



## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 6, 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

#798, vs. 1,2,3,6,9

*"The God of Abraham Praise"*

- 1     The God of Abr'ham praise,  
        Who reigns enthroned above;  
        Ancient of everlasting days  
        And God of love.  
        Jehovah, great I AM!  
        By earth and heav'n confessed;  
        I bow and bless the sacred name  
        Forever blest.
  
- 2     The God of Abr'ham praise,  
        At whose supreme command  
        From earth I rise and seek the joys  
        At His right hand.  
        I all on earth forsake,  
        Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,  
        And Him my only portion make,  
        My shield and tow'r.

- 3      The God of Abr’ham praise,  
           Whose all-sufficient grace  
 Shall guide me all my pilgrim days  
           In all my ways.  
 He deigns to call me friend;  
           He calls Himself my God.  
 And He shall save me to the end  
           Through Jesus’ blood.
- 6      The goodly land I see,  
           With peace and plenty blest:  
 A land of sacred liberty  
           And endless rest.  
 There milk and honey flow,  
           And oil and wine abound,  
 And trees of life forever grow  
           With mercy crowned.
- 9      The whole triumphant host  
           Give thanks to God on high.  
 “Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!”  
           They ever cry.  
 Hail, Abr’ham’s God and mine!  
           I join the heav’nly lays:  
 All might and majesty are Thine  
           And endless praise!

#### INVOCATION

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

#### OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 5*

**Pastor:**        Give ear to my words, O LORD;  
**People:**        **Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King  
 and my God, for to You do I pray.**

**Pastor:**        O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice;  
**People:**        **In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You.**

**Pastor:**        For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;  
**People:**        **Evil may not dwell with You. The boastful shall  
 not stand before your eyes.**

**Pastor:**        But I, through the abundance of your steadfast  
 love, will enter your house.  
**People:**        **I will bow down toward Your holy temple in the  
 fear of You.**

Pastor: Let all who take refuge in You rejoice;  
People: Let them ever sing for joy!

Pastor: Spread Your protection over them,  
People: That those who love Your Name may exult in You.

### 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 #804, vs. 1,2,6

*“O Worship the King”*

- 1 O worship the King,  
all-glorious above.  
O gratefully sing  
His pow’r and His love;  
Our shield and defender,  
the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor  
and girded with praise.
- 2 O tell of His might,  
O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light,  
whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath  
the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path  
on the wings of the storm.

6 O measureless Might,  
ineffable Love,  
While angels delight  
to hymn Thee above,  
Thy humbler creation,  
though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration  
shall sing to Thy praise.

### SALUTATION

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

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; 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

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.*

*<sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

*<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face*

*to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.*

*<sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### INTRODUCTION TO THE CHURCHES ADDRESSED IN REVELATION

(This is a slide that has audio sounding “You’ve Got Mail”. It plays once you click on this slide and then you can go to the reading slide)

### SECOND READING

Revelation 2:1-7

*“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.*

*<sup>2</sup>“I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. <sup>3</sup>I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup>But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup>Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. <sup>6</sup>Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.*

People: *<sup>7</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’*

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**

John 13:31-35

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

**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:  
Ephesus  
Pastor Jeff Schubert**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** (Please stand)

#700

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
  
- 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit;  
Let us find Thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

- 3      Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
        Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
        Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
        Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
        Glory in Thy perfect love.
- 4      Finish then Thy new creation,  
        Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
        Perfectly restored in Thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
        Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
        Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

#### **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**

- 1) TODAY is the annual Voters' Meeting in the gym at 11:45 AM to vote on the proposed Fiscal Year 21-22 budget and to introduce TRIUN3. Also an invitation to come to the Media Center for the teachers' recognition (8 am and 9:15 services only for the teacher recognition verbiage)
- 2) Upcoming Events:
- Outdoor Worship service on Saturday, June 12 at 5 PM including Pizza Ranch and playground games
  - VBS is June 14-17. Late registrations can still be made.
  - Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show is June 19 9 AM to 2 PM. You can still register to show you vehicle or volunteer to help AND then plan to attend!

## OFFERTORY

#857, vs. 1,4

*“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”*

Lord, help us walk Your servant way  
Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self,  
Each serve the other's need.

You bid us bend our human pride  
Nor count ourselves above  
The lowest place, the meanest task  
That waits the gift of love.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor:** Having heard the call of God's grace, let us come near to His throne of grace with prayers on behalf of ourselves and all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, make Your Church one family, a people born again of Your promise in baptismal water, who believe in You and who delight in Your mercies, and sustain them in faith until that day when we shall dwell in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Give to all families grace to love one another, that husbands and wives live in fidelity toward each other and show compassionate care to their children. Bless all women in childbirth and sustain the aged in strength of body and mind. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Rally the nations to peace that all peoples enjoy the protection of law, the gift of liberty, and the freedom to live fruitful, upright, and godly lives; bring an end to all oppression, acts of terror, and violence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Deliver the sick from the burden of their illness and grant them healing according to Your will, give peace to those troubled in mind, deliver the dying into Your everlasting arms, and comfort the grieving with hope. Lord, in Your mercy,



**People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** Make us a generous people that we willingly share the resources You have given with those in need and for the support of Your Church and the good work of Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** All these things we would ask of You, O Lord, trusting in Your mercy to grant us only what is best for us. Give us faith, trusting in Your mercy, that we may abide in Your presence in peace, in the name of our Savior 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

### **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**

*#848 "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"*

1 Lord, whose love through humble service  
Bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
Offered mercy's perfect deed,  
We, Your servants, bring the worship  
Not of voice alone, but heart,  
Consecrating to Your purpose  
Ev'ry gift that You impart.

2 Still Your children wander homeless;  
Still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom;  
Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion  
Healed the sick and freed the soul,

Use the love Your Spirit kindles  
Still to save and make us whole.

3 As we worship, grant us vision,  
Till Your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness,  
Dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens  
Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to tireless striving,  
Your abundant life to share.

4 Called by worship to Your service,  
Forth in Your dear name we go,  
To the child, the youth, the aged,  
Love in living deeds to show;  
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,  
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom  
May Your mercy know and live.

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**Thank you to the Worship participants:**

Ed Kappeler, guest organist

**Lay Readers:**

8:00AM: John Uttech

10:30AM: Paul Ewan

**Acolytes:**

8:00AM:

10:30AM:

**Sound:**

8:00AM: Shannon Bader

10:30AM: Stacy Bader

**Elders:**

8:00AM: Michael Johnson

10:30AM: Ben Weihmeier