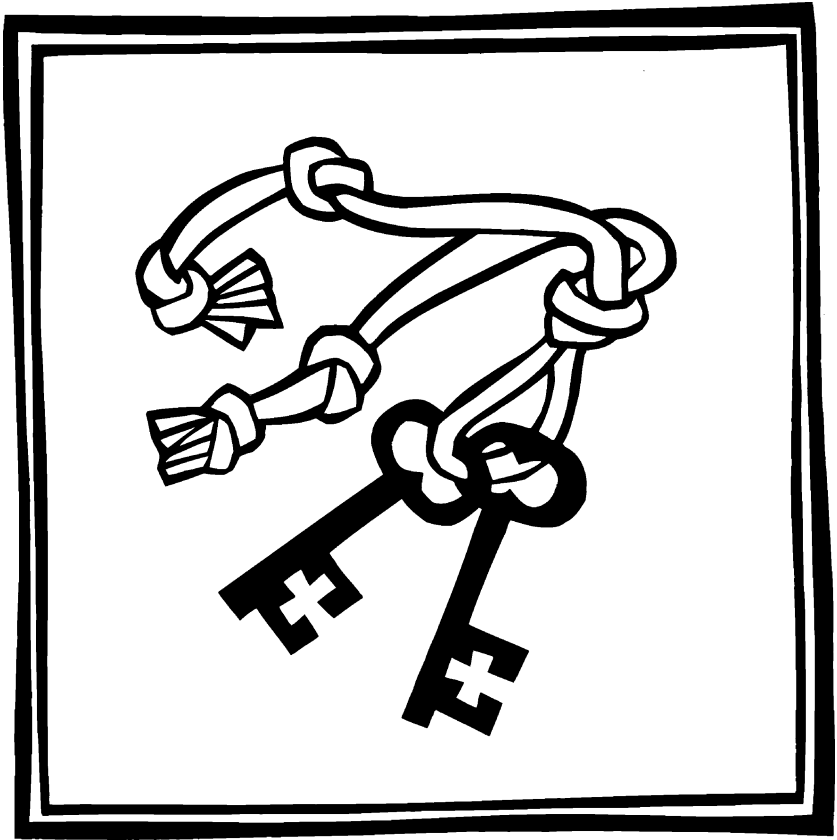


GRACE AT HOME



13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM

On this rock I will build my church... - Matthew 16:18

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

The church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her
 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the
 Though with a scorn - ful won - der This world sees her op -
 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her

Lord; She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the
 earth; Her char - ter of sal - va - tion By wa - ter and the
 pressed, By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis -
 war, She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er -

word. From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly
 word. One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly
 tressed, Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up: "How
 more; Till with the vis - ion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are

bride; With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
 food, And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 long?" And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the night of song.
 blest, And the great church vic - to - rious Shall be the church at rest.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK

Psalm 138

ROMANS READING

Matthew 16:13-20

QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT AT HOME

1. Why does Jesus want to ask His followers this question?
2. What sort of answers do they give at first?
3. How does Jesus change the question the second time?
4. Why does Peter get the answer right?
5. How is this answer the key to the Kingdom?
6. Why does He not want them to tell anyone?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

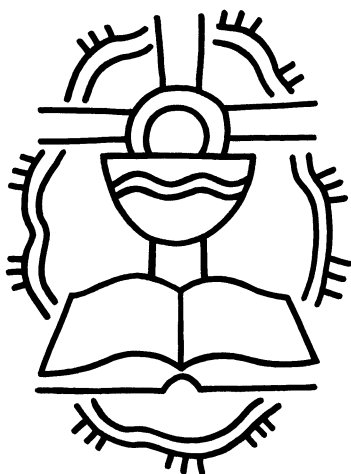


TEAM 784

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. – Psalm 78:4

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*Classes Resume
September 13th!*



DAILY READINGS

Mon. – John 6:1-15; Isaiah 55
Tues. – John 6:16-21; Isaiah 56
Wed. – John 6:22-34; Isaiah 57
Thur. – John 6:35-51; Isaiah 58
Fri. – John 6:52-71; Isaiah 59

GOD'S WORD BY HEART

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
– Psalm 145:15-16

CATECHISM CORNER

BAPTISM

What gifts or benefits does baptism grant?

It brings about forgiveness of sins, redeems from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe it, as the words and promise of God declare.

What are these words and promise of God?

Where our Lord Christ says in Mark 16, "The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned."

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