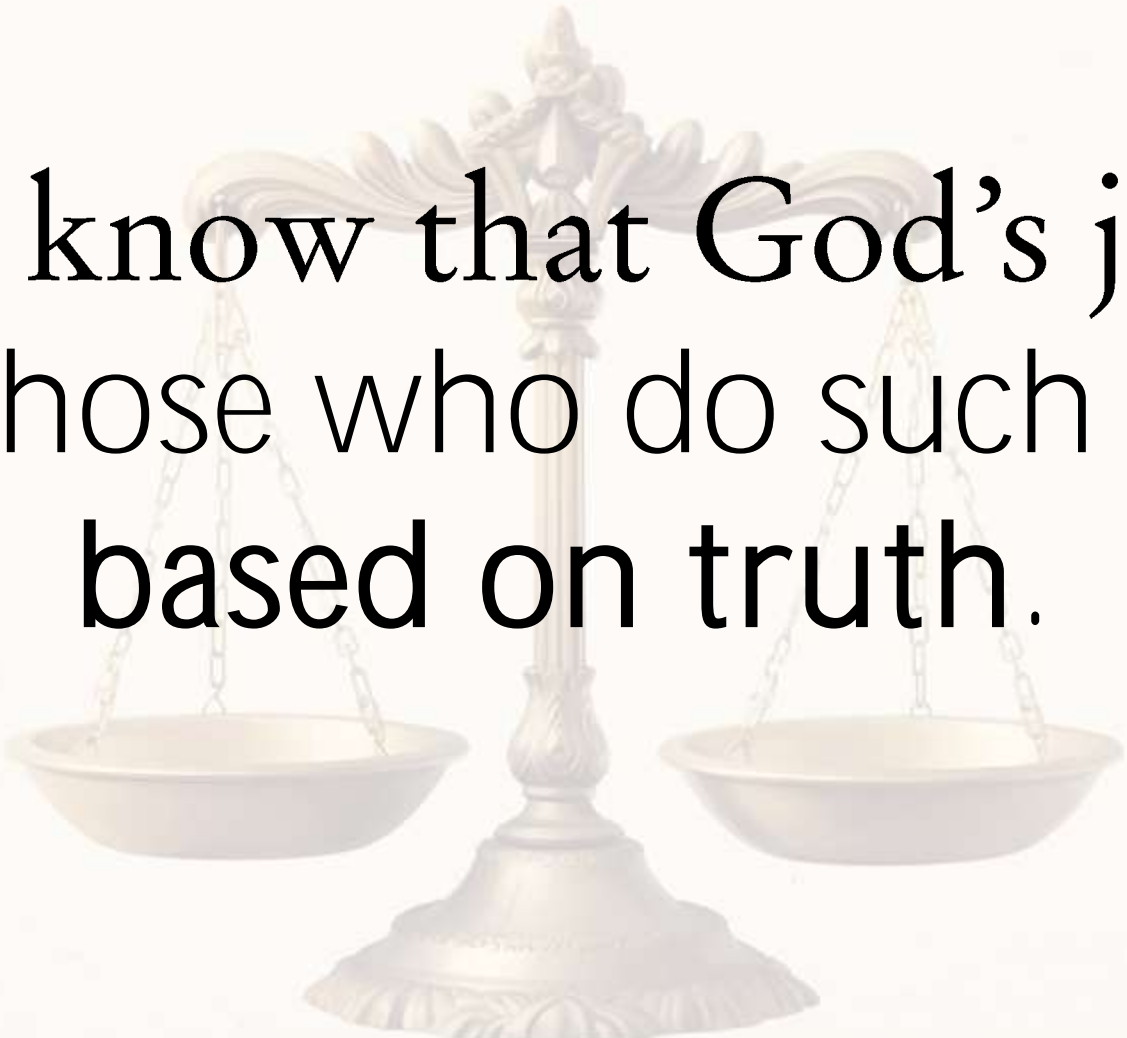


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