***Introit (Psalm 34)***

P: I will bless the Lord always.

**C: I will always praise Him.**

P: I searched-for the Lord and He answered me.

**C: He saved me from all my fears.**

P: People who trust God are happy.

**C: They are never ashamed.**

P: I called and the Lord answered me.

**C: He saved me from all my troubles.**

P: The angel of the Lord protects people who honor God.

**C: He saves them.**

P: See and experience that the Lord is good.

**C: Happy is that person 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: Almighty and merciful God, protect us from all trouble and danger. Then we will be ready, body and soul, and can gladly do everything You want us to do. 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 Job chapter 38.

 Then the Lord asked the man Job, “Where were-you living happen I established the earth? Tell Me, if you are smart enough! Who decided the measurements for the earth? Who checked the measurements? You know, right? What supports the earth’s foundation? Who put-down the corner-stone while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted with happiness? Who?

 When the water overflowed from the deep places, who decided the limits for the seas? I gave the clouds and darkness as clothes for the sea. I stopped the sea and said, ‘You will come to here and no more. Your proud waves will stop here.’”

 “Did you once command the morning and tell the sun where to rise, and the sunshine covers the earth and makes wicked people run-away? The light changes the earth, the same as a seal changes clay. The light makes everything clear. The light shows that the wicked have no light. The light breaks their power.”

 “Did you go into the water springs in the ocean? Did you walk in the deep places? Did you see the gates of death, or the gates going down to deep darkness? Do you understand the whole earth? If you know all this, then tell Me.”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from Romans chapter 10.

 Moses wrote how the law makes a man righteous. If a person follows the commandments, that is how he lives. The righteousness from faith is different. That righteousness says, “Don’t say in your heart, ‘Who will go up into heaven?’” That is the same-as saying who will bring Christ down from heaven? And don’t say, “Who will go down into the pit?” That is the same-as raising Christ from the dead.

 What does the Bible say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.” That is the message of faith we are announcing. If you say, “Jesus is Lord,” and in your heart believe that God raised Jesus from the dead, He saves you. In your heart you believe and you are righteous. You say you believe in Jesus and God saves you.

 The Bible says, “Everyone who trusts Him will never become ashamed.” Jews and non-Jews are not different. The Lord is the same Lord for everyone. Everyone who calls on Him, He richly blesses, because “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

 But how can they call on the Lord if they don’t believe? How can they believe in Him if they didn’t hear about Him? How can they hear unless someone preaches? How can someone preach unless God sends them to preach? As the Bible says, “People who bring good news, they have beautiful feet.”

 But they didn’t all believe the good news. Isaiah said, “Lord, who believed our message?” So faith comes from attending the word of Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Matthew chapter 14.

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

 Jesus ordered His disciples to get into the boat and go across the lake. Jesus stayed and sent all the people home. Then He went up the mountain and prayed. The time was evening, and Jesus was alone. But the boat was now far on the lake. The wind blew-hard against the boat, and the waves beat against the boat.

 Then in the early morning, between 3:00 and 6:00 in the morning, Jesus came walking on the water. The disciples saw Him and were-scared. They screamed, “That is a ghost!"

 Jesus quickly said, "Have courage! It's Me, Jesus. Don't be afraid!"

 Then Peter said, "Lord, if You are Jesus, then command me to walk to You on the water."

 Jesus answered, "Come." Then Peter stepped out of the boat onto the water and walked to Jesus. But happened Peter saw the wind, he became afraid and started to sink. He shouted, "Lord, save me!"

 Jesus quickly reached-out and grabbed him. Jesus said, "You have only a little faith. Why did you doubt?"

 Then Jesus and Peter both got into the boat, and the wind became quiet. The people in the boat worshipped Jesus and said, "Truly, You are the Son of God!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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