

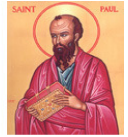
**COLLECT:** Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:30-44** (NKJV)

Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. And He said to them, **"Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."** For there were many coming and going and they did not even have time to eat. So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves. But the multitudes saw them departing, and many knew Him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to Him. And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things. When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, "This is a deserted place, and already the hour is late. Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat." But He answered and said to them, **"You give them something to eat."** And they said to Him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?" But He said to them, **"How many loaves do you have? Go and see."** And when they found out they said, "Five, and two fish." Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties. And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all. So they all ate and were filled. <sup>43</sup> And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish. <sup>44</sup> Now those who had eaten the loaves were about five thousand men.



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**Sunday July 22nd, 2012 – Kingdomtide**

**Birthdays: July 24 = Nick Palsgrove**

**Wednesday nights** we will continue our study on the subject of the manifestation of the kingdom of God. Included will be instruction in living in the fullness of the kingdom as citizens and ambassadors who are enabled to go into the world and be effective bearers of light and new life for all. Come and learn.

**Keep on praying** every day for those who are sick or recovering from their illness. The prayers of this Church family are powerful. God hears and answers our petitions on behalf of each other. Let's agree together for the continued healing of Pat Bird, Elton Blair, Carol Acklin, and Kevin Helms. Thank God for their healing, let's envision all of them healthy, whole and strong.

**Rector's council** will be this Wednesday night, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM (after the service.)

**Altar Guild and Acolyte training** will be **today** at 4:30PM. Anyone who is a member of St. Paul's and wants to serve as an Acolyte or would like to serve on the Altar Guild should attend. Attendance is mandatory for all current Acolytes and Altar Guild members. We will have a light snack and beverages afterward.

**Housing** is needed for some of the clergy who cannot afford to stay at a hotel. If you have an extra room available for Sept. 27-29 please consider having a Diocese clergy occupy it for a couple of days

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS MORNING ARE FROM  
PAUL AND PAT JACOBS**

## **FIRST READING Isaiah 57:14-21 (NIV)**

<sup>14</sup> And it will be said: "Build up, build up, and prepare the road! Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people." <sup>15</sup> For this is what the high and exalted One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite." <sup>16</sup> I will not accuse them forever, nor will I always be angry, for then they would faint away because of me—the very people I have created. <sup>17</sup> I was enraged by their sinful greed; I punished them, and hid my face in anger, yet they kept on in their willful ways. <sup>18</sup> I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will guide them and restore comfort to Israel's mourners, creating praise on their lips. Peace, peace, to those far and near," says the LORD. "And I will heal them." <sup>20</sup> But the wicked are like the tossing sea, which cannot rest, whose waves cast up mire and mud. <sup>21</sup> "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

## **THE PSALM Psalm 22:22-30 (NIV)**

I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you.

**\*You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him, revere him, all you descendants of Israel**

For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

**\*From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly, before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.**

The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise him— may your hearts live forever!

**\*All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,**

for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations. All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;

**\*all who go down to the dust will kneel before him— those who cannot keep themselves alive.**

Posterity will serve him;

**\*future generations will be told about the Lord.**

## **SECOND READING Ephesians 2:11-22 (NIV)**

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, remember that formerly you who are *Gentiles* by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands) — <sup>12</sup> remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup> by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.