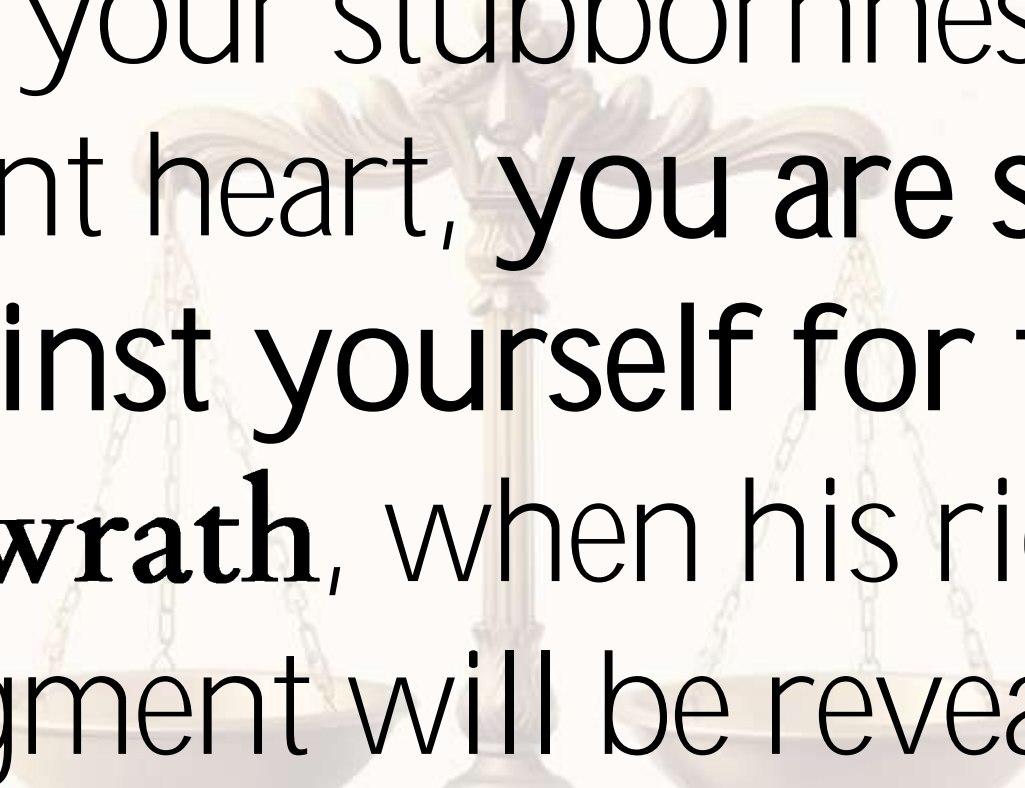


