



## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 18, 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 Thee 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM of Beckett Charles Johnson  
(10:30AM)

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 66

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
People: Sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!

Pastor: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;  
People: They sing praises to Your Name.

Pastor: Come and see what God has done:  
People: He is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

#### 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.

People: Holy God, merciful Father,  
we confess that we have not followed our Savior as we ought. By what we have done, and by what we have failed to do, we have not honored You in lives of holiness. Purify our hearts, merciful Father, through the presence of Jesus Christ, that we be blessed with the forgiveness He freely offers to us all. Amen.

Pastor: Jesus stands in your midst today and speaks into your ears the words of life that bring healing to your souls. As His called and ordained servant, I announce His grace to all of you and, in His stead and by His command, I 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

“This is the Feast”

*Refrain*

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the Cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

<sup>8</sup>Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup>I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, <sup>15</sup>but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’”

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

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

## INTRODUCTION TO THE CHURCHES ADDRESSED IN REVELATION

## EPISTLE

Revelation 3:7-13

<sup>7</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

<sup>8</sup>“I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. <sup>9</sup>Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. <sup>10</sup>Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. <sup>11</sup>I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. <sup>12</sup>The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the

city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name.

**People:** <sup>13</sup> *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)

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 28:16-20

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

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

*<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**SERMON**

You've Got Mail:

The Letters of Revelation Part 2: Philadelphia

Pastor Adam Wolfe

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

#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 blessèd heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see You face to face.

#### **NICENE CREED (8AM Only)**

**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 AND TIME OF THANKSGIVING**

- 29th Annual Christian Athletic Scholarship Foundation Golf Scramble is Monday, August 2 at Ironwood Golf Course. Visit the Welcome Center for Registration Brochures

- Aug. 29 - will also be Pastor Jeff's farewell sermons at all services. Worship will have many additional musical pieces and musicians. Our district president will officiate as well. Reserve your place by visiting [drlc.org/events](http://drlc.org/events). 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. Deadline to sign up for the luncheon is August 1.

#### **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.

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#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** God, our Father, in these last days, we experience conflict in our families, with husbands and wives struggling to stay together until death parts them, brothers and sisters at odds with one another, and further conflict within extended families. We pray:

**People:** Almighty Father, heal our families.

**Pastor:** Lord Jesus, You are our Prince of Peace, yet You did not come to this world to bring us peace here and now. We experience the divisions that the

sharp two-edged sword of Your Word brings. We pray:  
**People: Lord Jesus, give us strength to stand firm in Your Word of truth.**

**Pastor:** Creator God, You gave us a world with everything we would ever need to sustain our bodies and lives, yet some on this planet experience famine and hunger, and this earth is savaged with pestilence, hurricanes, heat waves, hail, earthquakes, and other disasters, reminding us of the broken world in which we live. We pray:

**People: Lord God, guide us in being good stewards of this earth, and lead us to provide for those in need.**

**Pastor:** O Jesus, You have called us to follow You and have baptized us into Your holy name. You have set us apart to be Your witnesses, and You have called us to go to the ends of the earth with the Good News of Your unconditional, all-accepting love. We pray:

**People: Jesus, lead us and all Your people to reveal You to others through our words and our actions.**

**Pastor:** Holy Spirit, Comforter, there are those among us who are struggling in their hearts, with their strength, in their souls, and with their minds. Grant them peace, healing and relief from their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer. Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER (8AM Only)**

**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.**



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#658

*"Preserve Your Word, O Savior"*

- 1 Preserve Your Word, O Savior,  
To us this latter day,  
And let Your kingdom flourish;  
Enlarge Your Church, we pray.  
O keep our faith from failing;  
Keep hope's bright star aglow.  
Let nothing from truth turn us  
While living here below.
- 2 Preserve, O Lord, Your honor,  
The bold blasphemer smite;  
Convince, convert, enlighten  
The souls in error's night.  
Reveal Your will, dear Savior,  
To all who dwell below,  
Great light of all the living,  
That all Your name may know.
- 3 Preserve, O Lord, Your Zion,  
Bought dearly with Your blood;  
Protect what You have chosen  
Against the hellish flood.  
Be always our defender  
When dangers gather round;  
When all the earth is crumbling,  
Safe may Your Church be found.
- 4 Preserve Your Word and preaching,  
The truth that makes us whole,  
The mirror of Your glory,

The pow'r that saves the soul.  
Oh, may this living water,  
This dew of heav'nly grace,  
Sustain us while here living  
Until we see Your face.

- 5 Preserve in wave and tempest  
Your storm-tossed little flock;  
Assailed by wind and weather,  
May it endure each shock.  
Stand at the helm, our pilot,  
And set the course aright;  
Then we will reach the harbor  
In Your eternal light.

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**#651**

***"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"***

- 1 I love Your kingdom, Lord,  
The place of Your abode,  
The Church our blest Redeemer saved  
With His own precious blood.
- 2 Beyond my highest joy  
I prize its heav'nly ways,  
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Its hymns of love and praise.
- 3 I love Your Church, O God,  
Your saints in ev'ry land,  
Dear as the apple of Your eye  
And graven on Your hand.
- 4 For them my tears shall fall;  
For them my prayers ascend;  
For them my cares and toils be giv'n  
Till toils and cares shall end.
- 5 Sure as Your truth shall last,  
To Zion shall be giv'n  
The brightest glories earth can yield  
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

**CANTICLE**

***"Thank the Lord"***



**☐** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy  
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## 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 #660

*“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”*

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Ye soldiers of the cross.  
Lift high His royal banner;  
It must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry  
His army He shall lead  
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,  
And Christ is Lord indeed.
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
The trumpet call obey;  
Stand forth in mighty conflict  
In this His glorious day.  
Let all His faithful serve Him  
Against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger  
And strength to strength oppose.
- 3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
Stand in His strength alone.  
The arm of flesh will fail you,  
Ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the Gospel armor;  
Each piece put on with prayer.  
Where duty calls or danger,  
Be never wanting there.
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
The strife will not be long;  
This day the din of battle,  
The next the victor's song.  
The soldiers, overcoming,

Their crown of life shall see  
And with the King of Glory  
Shall reign eternally.

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**Thank you to the Worship participants:**

Annie Schmidt, guest pianist

**Lay Readers:**

8:00AM: Jan Prox

10:30AM:

**Acolytes:**

8:00AM:

10:30AM:

**Sound:**

8:00AM: Ed Prasser

10:30AM: Shannon Bader/Stacy Bader

**Elders:**

8:00AM: Paul Ewan

10:30AM: Michael Johnson