

Old Testament

Isaiah 51:1–6

¹“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. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes 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“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

Epistle

Romans 11:33–12:8

³³Oh, 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 that he might be repaid?” ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

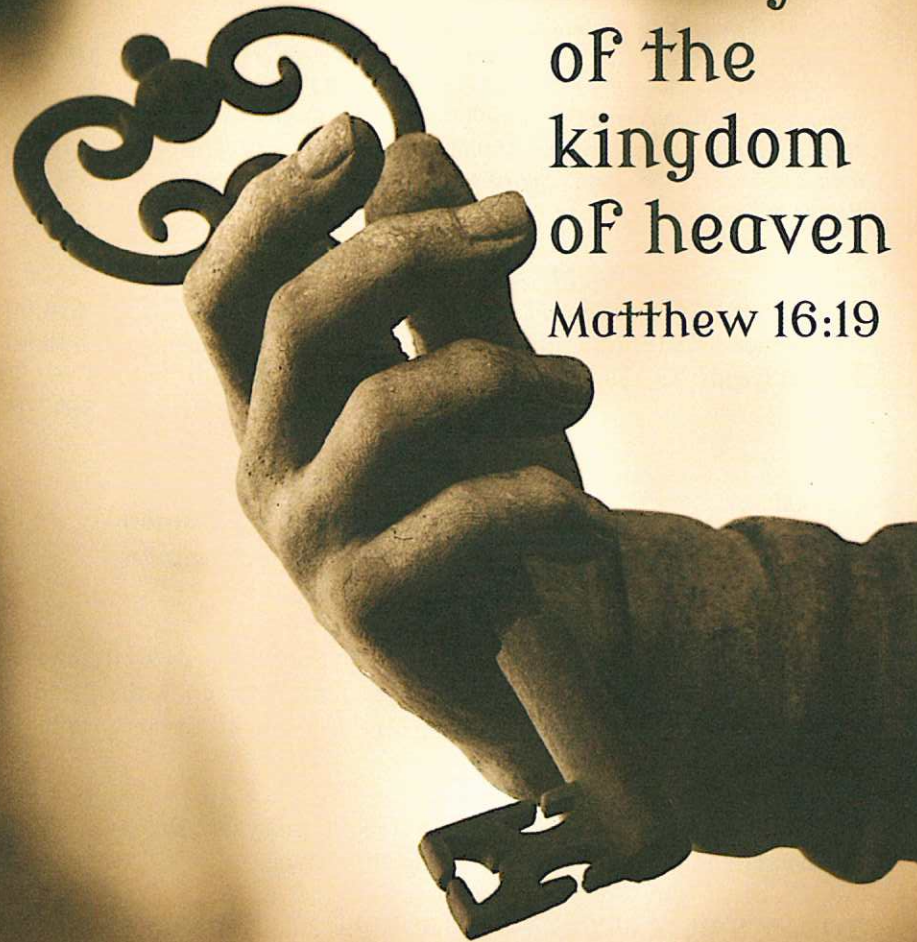
³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13–20

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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About the Cover: We understand the function of keys. They serve to lock and unlock in order to keep something secure. As Jesus speaks to Peter, He gives to the Christian Church the responsibility of the forgiveness of sins. The kingdom of heaven is opened to all who confess and receive forgiveness. It is closed, however, to those who do not repent. The Church has been given the keys to the kingdom of heaven—the forgiveness of sins.

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23 & 27, 2017

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Four p. 203

Hymns: (W) 802, (S) 593, 506, (W) Hymn of Welcome (Tune: 744), 805,
"How Deep the Father's Love for Us," 947, 643

Sermon: "To God Alone Be Glory!" Romans 11:33-36

Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 8/16 (Wed.): 71	Offering: \$ 614.00
Attendance 8/20 (Sun.): 93	Offering: \$1,438.00
Budget Needs: \$3,330.00	Scrip Profit 8/20: \$ 67.50
Garms Family Free-will Offering: \$637.25	

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WEDS (8/30)	7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion
SUN (9/03)	9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
MON (9/04)	Labor Day – Office Closed

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Judy Baer who is at Rennes in DePere recovering from a fall; Myron & Jean Peter upon the death of Myron's mother, Lilly Wunrow; Ron Davidson for his surgery (8/24) & recovery.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to God's glory by Jules & Carol Clausing in honor of their 64th wedding anniversary.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Jules & Carol Clausing in honor of their 64th wedding anniversary.

BAPTISM – Being received into God's family through the waters of Holy Baptism is Jensyn Joseph Kees, son of Kyle & Whitney Kees. Jensyn's sponsor is Ashley Krueger.

NEW MEMBER – We welcome Nicole Wittmann to the St. Bartholomew family. She joins us by transfer from Calvary Lutheran Church, Watseka, IL. Welcome!

THANK YOU to Terri Delvaux for serving our church as secretary for the past 5½ years. You will be missed in the office.

CHURCH SECRETARY WANTED - Skills required: keyboarding, word-processing, photocopying, communicative abilities. Approx. 20 hrs./week. Starting wage is \$10/hr. Applications and a more complete job description can be picked up in the church office. Deadline for applications is September 10.

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins on Sunday, September 10 at 8 a.m.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE will be held on Sunday, September 10th at 9:00 a.m. We will gather on the east side of the church with the memorial garden as our backdrop. Bring your lawn chairs and your friends!

PIG ROAST/POTLUCK will be held on September 10th in the fellowship hall following the outdoor worship service. There are 2 sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin board: one to indicate the number attending and one for your 'dish to pass'.

COLLEGE ADDRESSES: Be sure to drop off your school address as well as your school email at the church office or email the information to sblcbrillion@gmail.com as soon as you have them. *Thank you.*

PRODUCE TABLE – If you have any extra garden produce during the summer months that you would like to share with members of the congregation, drop it off on the table in the coat room. Items can be left on or taken from the table anytime during the week.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Matthew 16:27 "For the Son of Man is going to come with His angels in the glory of His Father, and then He will repay each person according to what he has done." St. Paul talks about rewards on the Last Day in 1 Corinthians 3, and Jesus says more about this "repaying" in Matthew 19:27-30. Bottom line: your good works can't buy you heaven, but in Christ your good works do matter, they're pleasing your Heavenly Father, and they will be rewarded. In other words: your sacrifices for the Lord's Kingdom are not in vain, they are not unnoticed by your Father. This should encourage you in your faithfulness.