***Introit (Psalm 2)***

P: Look! This is My Servant. I support Him.

C: I chose Him. My soul is happy with Him.

P: I will announce this news.

C: The Lord told Me, You are My Son. Today I am Your Father.

P: Ask Me, and I will give You the nations.

C: All the earth will belong to You.

P: You will break them with a metal rod.

C: You will crush them the same-as a pot.

P: Kings, you should be wise.

C: Warning, all rulers on earth!

P: Serve the Lord with fear.

C: Rejoice and be-afraid.

P: Because the Lord quickly becomes angry.

C: Happy are all people finding safety in Him.

**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: Father in heaven, Your Son Jesus went to the JORDAN River for baptism. When Jesus got baptized, You announced Jesus is Your Son and You gave Him the Holy Spirit. You baptized us and You tell us to follow You. Help us to continue following You, bravely announce Jesus our Savior, and receive His gift of eternal life. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, 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 Isaiah chapter 42.

Here is My Servant. I support Him. I chose Him. My soul is happy with Him. I filled Him with My Spirit. He will judge the nations correctly. He will not shout and will not speak loudly. He will not shout in the street. He will not break a weak branch. A small candle-fire, He will not blow-out. He will honestly judge all people. He will not fail or be-disappointed. He will judge and make everything right on earth. The nations far-away eagerly wait for His teaching.

The Lord God made the sky and all the stars. God made the earth and all living things on earth. God gave life and breath to all the people. And now He says to His Servant: “I, the Lord, called You in righteousness. I will lead You and keep You. I will make You become a promise for all people. You will be a light for the nations. You will open the eyes of blind people, and You will free the people living in dark prisons.”

I am the Lord, that is My name. I will not give My glory to someone else. I will not give My praise for an idol. The past things happened. Now I announce new things. Before they happen, I announce that to you.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from Romans chapter 6.

Do you think we should continue sinning, then God will give us more grace? No! Our old sinful life is dead. We should not continue living with sin.

You should know this. All of us who are baptized in Christ Jesus, baptism made us joined to Jesus’ death. That means baptism buried us in death with Jesus. Then the same-as the Father raised Christ from death, now we also can live a new life.

Because we became joined with Jesus in His death, then we will be joined with Him in His resurrection. We know God crucified our old sinful life with Jesus. And that destroys the sin in us, and now we are no more slaves serving our sins. Because when a person dies, then he is free from sin.

Because we died with Christ, we believe we will also live with Him. We know Christ was raised from death and He will never die again. Now death can’t control Him. Happen Jesus died, He died once for all sins. But in His life, He lives with God. Also you must think yourselves dead and finished sinning, but living with God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Matthew chapter 3.

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

Jesus traveled from GALILEE to the river named JORDAN, for JOHN to baptize Him. But JOHN tried to stop Jesus. JOHN said, “You should baptize me! But You come for me to baptize You?”

Jesus answered, “Let it happen, because this way we will do right.” Then JOHN agreed and he baptized Jesus. When Jesus came-up from the water, the sky opened for Jesus, and He saw the Spirit of God the same-as a DOVE coming-down on Him. A voice from heaven said, “This is My Son, I love Him, and I am very pleased with Him.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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