***Introit (Psalm 91)***

P: God says, when he calls to Me, I will answer. I will stay with him through trouble.

C: I will save him and honor him.

P: I will satisfy him with long life.

C: I will show him My salvation.

P: You made the Lord your home.

C: The Most High God is my protector.

P: No evil will hurt me.

C: No death will come near my home.

P: God will command His angels about you.

C: They will protect you in all your ways.

P: Angel hands will support you.

C: You will not kick your foot against a stone.

P: You will walk on the lion and the snake.

C: Your feet will stomp on the young lion and snake.

**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: Lord God, long ago You led Your people through the desert and into the promised land. Lead Your church to follow our Savior. Then we will walk through the trouble of this world into the glory of life with You. 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 Genesis chapter 3.

The snake was very smart, more than any WILD animal the Lord God made. The snake said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden?’”

The woman said to the snake, “We can eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘The tree in the middle of the garden, you must not eat that fruit. Don’t touch that, or you will die.’”

But the snake said to the woman, “You will not die! Because God knows when you eat, then your eyes will open and you will become the same-as God. You will know good and evil.”

The woman saw the tree was good for food and beautiful. She wanted the tree to make her wise. She took some fruit and ate. Her husband was with her; she gave to him and he ate. Then their eyes opened. They knew they were-naked. They sewed together FIG leaves to make clothes.

In the cool time of the day, they heard the Lord God walking in the garden. The man and his wife hid from the Lord God, they hid behind the trees in the garden.

The Lord God called the man and said, “Where are you?”

The man answered, “I heard You in the garden. I was-afraid because I was naked, and I hid.”

And God asked, “Who said you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I told you don’t eat?”

The man said, “The woman You gave me, she gave me fruit from the tree and I ate.”

The Lord God said to the woman, “What you do?”

The woman answered, “The snake fooled me and I ate.”

Then the Lord God said to the snake, “Because you did this, curse you more than all animals, TAME or WILD. You must slither and eat dirt all your life. I will make you and the woman hate each other, and your descendants and her Descendant will be enemies. Her Descendant will crush your head, and you will hurt His foot.

God said to the woman, “I will increase much your pain in childbirth. You will give-birth in pain. But you will desire your husband, and he will rule you.”

God said to ADAM, “You listened to your wife and ate from that tree, after I commanded you don’t eat from that. I curse the ground because of you. You must work hard to get food all of your life. THORNS and WEEDS will grow for you. You will eat plants from the field. You will work and sweat to get bread, until you die and go again to the ground. You came from the ground. You are dust, and you go again to dust.”

Then the man named his wife “EVE” because she will become the mother of all living people. The Lord God made clothes from animal SKINS for ADAM and his wife, and God clothed them.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson from Romans chapter 5.

Through one man, ADAM, sin entered the world. Death came with sin. So death spread to all people, because all people sinned.

Sin was in the world, even before God gave the Law through MOSES. But if there is no law, there is no blame for sin. But death continued ruling from ADAM until MOSES. Death also ruled those people who didn’t break a command the same as ADAM. ADAM was an example of the One Man who would come later.

God’s free gift is different from the sin. The one man (ADAM) sinned and many people died. Much more, God’s grace and His free gift through the One Man Jesus Christ increased for many people.

And God’s gift is different from the punishment for ADAM’s sin. Because of one sin, God judged and punished people. But no-matter people sinned much, God gave His free gift of salvation.

One man’s sin means death reigns through ADAM. But God gives rich grace and His gift of righteousness for people. Much more, they will reign in life through Jesus Christ.

So one sin (from ADAM) means punishment for all people, but one holy work (from Jesus) means salvation and life for all people. One man didn’t obey God and that made all people become sinners. But One Man obeyed God and many people will become holy.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Matthew chapter 4.

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

Then the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert for the Devil to tempt Him. Jesus didn't eat for 40 days and 40 nights. Then Jesus was-hungry.

Then the Devil came and said to Jesus, “If You are the Son of God, order these stones to become bread.”

But Jesus answered, “God’s word says, ‘People must not live with bread only, but live with every word from the mouth of God.’”

Then the Devil brought Jesus into the holy city and put Jesus high on the temple roof. And the Devil said to Jesus, “If You are the Son of God, then jump-down, because God’s word says, ‘He will order angels to watch you. And angel hands will support you, and you will not kick your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus answered, “Again God’s word says, ‘You will not test the Lord your God.’”

Then the Devil brought Jesus to a very high mountain and showed Him all the nations of the world and their glory. And the Devil said to Jesus, “I will give-You these things if You kneel and worship me.”

But Jesus answered, “Go-away, Satan, because God’s word says, ‘You must worship the Lord, your God, and you must serve only Him.’” Then the Devil went-away and angels came and served Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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