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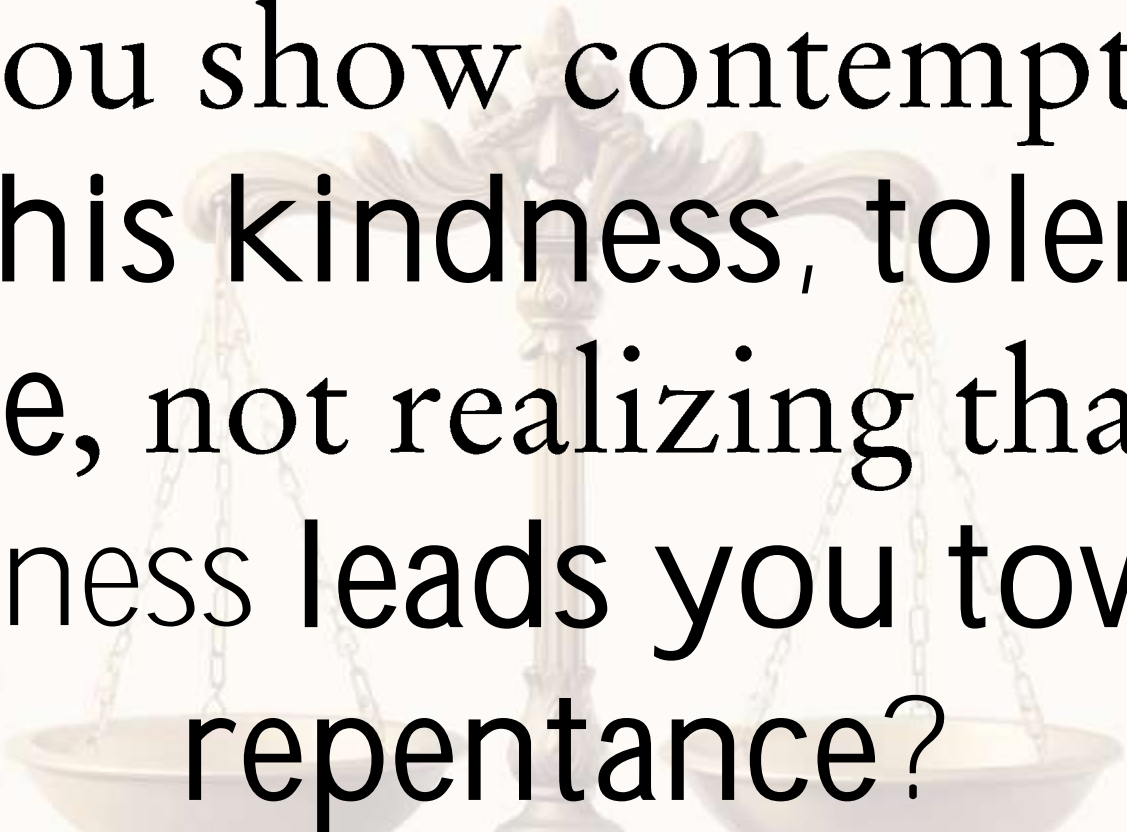
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