



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 20, 2021

AS WE GATHER: St. John, exiled on the Island of Patmos, was granted future visions of the Church of God, ultimately culminating in the Return of Christ at the end of time, and the ushering in of Christ's eternal Kingdom, the Church Triumphant. Join us in our sermon series, "You've Got Mail", as we examine the Lord's Letters to the Seven Churches which have an important and continuing message down to our day and our own church as well.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #648 *"Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"*

- 1 Glorious things of you are spoken,
 Zion, city of our God;
 He whose word cannot be broken
 Formed you for His own abode.
 On the Rock of Ages founded,
 What can shake your sure repose?
 With salvation's walls surrounded,
 You may smile at all your foes.

- 2 See, the streams of living waters,
 Springing from eternal love,
 Well supply your sons and daughters
 And all fear of want remove.
 Who can faint while such a river
 Ever will their thirst assuage?
 Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
 Never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which God gives them on their way.

4 Savior, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Your name.
Fading are the world's vain pleasures,
All their boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures
None but Zion's children know.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;

People: Sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Pastor: Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

People: Tell of His salvation from day to day.

Pastor: Declare His glory among the nations,

People: His marvelous works among all the peoples!

Pastor: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

People: He is to be feared above all gods.

Pastor: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

People: But the LORD made the heavens.

Pastor: Splendor and majesty are before Him;

People: Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by
nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned
against You in thought, word, and deed, by what

we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We justly deserve Your present and eternal
punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus
Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us,
and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will
and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy
Name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die
for you and for His sake forgives you all your
sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ,
and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all
your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE #496

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

- 1 Holy Spirit, light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away,
Turn the darkness into day.
- 2 Let me see my Savior’s face,
Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me
Which are only known to Thee.
- 3 Holy Spirit, pow’r divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me,
From sin’s bondage set me free.
- 4 Holy Spirit, joy divine,
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace,
Let it grow and still increase.
- 5 Holy Spirit, all divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev’ry idol throne,
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Lord, Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!"
Pastor Adam

VBS RECAP VIDEO

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 20:1-6

And God spoke all these words, saying,

²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³"You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands^[b] of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CHURCHES ADDRESSED IN REVELATION

EPISTLE Revelation 2:12-17

¹²"And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: 'The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.

¹³"'I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. ¹⁴But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. ¹⁵So also you have some who hold the teaching

of the Nicolaitans. ¹⁶ Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth.

People: ¹⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.'

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:19-24

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹ "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

You've Got Mail:

The Letters of Revelation Part 1: Pergamum

Pastor Adam Wolfe

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)

#730

“What Is the World to Me”

- 1 What is the world to me
 With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone,
 Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord,
 My soul’s delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest.
 What is the world to me!
- 2 The world seeks to be praised
 And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects
 That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize
 Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone.
 What is the world to me!
- 3 The world seeks after wealth
 And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content
 Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,
 Content with it I’ll be:
My Jesus is my wealth.
 What is the world to me!
- 4 What is the world to me!
 My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth,
 My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all,
 My bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
 What is the world to me!

APOSTLES’ CREED

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of
 heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who
 was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin
 Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
 died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The
 third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended
 into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the
 Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge**

the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TIME OF THANKSGIVING

(VBS wrap up then segway into) Car show wrap up

- The Board of Directors has rescheduled a special Voters Assembly meeting for Monday evening, June 21 at 6PM in the church sanctuary for the purpose of voting on the proposed FY 2021-2022 budget. This meeting has become a necessity since we did not get the minimum number of voter attendees (75) last Sunday, June 6 in order to achieve a quorum as specified by our constitution. All are encouraged to attend.

- Mark your calendar for Pastor Jeff's retirement celebration on Sunday, August 29 at the Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee. The event will include music, great food and a special program to recognize his 40 years of service. Reserve your place by visiting drlc.org/events.

OFFERTORY #783, vs. 1,4,6

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

4 Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us go to God in prayer for ourselves, for God's people around the world, and for all people in their various circumstances.

For all people who are trying to commend themselves this day in spite of various afflictions, hardships, or calamities, that God would strengthen and guide first responders, medical personnel, and support agencies until health, prosperity, and calm are restored, let us pray.

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: For all people who are enduring beatings, imprisonments, or riots, that God would give

wisdom to political officials, protection to military leaders, and guidance to authorities to work for peace, protection, and justice, let us pray.

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: For all who feel trapped by harsh labor, sleepless nights, or hunger, that God would surround them with caring people to provide the social, emotional, and physical relief they so desperately need, and for those near and dear to us, that God would give them health, joy, and peace, let us pray.

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: That the Church around the world would use the purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, and genuine love God provides to spread the news of forgiveness and salvation today and always, let us pray.

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: That we would realize both the power and the love of God seen in the person of Christ, our Lord, and that now, in this day of salvation, He would help us widen our hearts to be part of His answer to these petitions, let us pray.

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: That God would bless and guide all fathers in their ongoing vocation of love, prayer and sacrifice for their children of all ages, and grant that their labors might remind us of the new life You have given us through Christ, let us pray.

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who made us; the Son, who saved us; and the Spirit, who has worked faith in our hearts—be upon you, this day and always.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #672

“Jerusalem the Golden”

- 1 Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest—
The promise of salvation,
The place of peace and rest—
We know not, oh, we know not
What joys await us there:
The radiancy of glory,
The bliss beyond compare!
- 2 Within those walls of Zion
Sounds forth the joyful song,
As saints join with the angels
And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever with them;
The daylight is serene;
The city of the blessed
Shines bright with glorious sheen.
- 3 Around the throne of David,
The saints, from care released,
Raise loud their songs of triumph
To celebrate the feast.
They sing to Christ their leader,
Who conquered in the fight,
Who won for them forever
Their gleaming robes of white.
- 4 O sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country

That faithful hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us
To that eternal rest
With You and God the Father
And Spirit, ever blest.

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Thank you to the Worship participants:

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Lay Readers:

8:00AM: Paul Ewan

10:30AM:

Acolytes:

8:00AM:

10:30AM:

Sound:

8:00AM: Shannon Bader

10:30AM:

Elders:

8:00AM:

10:30AM: