

Sunday Link

For Emergencies-Reach Robyn Mayfield through the Church Office-
410-944-6683 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
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Sunday, May 24, 2009 Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday after Ascension—
Matthias is chosen by lot.

10:00 a.m. Parish Eucharist
11:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Christian Ed

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED

Monday: 11:00 a.m. SENIOR SEEKERS followed by
12:00 noon Bible Study All are welcome!
7:00 p.m. EFM

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. Knit and Crochet Group- Morning Edition

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. Healing Service
10:15 a.m. Followed by Bible Study

Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday: 7:00p.m. Knitting Club in the Library

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Compline in the church with preparation for Sunday's Service

Sunday, May 31, 2009 THE DAY OF PENTECOST (Whitsunday) Choir Sunday
10:00 a.m. Parish Eucharist Red is the color of the day.
11:15 a.m. Pentecost Celebration after the service in Reed Hall.
Desserts will be gratefully accepted.

Bible Readings for Sunday, May 31, 2009--- THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Psalm 104: 25-35,37b Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27, 16: 4b-15

Those who will serve on May 31, 2009

Altar: Jane Clark and Barbara Reid-Williams
Torches: Katelyn Votta and Melanie Jones
Acolytes: Nicole Cathirell and Lauren Deponai
Chalicians: Richard Read
Ushers: Juliana Mochaa-Uchefuna and Ed Hooper
Healing: Nicole Cathirell
Lems: Richard Holmes
Readers: Nicole Cathirell and Jack Burdnell

Psalmist: Rosie Alger
Prayers of People: Virginia Mayfield
Tellers: Buck Roberts and
John Mochaa-Uchefuna



Matthias is chosen.....

In our lesson today, the selection of a new member of the inner circle of Apostles is described. After the Ascension, the followers returned to Jerusalem, where they devoted themselves to prayer. At the beginning of the reading, Peter initiates the process of choosing another Apostle to take the place of Judas, who had betrayed Jesus.

With the death of Judas, the number of Apostles had been reduced to eleven. Jesus had chosen twelve and it was deemed important that the number twelve, representing the twelve tribes of Israel, be maintained.

In Peter's act of calling for the selection of a new Apostle, his leadership role among the Apostles is affirmed; but it is clear that God is the one who guides the events. According to tradition handed down through Hebrew Scripture, God controlled the casting of lots to indicate the Divine will. Names were inscribed on stones, put into a container and shaken until one fell out.

In order to be eligible, an individual had to have accompanied Jesus from the beginning of his ministry at the baptism of John, up to the Ascension. The two men being considered were Joseph called Barsabbas and Matthias. While those assembled prayed to the Lord, the lot fell upon Matthias. The number of Apostles was complete again, and the community was prepared for the ongoing work of the Spirit.

A New Arrival...

Charlotte Elizabeth Israel became the newest member of the family of Christ the King on May 12, 2009 at 12:12 a.m. She weighed in at 8 pounds 6 ounces and was 19 inches long. The happy parents are Stuart and Thea Israel. Thea has been a life long member of Christ the King Church and is the daughter of Jack and Karen Burdnell. Stuart is the son of the Rev. Felder and Mrs. Gretchen Israel. Little Charlotte is the granddaughter of Charlotte Freeman for whom she has been named. May God's blessings be upon her and the Burdnell and Felder families.

What is PENTECOST?

Is is the time for Christians to rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is A Celebration of the Holy Spirit's sustaining grace and power. It takes place on the 50th day following Easter Sunday. The word "Pentecost" comes from the Greek words "pentekoste hemera" which means 50th day.

It is an occasion claiming the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our faith community. Jesus' followers were strengthened and united when the Holy Spirit came upon them at the first Christian Pentecost.

Next Sunday we will be celebrating Pentecost here at Christ the King. Please remember to wear 'red' which is the color representing the fire of Pentecost and the blood of the martyrs. The Choir will be celebrating the occasion by singing their favorite anthems - 'Choir Sunday'. Everyone is invited to bring a dessert to add to the feast being planned. Come and Celebrate!