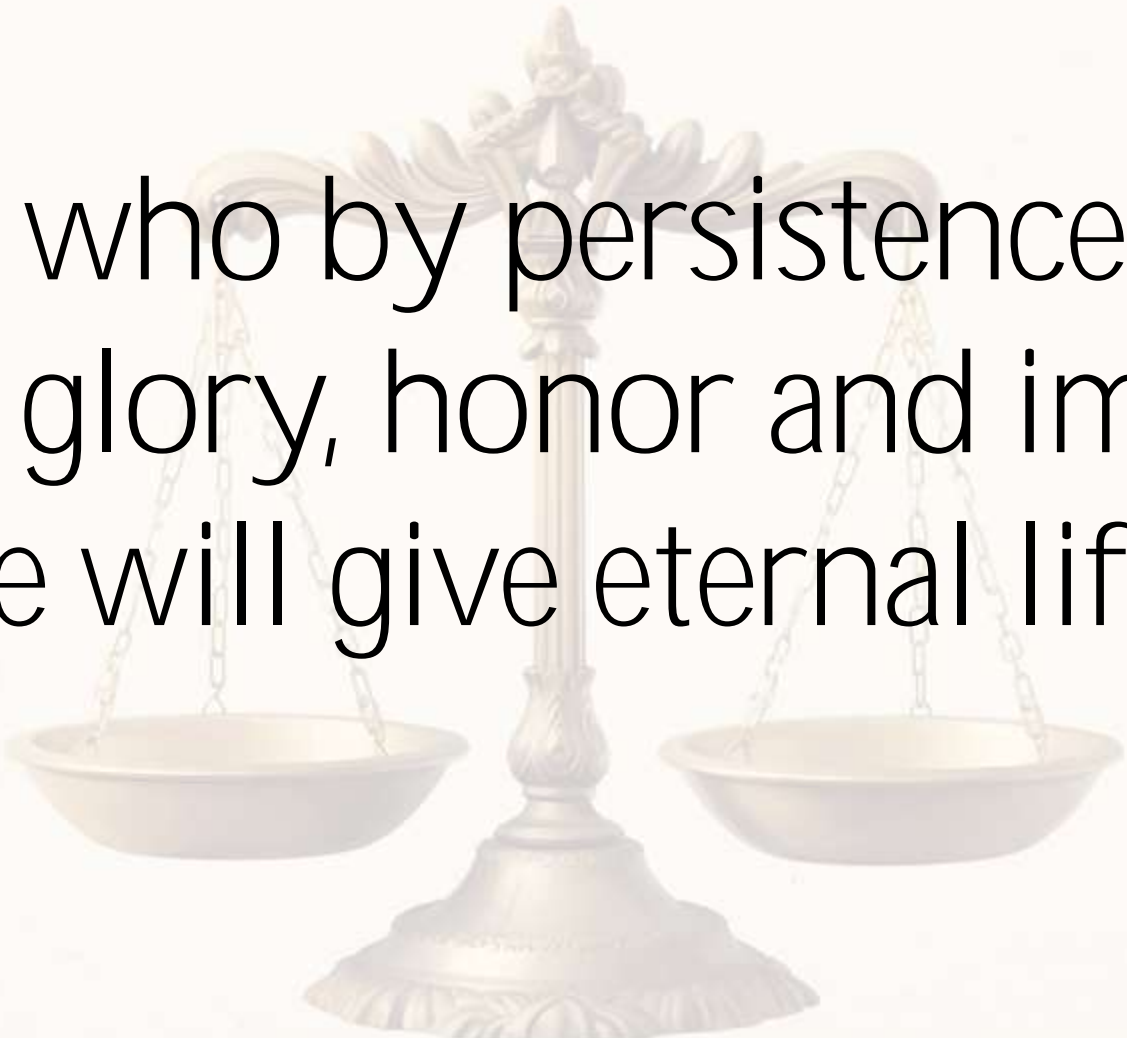
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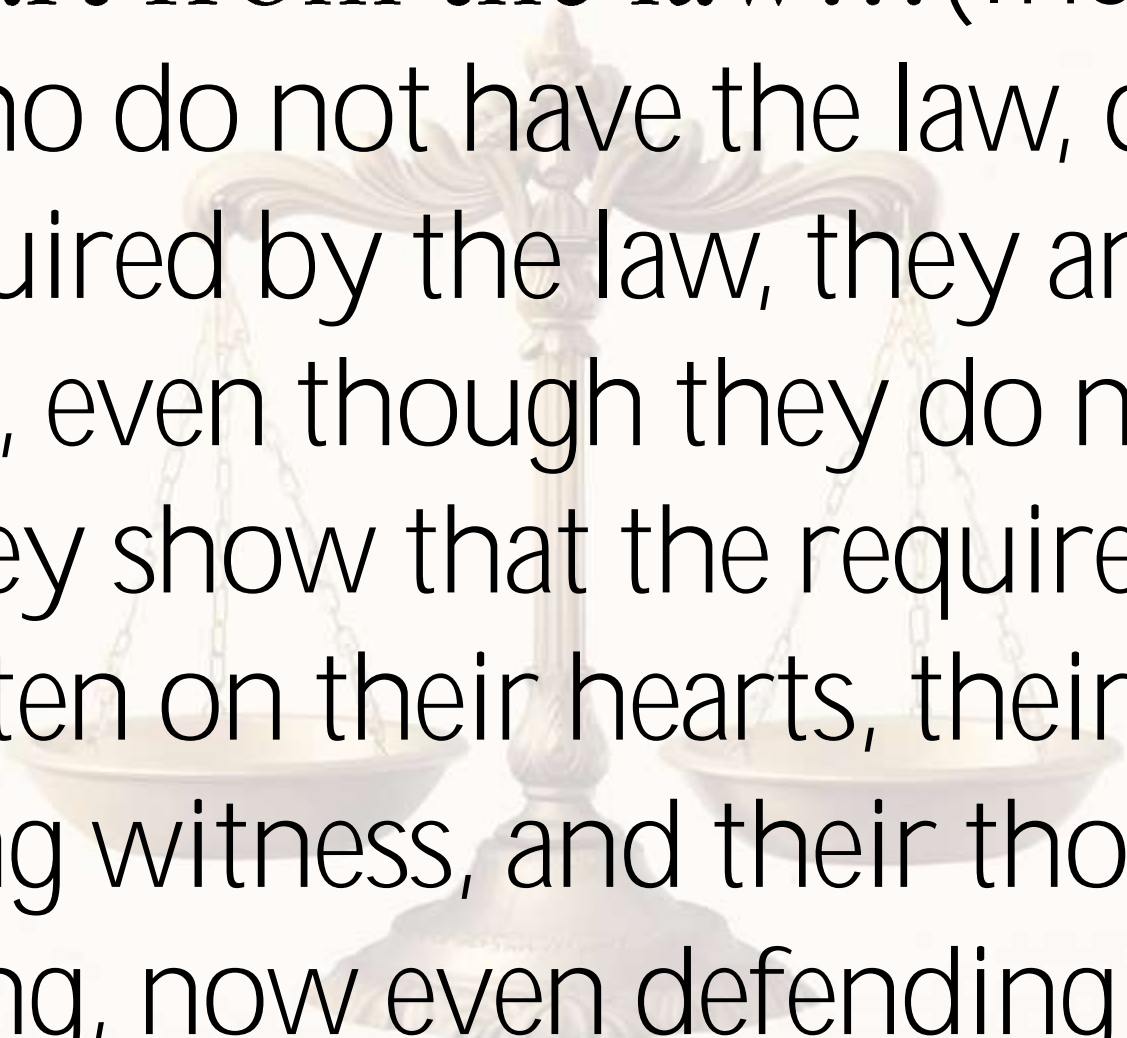


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(Romans 2:12, 14-15)



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RESPONSIVE OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand

P: Lord Jesus, take our hearts and fill them with your love;

C: take our lips and move them to speak of your grace;

P: take our treasures and use them to serve your church;

C: use our lives to do whatever is needed to spread the gospel here at Ascension, in our community, and around the world, for your mercy's sake. Amen.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- ✝ Pastor Isaac Cherney and West students on mission trip in New Orleans
- ✝ Amy Horton's father, Robert Wiese, recovering from foot surgery
- ✝ Thanksgiving for our earthly fathers

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

P:Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

P: Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

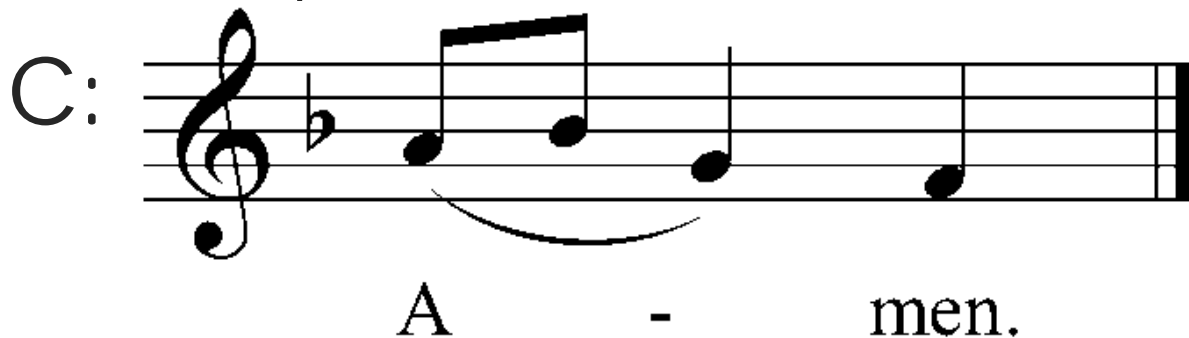
C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, 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.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI: O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



O Christ, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on__ us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, You



take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on__ us.

DISTRIBUTION

Communicant members of Ascension Lutheran and other churches in fellowship in the WELS or ELS are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. If you have never communed with us before, we ask that you first speak with our pastor to learn how you can establish a communing fellowship with us. We are eager to help anyone to take this step.

Please Note: The center cups of the individual trays contain white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are labeled on a separate center tray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

#665 What Is this Bread?

V1. What is this bread?

Christ's body risen from the dead:
this bread we break, this life we take,
was crushed to pay for our release.

○ taste and see — the Lord is peace.



V2. What is this wine?

The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
the cup of grace brings his embrace
of life and love until I sing!

O taste and see — the Lord is King.

V3. So who am I,
that I should live and he should die
under the rod? My God, my God,
why have you not forsaken me?
O taste and see — the Lord is free.

V4. Yet is God here?

Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
in mouth and soul he makes us whole-

Christ, truly present in this meal.

O taste and see — the Lord is real.

V5.

Is this for me?

I am forgiven and set free!

I do believe that I receive
his very body and his blood.

○ taste and see — that Lord is good.

The Blessings of
The Lord's Supper

RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS
LIFE AND SALVATION



PRAYER

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

#798 I Lay My Sins on Jesus (VS.I-4)

V1. I lay my sins on Jesus,
the spotless Lamb of God;
he bears them all and frees us
from the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus
to wash my crimson stains
white in his blood most precious
till not a spot remains.



V2.

I lay my wants on Jesus,
all fullness dwells in him;
he heals all my diseases;
my soul he does redeem.

I lay my griefs on Jesus,
my burdens and my cares;
he from them all releases,
he all my sorrows shares.

V3. I rest my soul on Jesus,
this weary soul of mine;
his right hand me embraces,
I in his arms recline.

I love the name of Jesus,
Immanuel, Christ, and Lord;
like fragrance on the breezes
his name abroad is poured.

V4.

I long to be like Jesus,
mEEK, loving, lowly, mild;

I long to be like Jesus,
the Father's holy child.

I long to be with Jesus
amid the heav'nly throng,
to sing with saints his praises,
to learn the angels' song.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Voter's Meeting

June 28th

After Worship



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Happy
**FATHER'S
DAY**

JUNE 21ST

*Be strong and courageous.
Do not be terrified; do not be
discouraged, for the LORD
your God will be with you
wherever you go. Joshua 1:9*



THANKS FOR SERVING

- ✦ Pianist: Marcia Michalik
- ✦ Arise Band
- ✦ AV Team
- ✦ Serving: Flock #4 – Jeff Rindt