***Introit (Psalm 19)***

P: Let my words and thoughts please You.

C: You are the Lord, my rock and my Savior.

P: The sky announces God’s glory.

C: The sky shows His hands’ work.

P: Every day tells the message.

C: Every night shows knowledge about God.

P: All these messages

C: People see and hear.

P: The sky covers all the earth and the message touches all the world.

C: God put a tent for the sun in the sky.

**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 and eternal God, You reign all things in heaven and on earth. Show mercy, hear our prayers and help us. Give us Your peace through all our life. 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 Isaiah chapter 49.

 Attend to me, you people near the sea and you people far-away. When I was in my pregnant mother, the Lord called me. Before my mother gave-birth, God named me. God made my mouth same-as a sharp sword, and God hid me in His hand. God made me same-as an arrow, and God hid me in His arrow bag.

 God said to me: “You are My servant ISRAEL. Through you I will show My glory.”

 But I said, “I worked for nothing. I used-up my strength for nothing. But truly the Lord will decide what is right and my God will pay me.”

 When I was inside my mother, the Lord made me His servant. He made me to bring JACOB again to God and to gather ISRAEL to Him. The Lord gave me honor, and my God gives me strength. Now the Lord says, “You are My servant to bring the families of JACOB and gather the saved children of ISRAEL, but that is small thing. I also made you same-as a light for the nations, then My salvation will go to the far parts of the world.”

 The Lord is the Savior for ISRAEL, He is the Holy One. The Lord says people hate His Servant, the nation hates Him, and He is the servant for people reigning. The Lord says this about His Servant: “Kings will see and stand to honor. Princes will bow-down, because the Lord is faithful. The Holy God of ISRAEL chose You.”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from 1 Corinthians chapter 1.

 This letter is from PAUL and from our friend SOSTHENES. God called me to become an apostle belonging to Christ Jesus.

 We send this letter to the church of God in the city named CORINTH. God made you holy through Christ Jesus. God called you to become His holy people, together-with all people in every place worshiping our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is our Lord and their Lord. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

 I always thank God for you, because God gave you His grace in Jesus Christ. Through Jesus, God made you wise in everything you speak and know about Jesus. And He put the good news about Jesus in you. Then you will have every spiritual gift, while you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to come again. Jesus will make you strong to the end. Then on the day our Lord Jesus Christ comes again, you will have no guilt. God is faithful. He called you to join with His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from John chapter 1.

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

 The day after JOHN baptized Jesus, JOHN saw Jesus coming. JOHN said, “Look, the Lamb of God! He takes-away the sin of the world! He is the same Man I told you before, ‘One Man will come after me, but He is better than me, because He lived before I was-born.’ In the past, I myself didn’t-know Him. But I came baptizing people with water. Why? For showing Jesus to the Jewish people. I saw the Holy Spirit come from heaven the same-as a DOVE and stay on Jesus. I didn’t-know Jesus, but God sent me to baptize people with water, and God said to me, ‘You will see the Holy Spirit come-down and stay on a Man. And that Man will baptize people with the Holy Spirit.’ I finished saw that happen. And I tell you, Jesus is the Son of God.”

 The next day JOHN was with two of his disciples. Jesus walked by, and JOHN said, “Look! There is the Lamb from God.”

 The two disciples heard that and they followed Jesus. Jesus stopped, looked-back and saw them. Jesus said, “What are you looking-for?” They said, “Teacher, where do you live?”

 Jesus answered, “Come, you will see.” Then Jesus and the two men went to the place Jesus lived. The two men stayed with Jesus that day, because the time was about four p.m. One man heard JOHN speak and followed Jesus, his name was ANDREW, and he was SIMON PETER’s brother. ANDREW first found his brother and said, “We found the Christ!” Then ANDREW brought PETER to meet Jesus.

 Jesus looked at him and said, “You are SIMON the son of JOHN? Your new name is CEPHAS.” That name means PETER.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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