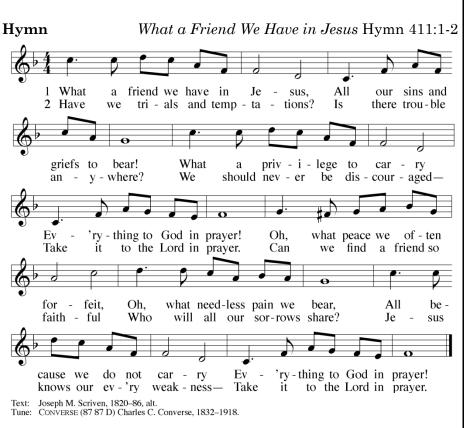
Lenten Midweek 2

March 9, 2022

This year in our mid week Lenten worship we look at the Seven Letters to the Seven Churches in Revelation 2-3. In this Jesus shows us characteristics that he wants to see in local congregations. We also see things he wants us to avoid.

Stand

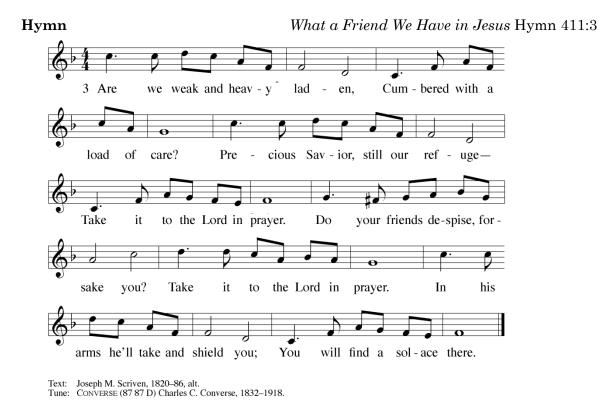


- M: Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.
- C: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."
- M: I say of the holy people who are in the land, "They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."

Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod MORRISON O Our mission is to **Glorify God** as we Gather around the Gospel to help people Grow in the Gospel and Go with the Gospel Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher. If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement. Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

- C: Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.
- M: LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.
- All: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

Psalm 16:1-6



THE WORD

Prayer of the Day

All: O Jesus, risen Savior, my enemies of mind and body often frighten me. Assure me that because you died and overcame death, nothing can separate me from the crown of life you have won for me and all believers. Enable me to live boldly each day for you. In your name I pray. Amen. First Lesson Isaiah 14:12-17 Is this the man who shook the earth? ¹² How vou have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! ¹³ You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God: I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. ¹⁴ I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." ¹⁵ But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit. ¹⁶ Those who see you stare at you, they ponder your fate: "Is this the man who shook the earth and made kingdoms tremble, ¹⁷ the man who made the world a wilderness, who overthrew its cities and would not let his captives go home?" (New International Version)

Second Lesson Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer ⁸ "To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

Rev 2:8-11

These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. ⁹ I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

 11 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death. (NIV)

M: This is what the Spirit says to the churches.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Gospel

See to it that you are not alarmed

Matthew 24:4-14

⁴Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. ⁶ You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of birth pains.

⁹ "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰ At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹ and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. ¹² Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³ but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

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Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

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

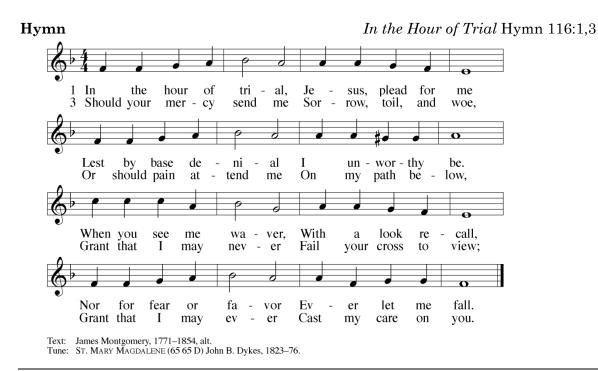
M: Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

C: The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus be with God's people. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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