

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

- So today we hear about keys
 - Isaiah - Eliakim, new minister of the King, is given keys to the Palace
 - Matthew – Peter (also a minister of the King) is given keys to the Kingdom
 - When Isaiah describes Eliakim he says:
 - “I will place the keys of the house of David upon his shoulder – when he opens no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open”.
 - Now, it’s the duty of the Steward, who carries the keys slung over his shoulder, to open the door to the palace in the morning and close it at night.
 - It is up to him who is given access to the palace and the royal presence of the King.
 - Peter is given keys to the Kingdom of Heaven
 - Jesus is saying, Peter will be the Steward of the Kingdom of Heaven
 - Peter is given the keys that will open the way to the presence of the King
 - **(note its Future Tense – “I will give you the keys to the Kingdom)**
 - FIRST – Jesus has to carry something on His shoulder, like Eliakim.
 - Eliakim carried the keys to the house of David slung over his shoulder
 - Jesus has to carry the cross – then Peter’s keys will work
 - What are Peter’s keys – forgiveness of sin
 - And Peter uses them
 - @ Pentecost, Peter preaches and 3000 come to believe
 - @ Cornelius’ house Peter prays and they receive the HS
 - @ Cornelius’ house Peter opens the doors to Gentiles
 - ALL GENTILES – including us
 - And NOW - Since the door is opened for us
 - We can show others the way

Church continues to reconcile God’s People through the power of the Cross
Salvation comes thru forgiveness of sin