***Introit (Exodus 15)***

P: I will sing for the Lord, because He has victory and glory!

C: God threw the horse and rider into the sea.

P: The Lord is my strength and my song.

C: Now He is my salvation.

P: Lord, Your right hand is glorious power.

C: Lord, Your right hand destroyed the enemy.

P: In Your love, You led the people You saved.

C: Your strength led them to Your holy house.

P: You will bring Your people and put them on Your mountain.

C: Lord, You made that Your home.

P: Lord, Your hands made that holy house.

C: The Lord reigns forever and forever.

**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 the Father, through Your only Son Jesus Christ, You defeated death, and You opened the door to eternal life for us. We humbly pray that we live with You, holy and pure forever. 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 Old Testament lesson is from Exodus chapters 14 and 15.

 The Egyptian king and his army came near the people of Israel. The people saw the army coming and they were afraid and cried-out to the Lord. They said to MOSES, “You led us here to die in the desert because there are no graves in Egypt? Why did you take us out of Egypt? We told you, ‘Leave us alone and let us serve the Egyptians!’ If we serve the Egyptian people, that is better than dying here in the desert.”

 MOSES told the people, “Don’t be afraid. Stand strong! See the Lord save you. He will do that today. The Egyptians you see today, you will never see them again. The Lord will fight for you. Be silent and watch.”

 The Lord said to MOSES, “Why do you shout to Me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. You hold-up your staff (walking stick). Hold-out-your-hand over the sea and divide it. Then the people of Israel can walk through the sea on dry ground. I will make the Egyptians stubborn so they follow the Israelites. I will defeat the Egyptian king and his army, chariots, and horse riders, and I will get glory. Then the Egyptian people will know that I am the Lord, because I have glory and defeated the Egyptian king, his chariots and his horse riders.”

 The angel of God was in-front-of the people of Israel. Now He moved around behind the people. Also the pillar of cloud was in-front-of them, but now moved behind the people. The angel of God and the cloud and darkness were between the people of Israel and the Egyptian army. That made the night become bright, and the army and people of Israel were separated all night.

 Then MOSES held-out his hand over the sea. The Lord sent a strong wind and pushed-back the sea all night. He divided the waters and made dry land. The people of Israel walked into the sea on dry ground, a wall of water on the right and the left. The Egyptian army, all the king’s horses and chariots and horse riders, chased them and followed them into the sea. In the early morning, the Lord was in the pillar of fire and cloud. He looked-down at the Egyptian army and He made them confused and afraid. He made the chariots become stuck. The Egyptians said, “Run away! The Lord is fighting for Israel and against us!”

 Then the Lord said to MOSES, “Hold-out your hand over the sea. Then the water will come back over the Egyptian army, chariots and horse riders.” Moses held-out his hand over the sea, and in the morning the sea went back to its normal place. The Egyptians tried to escape, but the Lord threw them into the middle of the sea. The waters came back and covered the chariots, horse riders and all of the king’s army. Not one person lived. But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, with a wall of water on the right and the left.

 That day, the Lord saved Israel from the Egyptian people. The people of Israel saw the Egyptian army dead on the shore. Israel saw the Lord’s great power against the Egyptians, so the people greatly honored the Lord. They believed in the Lord and His servant Moses.

 Then MOSES and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord. They said, “I will sing to the Lord, because He has victory and glory! God threw the horse and rider into the sea.”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from 1 Corinthians chapter 15.

 Dear Christians, I want you to remember the good news I preached to you. You believed that good news and that is saving you, if you continue believing. But don’t make your faith worth nothing.

 The most important message God gave me, I also gave you. Christ died for our sins, the same-as the Bible said. He was buried and God raised Jesus alive on the third day, the same-as the Bible said. Jesus showed Himself to Peter, then to the twelve disciples. Then Jesus showed Himself to 500 believers at one time. Most of them are alive today, but some have died. Then Jesus showed Himself to James and then to all the apostles.

 Last, Jesus showed Himself to me. I am the same-as a baby born at the wrong time. I am the last important of the apostles. I don’t deserve the name “apostle” because I persecuted God’s church. But God’s grace changed me and made me who I am. He didn’t waste His grace. Truly, I worked harder than all the apostles. But I didn’t work. God’s grace worked in me. Then, no-matter I preached or they preached, this is our message and you believed.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from John chapter 20.

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

 Early in the morning on Sunday, while it was still dark, MARY MAGDALENE went to the tomb. She saw the stone was taken away and the entrance was open. So she left and ran to SIMON Peter and the disciple Jesus loved (JOHN). She told them, “They took the Lord out of the tomb! We don’t know where they put Him.”

 Peter and JOHN started running to the tomb. JOHN ran faster and arrived first. He leaned over and looked in. He saw the LINEN clothes there, but he didn’t go in. Then Peter arrived and he entered the tomb. Peter saw the linen clothes lying there, also the cloth for Jesus’ head. That cloth was folded by itself, apart from the LINEN. Then JOHN also went into the tomb. He saw and believed. But both Peter and JOHN didn’t understand that the Bible said Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back home.

But MARY stayed there near the tomb and cried. She leaned over and looked into the tomb. Mary saw two angels in white sitting there, the same place Jesus was earlier laid. The angels asked MARY, “Woman, why are you crying?” MARY said, “They took away my Lord. I don’t know where they put Him.” Then MARY turned and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn’t know that was Jesus.

 Jesus said, “Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?” MARY thought Jesus was the GARDENER. So she said, “If you took Jesus some place, please tell me where you put Him, and I will go get Him.”

 Jesus said to her, “MARY.” Then she turned around and said, “RABBONI!” that means “Teacher.” Jesus said, “Don’t hold on to Me, because I haven’t yet gone back to My Father. Go tell My brothers, ‘I am going back to My Father and your Father, My God and your God.’” Then MARY MAGDALENE went to the disciples and told them, “I saw the Lord!” And she told them everything Jesus told her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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