

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY: Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 17:11-19 (NKJV)

¹¹ Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. ¹² While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday



ST. Paul's CEC
charismatic evangelical sacramental together



SUNDAY May 20th 2012, SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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, Judy Gerard, Carol Acklin, Jean Dillon, and Kevin Helms. Thank God for their healing, let's envision all of them healthy, whole and strong.

Also please pray for Mary Joe Johnson who is having open heart surgery.

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.

Nick is on the bottle brigade again this year. We are filling baby bottles for the Women's Resource Medical Center of Southern Nevada. Between Mother's Day and Father's day please take a bottle and fill it with your spare change, bills and money to help support this very worthy charity.

We are burning our loan documents for the land we now officially own free and clear. Sunday the 3rd of June, which is two weeks from today, we will join together right after the service to put to flame the "papers with numbers written all over them." CELEBRATE WITH US!!

FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-26 ¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ He was one of our number and shared in our ministry." ¹⁸ (With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out.

¹⁹ Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ "For," said Peter, "it is written in the Book of Psalms: "May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,' and, "May another take his place of leadership.' ²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²² beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection." ²³ So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles

THE PSALM Psalm 68 (Various verses)

¹ May God arise, may his enemies be scattered;

* **may his foes flee before him.**

² May you blow them away like smoke—

* **as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God.**

³ But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;

* **may they be happy and joyful.**

⁴ Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds ;

* **rejoice before him—his name is the LORD.**

⁵ A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,

* **is God in his holy dwelling.**

⁶ God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing;

* **but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.**

²⁸ Summon your power, God;

* **show us your strength, our God, as you have done before.**

²⁹ Because of your temple at Jerusalem

* **kings will bring you gifts.**

³² Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth,

* **sing praise to the Lord,**

³³ to him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens,

* **who thunders with mighty voice.**

³⁴ Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel,

* **whose power is in the heavens.**

³⁵ You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary;

* **the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-15 (NIV)

⁹ We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴ This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.