



## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 25, 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 #868**      *"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"*

- 1      Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
        Thy daily stage of duty run;  
        Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise  
        To pay thy morning sacrifice.
- 2      In conversation be sincere,  
        Thy conscience as the noonday clear;  
        Think how the\_all-seeing God thy ways  
        And all thy secret thoughts surveys.
- 3      All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept  
        And hast refreshed me while I slept;  
        Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,  
        I may of endless light partake.
- 4      Lord, I my vows to Thee renew;  
        Disperse my sins as morning dew;  
        Guard my first springs of thought and will  
        And with Thyself my spirit fill.
- 5      Direct, control, suggest this day  
        All I design or do or say  
        That all my pow'rs with all their might  
        In Thy sole glory may unite.

6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

#### INVOCATION

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

#### OPENING SENTENCES

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: Since the fall into sin, God has revealed His will to  
seek and to save that which was lost. No matter  
how often we have entered the gates of God's  
place, whether often or rarely, because of sin, we  
are all lost, on our own, and helpless. Let us  
therefore approach God in humility to receive His  
forgiveness.  
People: O God, I believe in You; O Lord, I trust Your  
promise to save me. Forgive me for my sins in  
thought, word, and deed. Come to me, though I  
am not worthy. Come to me with Your promise,

with Your touch of forgiveness, healing, help,  
and life. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Pastor: God has come to you in grace and mercy. Upon  
this your confession, as a called and ordained  
servant of the Word and by His authority, 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

*"Glory to God"*



## SALUTATION

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor:           Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from  
                 all harm and danger that we, being ready in both  
                 body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what  
                 You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
                 our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the  
                 Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
People:           Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Heidi

"Knock, Knock, Who's There?"

## INTRODUCTION TO THE CHURCHES ADDRESSED IN REVELATION

### FIRST READING

Revelation 3:14-22

<sup>14</sup> "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.

<sup>15</sup> "'I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. <sup>18</sup> I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. <sup>19</sup> Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. <sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. <sup>21</sup> The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

People: <sup>22</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.

### SOLO

"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"  
Traditional Spiritual  
Dave Wangerin, soloist

**SECOND READING**

Job 36:5-11

*“Behold, God is mighty, and does not despise any;  
he is mighty in strength of understanding.  
6 He does not keep the wicked alive,  
but gives the afflicted their right.  
7 He does not withdraw his eyes from the righteous,  
but with kings on the throne  
he sets them forever, and they are exalted.  
8 And if they are bound in chains  
and caught in the cords of affliction,  
9 then he declares to them their work  
and their transgressions, that they are behaving arrogantly.  
10 He opens their ears to instruction  
and commands that they return from iniquity.  
11 If they listen and serve him,  
they complete their days in prosperity,  
and their years in pleasantness.*

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)**

#712

*“Seek Ye, First”*

- 1        Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
          And His righteousness.  
          And all these things shall be added unto you!  
          Allelu, alleluia!
- 2        Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
          Seek and ye shall find,  
          Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,  
          Allelu, alleluia!
- 3        Man does not live by bread alone,  
          But by ev’ry word  
          That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,  
          Allelu, alleluia!

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**HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 6:25-33

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

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

*25 “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what  
you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what*

*you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to 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 2: Laodicea**  
 Pastor Seth Fick

**HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)**  
 #869                                      *“With the Lord Begin Your Task”*

- 1            With the Lord begin your task;  
               Jesus will direct it.  
               For His aid and counsel ask;  
               Jesus will perfect it.  
               Ev’ry morn with Jesus rise,  
               And when day is ended,  
               In His name then close your eyes;  
               Be to Him commended.
  
- 2            Let each day begin with prayer,  
               Praise, and adoration.  
               On the Lord cast ev’ry care;  
               He is your salvation.  
               Morning, evening, and at night  
               Jesus will be near you,  
               Save you from the tempter’s might,  
               With His presence cheer you.

- 3        With your Savior at your side,  
             Foes need not alarm you;  
             In His promises confide,  
             And no ill can harm you.  
             All your trust and hope repose  
             In the mighty Master,  
             Who in wisdom truly knows  
             How to stem disaster.
- 4        If your task be thus begun  
             With the Savior's blessing,  
             Safely then your course will run,  
             Toward the promise pressing.  
             Good will follow ev'rywhere  
             While you here must wander;  
             You at last the joy will share  
             In the mansions yonder.
- 5        Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task  
             Be to You commended;  
             May Your will be done, I ask,  
             Until life is ended.  
             Jesus, in Your name begun  
             Be the day's endeavor;  
             Grant that it may well be done  
             To Your praise forever.

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#### **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.**

#### **OUR THANK OFFERINGS TO THE LORD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS -**

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

- Join us Sunday, August 8 beginning at 10:30AM for a fundraiser to help the Stollenwerk family in Mike's recovery after his brain surgery. There will be a cookout and collection of donations for the Stollenwerk family to help with the medical bills. Both Jenny and Mike have been faithful teachers here at Divine Redeemer for many years and now work at Journeys Lutheran School which we also support.

- 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 #783, vs. 1,2,4,5      *"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.
- 2      Take my hands and let them move  
         At the impulse of Thy love;  
         Take my feet and let them be  
         Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- 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.
- 5      Take my will and make it Thine,  
         It shall be no longer mine;  
         Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
         It shall be Thy royal throne.

**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.

Eternal Father, O God our Creator and Redeemer, we thank You that You have drawn us to Yourself by the power of Your Word and our Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord. For Your promises of life and salvation, we give You praise and adoration as our God and Lord. Keep us in steady faith in You,



guide our steps in the ways of Your life-giving Word, and make us to be ever more Your people of hope, love, and life. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, as You strengthened Your early apostles by Your very presence, so give strength and courage to church workers who continue in Your service to this day. Guard and protect them from the assaults of the devil and bless their service in Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, give Your blessing and guidance to all in authority and the service of government in our land and throughout the world. Cause them to pursue righteousness and justice in all their dealings that we may live in prosperity and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give healing and comfort, O Lord, to all who are in trouble, danger, or illness. Sustain their courage and faith in Your mighty care. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through 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 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”*

- 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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**Thank you to the Worship participants:**

**Lay Readers:**

8:00AM:    John Uttech

10:30AM:

**Acolytes:**

8:00AM:

10:30AM:

**Sound:**

8:00AM:    Todd Radke

10:30AM:    Amelia Sitzberger

**Elders:**

8:00AM: John Uttech

10:30AM: