***Introit (Psalm 95)***

P: I am the Good Shepherd.

**C: I know My sheep and My sheep know Me. I give-up My life for the sheep.**

P: Come, let us sing for the Lord.

**C: Let us sing loud and joyful to the Rock who saves us!**

P: Let us come to Him with thanksgiving.

**C: Let us sing loud and joyful to Him with praise!**

P: The Lord is a great God,

**C: He is a great King above all gods.**

P: Come, let us worship and bow-down.

**C: Let us kneel in-front-of the Lord, He made us.**

P: Because He is our God,

**C: We are the people in His field. We are sheep in His hand.**

**All: Glory give to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, the same as it was in the beginning, is now, and will continue forever. Amen.**

***Prayer for God’s Word***

P: Almighty God, Father full of mercy, You raised Jesus our Shepherd from the dead. Please give us Your Holy Spirit. Then when Jesus calls us, we will recognize Him and follow Him. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Jesus lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (copy) Amen.

The First Lesson is from Acts chapter 2.

The believers truly followed the apostles’ teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and praying together. The apostles did many wonderful works, and everyone was amazed. All the believers were together and shared everything. They sold the things they owned and then divided the money and gave to anyone who needed it. Every day, the believers met together in the temple. They ate together in their homes, happy to share their food with joyful hearts. They praised God and all the people respected them. Every day the Lord saved more people and made the church grow.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Second Lesson is from First Peter chapter 2.

If a person suffers hard things that he doesn’t deserve, and he continues trusting God, that is grace for him. If you sin and get punished because you sin, and you patiently accept that punishment, how is that good for you? But when you suffer because you do good and you accept that suffering, then God says that is good. This is God’s plan for you, because Jesus Himself suffered for you. Jesus gave you an example, then you can follow His way. Jesus never sinned, and Jesus never lied. When people mocked Jesus, then Jesus didn’t mock them. When Jesus suffered, Jesus spoke no angry words. Jesus trusted God, the righteous judge, that He will judge right for Jesus.

Jesus carried our sins in His body on the cross. Then we died and finished sinning, and now we begin a new righteous life. Jesus’ wounds healed you. You were the same-as lost sheep, but now you come again to the Shepherd taking-care of you.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from John chapter 10.

C: (copy) Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, if a man doesn’t enter the sheep yard through the door, but he enters another way, that man is a thief and steals. But the Shepherd of the sheep enters through the door. The gate-keeper opens-the-gate to Him. The sheep hear His voice, and He calls to His sheep with their names, and He leads them out. After He leads-out all His sheep, then the Shepherd goes first and the sheep follow Him, because they know His voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they escape from him, because they don’t-know the stranger’s voice.” Jesus used this picture to teach the Jews, but they didn’t understand what He meant.

Again Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, I am the door for the sheep. All the men before Me were thieves and stole, but the sheep didn’t attend to them. I am the door. If anyone enters through Me, then God saves him. And he will come in and go out and find good food. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came for them to have life and have full life."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (copy) Praise to You, O Christ.