



Order of Worship August 4, 2024 Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

# We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song Prayer

# We Listen to the Word

Sermon Series: The Time is Near Sermon: "Lessons in Revelation 2-3 – Listen! "

# We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration The Lord's Prayer We Eat and Drink Together We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song Prayer

# We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life Doxology Blessing and Sending

\*Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen\*





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#### Doggy Bag-



### Some questions to chew on:

- 1. What stood out to you from the message and scripture?
- 2. In your own words, what is the relationship between Matthew 25 and Revelation 2-3? Why do you think Jesus addresses the seven churches one by one?
- 3. Has there ever been a time you did something good but your intentions were not? Why is it important to remember that God knows what is truly inside our hearts, despite our actions?
- 4. What does it look like to live ready and be prepared?
- 5. How does Revelation 2-3 encourage you? How does it challenge you?



If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email *pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org* or call 717-774-6444

# The Time is Near "Lessons in Revelation 2-3 - Listen!" Pastor Kent Vandervort

Matthew 25:1-13 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridearoom.<sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. <sup>4</sup> The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' 7 Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps.<sup>8</sup> The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup> 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves' <sup>10</sup> But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. 11 Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!' <sup>12</sup> But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.' <sup>13</sup> Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

## 1. God is \_\_\_\_\_\_ and sees our \_\_\_\_\_.

I know your \_\_\_\_\_, your hard \_\_\_\_\_ and your

2. God exposes the blemish of the virgins (the Churches)

### A. To the Church in Ephesus

Yet I hold this you: You have the love you had at . Rev. 2:4

#### B. To the Church in Smyrna

I know about the \_\_\_\_\_ of those who say they are Jews and \_\_\_\_\_, but are a synagogue of Satan. Rev. 2:9b

#### C. To the Church in Pergamum

Nevertheless, I have a things against you. Rev. 2:14a

The Church is \_\_\_\_\_ at its duty – Allowing

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

to exist within the church body.

#### D. To the Church in Thyatira:

Nevertheless, I have a few things against you. Rev. 2:20a

The Church allows \_\_\_\_\_ – tolerating teaching that is \_\_\_\_\_ and teachings that \_\_\_\_\_ immorality, idolatry, and sexual perversion.

### E. To the Church in Sardis

But you are \_\_\_\_\_! Rev. 3:1d

### F. To the Church in Philadelphia

And watch as I take those who call themselves true \_\_\_\_\_ but are nothing of the kind, \_\_\_\_\_ whose true membership is in the club of Satan — Rev 3:9

#### G. To the Church in Laodicea

So, because you are \_\_\_\_\_ – neither \_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_ — I am about to \_\_\_\_\_ you out of my mouth. Rev 3:16

## 3. There is a change required - \_\_\_\_\_

Each church is called upon to \_\_\_\_\_\_ their ways.

## 4. Tune in your

Whoever has , let them what the says to the churches. Rev. 3:22

### Conclusion:

- L\_\_\_\_\_ Be prepared for the B\_\_\_\_\_
- - R /<u>a</u> the concerns
- Live like it is your day with ٠

in hand



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