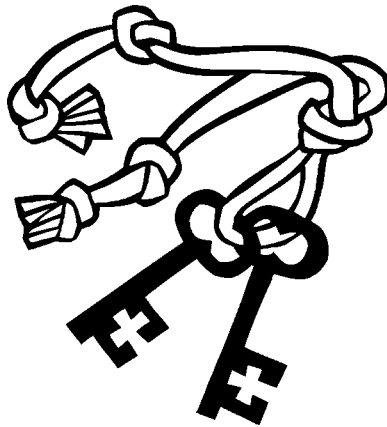


Bethel Lutheran Church

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 24, 2008

9:00 and 10:30am



The church has been given the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Martin Luther called it "The Office of the Keys." Writes Luther, "It is that authority which Christ gave to his church to forgive the sins of those who repent and to declare to those who do not repent that their sins are not forgiven." Is there a more important key in your pocket?

Welcome to the worship of one who offers us forgiveness, life, and salvation.

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Worship Services Broadcast Sundays at 11:30am & 6:30pm
and Mondays, 6:30pm on Cable Channel 10

Access the worship service anytime on our Website.

Website: www.bethellutheran.com

When asked, please stand only if you are able and comfortable.

Prelude "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" –John B. Dykes Piano

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness page 94

GATHERING

Gathering Song "Built on a Rock" #652

Greeting page 138

Kyrie page 138

Hymn of Praise page 139

Prayer of the Day

Special Music "Listen to Our Hearts" Kim Schmidt, Kathi Kaehler

WORD

First Reading Isaiah 51:1-6 Pew Bible, page 594

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Romans 12:1-8 Pew Bible, page 922

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Gospel

P: The holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 16:13-20

Pew Bible, page 798

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Word

A Hidden Key

Sermon

Keys of the Kingdom

Hymn of the Day

“Rejoice, for Christ Is King!”

#430

(9:00) Apostles' Creed page 105

(10:30) Sacrament of Holy Baptism page 227

Jayden Eric Scott Aubrey Emilise Scott

Prayers of Intercession

Peace *The sharing of the Peace can be a handshake, embrace, or simple nod.*

Please be respectful to those for whom touch is uncomfortable or inappropriate.

(“Peace be with you” Response: “And also with you.”)

Gathering of Gifts

“Each Day”

Kim Schmidt, Kathi Kaehler

*Children are welcome to come forward and place an offering in the world globe
to benefit Kids Against Hunger.*

As gifts are brought forward

♪ “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offering Prayer

Lord's Prayer page 145

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

#536

Postlude

“How Firm a Foundation” –Joseph Funk

piano

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Flowers near the altar are given to the glory of God in celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of Roland and Marilyn Dain.

Baptisms

(Saturday) † Xander Allen Holmberg, son of Todd Holmberg and Jenica Nyberg
Sponsors: Ryan Gilbertson, Kyla Gilbertson

(Sun., 10:30) † Jayden Eric and Aubrey Emilise, children of Jayson and Heather Scott
Sponsors: Elizabeth Deters, Christa Deters, Emily Deters

Participants: Preacher: Norman Wahl; Worship Leader: Anjanette Rist; Lectors: (9:00) Charlie Quigg, (10:30) Joel Worra; Pianist: Pam Alpers; Acolytes: (9:00) Anne Doda, Molly Doda, (10:30) Kjirsten Savage, Alesha Pike; Ushers: (9:00) Harold Wobschall (captain), Kevin Anderson, Bill Bakken, Traci Buescher, Harold Dison, Dorothy I. Erickson, Brad Keith, Russ Kelm, Harland Morehart, Tony Sowa, George Topness, (10:30) Andy Tlougan (captain), Dan Bethke, Gerry Flickinger, John Fritzke, John Harris, Bob Hart, Ron Jensen, Malina King-Rome, Steve Myhro, Steve and Sue Skree, Debbie Tlougan, Nathan Tlougan; Interpreter for the Deaf/HH (9:00): Becky Wulff

Large print bulletins are available. Please ask an usher.

Personal Sound Enhancement Systems are available from an usher.

Children's Worship Folders and Bulletins are available just outside the main entrance to the Sanctuary.

Bethel Lutheran Staff: Youth Director: Michael Beckmann; Youth Ministry Assistant: Darcy Youngstrom; Minister of Music: Gary Thorn; Principal Organist/ Pianist: Dale Mundahl; Saturday Night Organist/Pianist: Jim Bahler; New Member Coordinator: Lorrie Schuchard; Shared Ministry & Small Group Coordinator: Avis Hagen; Director of Maintenance: Don Senjem; Weekend Receptionists: Joyce Benson, Lois Graif, Barb Larson; Custodians: Bill Freytag, Brian Kohn; Pastors: Norman Wahl, Paul Hauschild, Robert Onkka, Anjanette Rist; Christian Education Director: Daryl Jans; Children's Ministry Assistant: Susan Larson; Parish Administrator: Christopher Zabel; Office Staff: Judy Gittus, Janet Hoffmann, Sharryn Melin, Sylvia Ramaker

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