



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 13, 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 #644

"The Church's One Foundation"

- 1 The Church's one foundation
 Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
 She is His new creation
 By water and the Word.
 From heav'n He came and sought her
 To be His holy bride;
 With His own blood He bought her,
 And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
 Yet one o'er all the earth;
 Her charter of salvation:
 One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 One holy name she blesses,
 Partakes one holy food,
 And to one hope she presses
 With ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
 The world sees her oppressed,
 By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distressed,
 Yet saints their watch are keeping;
 Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 31

Pastor: In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be
put to shame;

People: In Your righteousness deliver me!

Pastor: Be a rock of refuge for me,

People: A strong fortress to save me!

Pastor: I will rejoice and be glad in Your steadfast love,

People: Because You have seen my affliction;

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD,

People: For He has wondrously shown His steadfast love
to me.

Pastor: You heard the voice of my pleas for mercy

People: When I cried to You for help.

Pastor: Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

People: All you who wait for the LORD!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us come before our holy God, seeking the
blessing of His peace through the purifying work of
our Savior Jesus Christ. Holy and gracious God,

People: I confess that I have sinned against You, in
thought, word, and deed, by what I have done,

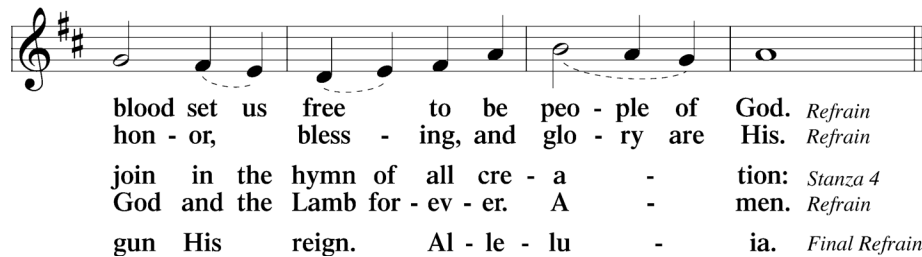
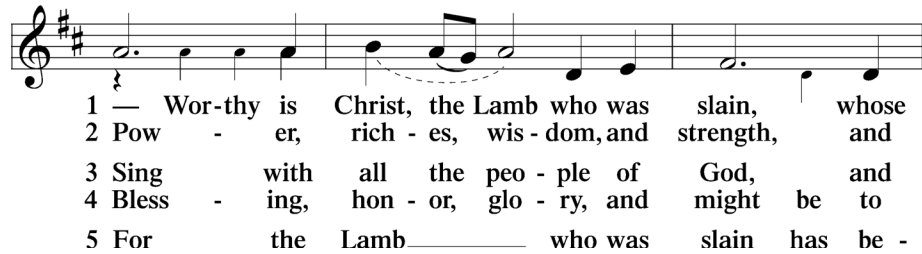
and by what I have not done. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, my Savior, I ask forgiveness and pray You to deliver and restore me by Your mercy. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. 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. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"This is the Feast"



SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual
 mercy; and because without You we cannot but
 fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead
 us to all things profitable to our salvation; through
 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
 reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
 and forever.
People: Amen.

FIRST READING

James 1:1-12

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion:

Greetings.

²Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

⁹Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass^[c] he will pass away. ¹¹For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"What is Faith?"

Miss Heidi

INTRODUCTION TO THE CHURCHES ADDRESSED IN REVELATION
(This is an audio file. When the slide is clicked it will play
"You've Got Mail" audio.)

EPISTLE

Revelation 2:8-11

⁸ "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: 'The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.

⁹ "I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

People: ¹¹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.'

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:16-25

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶ "Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰ For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to

death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

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: Smyrna
Pastor Seth Flick

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)
“O For a Faith that Will Not Shrink”

O for a faith that will not shrink,
Though pressed by every foe,
That will not tremble on the brink
Of any earthly woe.

That will not murmur nor complain
Beneath the chastening rod,
But, in the hour of grief or pain,
Will lean upon its God;

A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without;
That when in danger knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt;

That bears, unmoved, the world's dread frown,
Nor heeds the scornful smile;
That seas of trouble cannot drown,
Nor Satan's arts beguile;

A faith that keeps the narrow way
Till life's last hour is fled,
And with a pure and heavenly ray
Illumes up a dying bed:

Lord, give us such a faith as this;
And then, whate'er may come,
I'll taste, e'en now, the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.

NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) The Board of Directors has decided to reschedule 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.
- 2) Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show is June 19 9 AM-2 PM. You can still register to show you vehicle or volunteer to help AND then plan to attend! Visit drlc.org for signups.

OFFERTORY

"Let the Vineyards"

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us
A foretaste of the feast to come.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people as they have need.

Give patience to Your Church, to her ministers, and to all of us, Your people, that we trust in Your Word and promise when eyes do not see Your hand at work; and when hearts are tempted to anxiety and fear, grant that we know the fullness of Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give to our president, Congress, and all leaders the wisdom to govern according to Your Word and commands that they prove worthy of the trust we have placed in them. Bring the nations to peace, and equip us to be good and responsible citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give wisdom and discernment to Your people, that we not give in to temptation nor grow weary of trusting Your Word and serving in willing obedience to Your commands, but delight in fulfilling our baptismal calling wherever we are. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give relief to the suffering, healing to the sick, peace to the troubled, and comfort to those who grieve, and bless them with patience and endurance until You deliver them from their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Help us to be good stewards of Your creation, to share what You have supplied with those in need, and to support the work of Your Church in her mission here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All things are Yours, heavenly Father, and You have promised to supply them to us as we need and when we need them. Help us to pray with confident hearts, trusting that You will provide for us all things needful and deliver us from all things harmful, through 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 and ever. Amen.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In Your great mercy You have given Your Son, Jesus Christ, who has reconciled us to You by His death and resurrection. Through faith in Him, we become Your holy nation, Your treasured possession. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might;

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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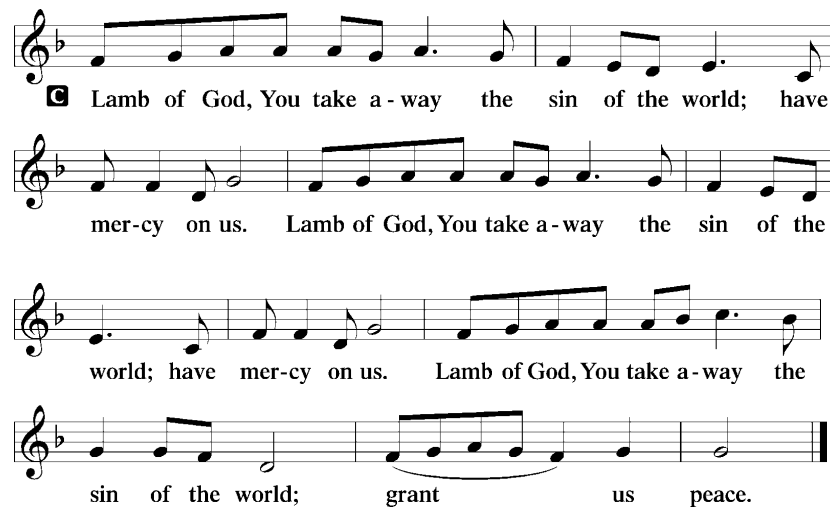
Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#702

"My Faith Looks up to Thee"

1 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!

2 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!

3 While life's dark maze I tread
 And griefs around me spread,
 Be Thou my guide;
 Bid darkness turn to day,
 Wipe sorrow's tears away,
 Nor let me ever stray
 From Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
 When death's cold, sullen stream
 Shall o'er me roll,
 Blest Savior, then, in love,
 Fear and distrust remove;
 O bear me safe above,
 A ransomed soul!

#731

"O God, Forsake Me Not"

1 O God, forsake me not!
 Your gracious presence lend me;
 Lord, lead Your helpless child;
 Your Holy Spirit send me
 That I my course may run.
 O be my light, my lot,
 My staff, my rock, my shield—
 O God, forsake me not!

2 O God, forsake me not!
 Take not Your Spirit from me;
 Do not permit the might
 Of sin to overcome me.
 Increase my feeble faith,
 Which You alone have wrought.
 O be my strength and pow'r—
 O God, forsake me not!

3 O God, forsake me not!
 Lord, hear my supplication!
 In ev'ry evil hour
 Help me resist temptation;
 And when the prince of hell
 My conscience seeks to blot,
 Be then not far from me—

O God, forsake me not!

- 4 O God, forsake me not!
Lord, I am Yours forever.
O keep me strong in faith
That I may leave You never.
Grant me a blessed end
When my good fight is fought;
Help me in life and death—
O God, forsake me not!

CANTICLE

"Thank the Lord"



BENEDICTION

- Pastor: 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.
People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

#741, vs. 1,2,3,8

"Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"

- 1 Jesus Christ, my sure defense
And my Savior, now is living!
Knowing this, my confidence
Rests upon the hope here given,
Though the night of death be fraught
Still with many an anxious thought.
- 2 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives;
Likewise I to life shall waken.
He will bring me where He is;

Shall my courage then be shaken?
Shall I fear, or could the Head
Rise and leave His members dead?

3 No, too closely I am bound
 By my hope to Christ forever;
Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,
 Grasped it, and will leave it never;
Even death now cannot part
From its Lord the trusting heart.

8 O, then, draw away your hearts
 From all pleasures base and hollow;
Strive to share what He imparts
 While you here His footsteps follow.
As you now still wait to rise,
Fix your hearts beyond the skies!

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10:30AM: Todd Radke

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8:00AM:
10:30AM:

Sound:

8:00AM: Todd Radke
10:30AM: Todd Radke

Elders:

8:00AM: John Uttech
10:30AM: Brad Baker