



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 27, 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 #809

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

- 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
 Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
 As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Refrain

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
 Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
 Join with all nature in manifold witness
 To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
 Refrain

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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 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: Confident that God's favor is for a lifetime and that joy comes with the morning, let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

People: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I admit and confess my sinfulness. I have turned away from others in my thinking, speaking, and doing. I have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. I do repent and am truly sorry for these, my sins. Have mercy on me because of the obedience of Your Son. Forgive all my sins, and by the Holy Spirit, move me to serve You faithfully; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE #686 *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.
- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus,
to be the Way, the Truth and the life that we may
boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly
walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through
the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit; one God, now
and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 2

*Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?*
²*The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,*
³*"Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."*
⁴*He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.*
⁵*Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,*
⁶*"As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill."*
⁷*I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.*
⁸*Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.*

⁹ *You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."*

¹⁰ *Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.*

¹¹ *Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.*

¹² *Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.*

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CHURCHES ADDRESSED IN REVELATION

SECOND READING

Revelation 2:18-29

¹⁸ *"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: 'The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.*

¹⁹ *"I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. ²⁰But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. ²¹I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. ²²Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, ²³and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works. ²⁴But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. ²⁵Only hold fast what you have until I come. ²⁶The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, ²⁷and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. ²⁸And I will give him the morning star.*

People: ²⁹ *He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)





HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:20-24

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰ Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent.

²¹ "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you."

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: Thyatira

Pastor Jeff Schubert

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)

#663

"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"

- 1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;
From your sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day
Unawares o'ertaken;
For the foe,
Well we know,
Is a harvest reaping
While the saints are sleeping.
- 2 Watch against the devil's snares
Lest asleep he find you;
For indeed no pains he spares
To deceive and blind you.
Satan's prey
Oft are they
Who secure are sleeping
And no watch are keeping.

- 3 Watch! Let not the wicked world
 With its lies defeat you
 Lest with bold deceptions hurled
 It betray and cheat you.
 Watch and see
 Lest there be
 Faithless friends to charm you,
 Who but seek to harm you.
- 4 Watch against yourself, my soul,
 Lest with grace you trifle;
 Let not self your thoughts control
 Nor God's mercy stifle.
 Pride and sin
 Lurk within,
 All your hopes to shatter;
 Heed not when they flatter.
- 5 But while watching, also pray
 To the Lord unceasing.
 God protects you day by day,
 Strength and faith increasing,
 So that still
 Mind and will
 Shall unite to serve Him
 And forever love Him.

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

- The Voters' Meeting that took place this past Monday yielded a unanimous yes vote and so the 2021-2022 budget was passed. Thank you to all who came out to vote!

- Join us for our next outdoor worship service on July 10 at 5 PM with food and a fun family activity to follow. Food will be Fried Chicken & Mac n Cheese along with an assortment of water and soft beverages.

- 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 #687, vs. 1-3

"Thine Forever, God of Love"

- 1 Thine forever, God of love!
 Hear us from Thy throne above;
 Thine forever may we be
 Here and in eternity!
- 2 Thine forever! Oh, how blest
 They who find in Thee their rest!
 Savior, guardian, heav'nly friend,
 O defend us to the end!
- 3 Thine forever, Lord of Life!
 Shield us through our earthly strife.
 Thou, the life, the truth, the way,
 Guide us to the realms of day.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ
 Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

 Dear heavenly Father, place Your wise hand upon
 all the nations of the earth, give them leaders
 who seek after justice and peace, and lead all
 people to the freedom of Your Gospel. Hear us,
 Lord,
People: **and grant us Your grace.**

Pastor: Lord, lift up all those who are weighed down by
 the guilt and shame of sin. Release them from
 their bondage and point them to forgiveness as
 the feet of Jesus. Hear us, Lord,
People: **and grant us Your grace.**

Pastor: Lord, walk with all those who are grieving in the
 shadow of death. Comfort them with the hope of
 the resurrection to eternal life. Hear us, Lord,
People: **and grant us Your grace.**

Pastor: Lord, give hope to all those who are isolated and
 lonely. Bring them into the presence of the loving
 community of Your Church that they find help and
 hope among Your people. Hear us, Lord,
People: **and grant us Your grace.**

Pastor: Look, look with favor upon all who are sick,
 injured, and recovering. Have mercy upon them

and heal them according to Your will. Hear us,
Lord,
People: and grant us Your grace.

Pastor: Dear heavenly Father, guard and protect the
servicemen and women of our armed forces.
Grant them the courage and strength to serve You
as they serve and protect our nation and our
freedoms. Hear us, Lord,
People: and grant us Your grace.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for
whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, 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.

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 #850 *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
 On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
 Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the facing of this hour,
 For the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
 Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
 Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the living of these days,
 For the living of these days.

- 3 Cure Your children's warring madness;
 Bend our pride to Your control;
 Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
 Rich in things and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
 Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
 Let the gift of Your salvation
 Be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 Serving You whom we adore,
 Serving You whom we adore.

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Lay Readers:

8:00AM: Nancy Niedziela

10:30AM: Todd Radke

Acolytes:

8:00AM:

10:30AM:

Sound:

8:00AM: Todd Radke

10:30AM: Todd Radke

Elders:

8:00AM: Michael Johnson

10:30AM: Michael Johnson