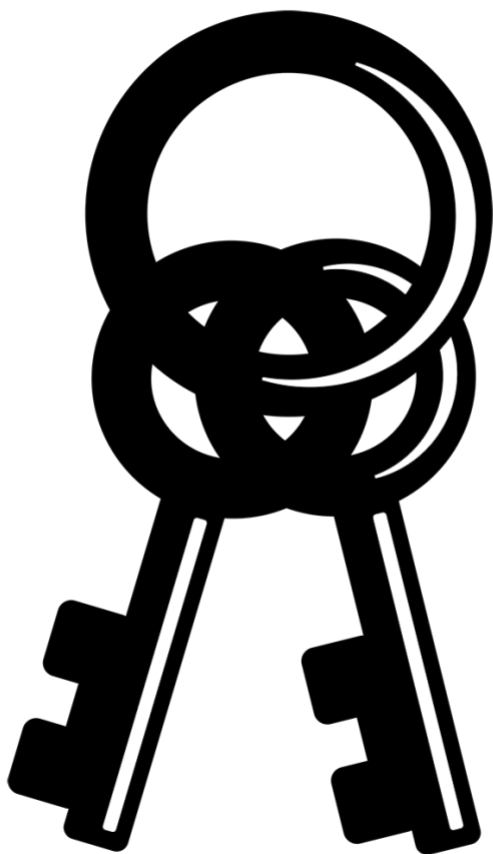




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13th Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RIGHT NOW MEDIA VIDEO

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord.)

GATHERING HYMN (TIMELINE)

Built on a Rock p365(G) vs1-3

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE ELEISON (TIMELINE)

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

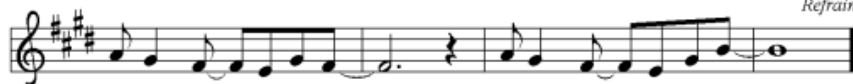


u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this	ho - ly	house,	for	all	who	wor-ship	and	praise,
we	may	live	out		truth	and	jus -	tice and grace,
life	and	for	love,		for	our	work	and our play,
nour-ish	our	souls	. . .	with	your	bod - y	and	blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE (TIMELINE)

Glory to God in the Highest...



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

GREETING (ACAPELLA)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray...

C: Care for your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

L: The First Lesson is from the 51st chapter of Isaiah.

51 Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

2 Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

3 For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

4 Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

5 I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

L: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 138

L: We will read the Psalm responsively.

1 I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

**2 I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your
steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted your name and your
word
above everything.**

3 On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.

**4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you,
O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your
mouth.**

5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.

**6 For though the Lord is high, he regards the
lowly,
but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my
enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.

**8 The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 11:33-12:8

L: The Second Lesson is from the 11th and 12th
chapters of Romans.

33 O the depth of the riches and wisdom and
knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his
judgments and how inscrutable his ways! 34 "For who
has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been
his counselor?" 35 "Or who has given a gift to
him, to receive a gift in return?" 36 For from him and
through him and to him are all things. To him be the
glory forever. Amen. 12 I appeal to you therefore,
brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to
present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and
acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of
worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this age, but be
transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that
you may discern what is the will of God—what is
good and acceptable and perfect. 3 For by the grace
given to me I say to everyone among you not to
think of yourself more highly than you ought to think
but to think with sober judgment, each according to
the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as
in one body we have many members and not all the
members have the same function, 5 so we, who are
many, are one body in Christ, and individually we
are members one of another. 6 We have gifts that

differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8 the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

L: Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ACAPELLA)

L: Please rise in honor of the Gospel.



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.



13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,

and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

"Keys of the Kingdom"

PRAISE SONG (VIDEO)

Build My Life

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ,

God's 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.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

He is seated at the right hand of the Father,

**And he will come again 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.**

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (VIDEO)

We Give Thee but Thine Own LSB 781

OFFERING PRAYER

C: Gracious God, we are grateful that you welcome all who seek your love. Let these gifts be joined with our prayers, our presence, and our service, that we may live as faithful disciples. Use all that we offer to bring hope and healing to your people. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

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

L: 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.

C: Amen.

CLOSING

CLOSING SONG (TIMELINE)

The Church's One Foundation p369 (G) vs 1,2,5
FADE OUT ACCOMPANIMENT AFTER VERSE 5

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ice Cream social TONIGHT! 6:30 PM
Lots of fun to be had with outside games!

Right Now Media Kickoff - Demonstration on how to use this site during coffee hour today in Parish Hall

Please support our special offering for Back to School Playground Equipment August 16th and 23rd! (Also during Ice Cream Social)

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Aug. 25 - @ 6:30 PM - Pastor Ann's Bible Study - Book of Romans

Aug. 26 - @ 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study

@ 9:00-12:00 Pastor Ann's Office Hours

Noon - Bulletin and Messenger Deadline

Aug. 27 - @ 1:30 PM - Bible Study at Sunporch

Sunday, August 30th - Sunday School and Youth Fall Kickoff after Service.

Theme: "Jesus Thinks You Are One in a Melon!"

Psalms 139:14

Watermelon Feed is also planned! Cross your fingers!

Scriptures for 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Aug. 30th

1st Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalms 26

2nd Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Sermon Title: "Get Behind Me, Satan!"

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