***Introit (Psalm 89)***

P: I will sing about the Lord’s faithful love forever.

**C: I will announce Your faithfulness for all generations.**

P: Happy are people shouting in the worship celebration.

**C: They live in the light of the Lord.**

P: All day they rejoice in Your name.

**C: They rejoice in Your righteousness.**

P: You are the glory of their strength.

**C: They are strong because You favor them.**

P: The Lord is our protection.

**C: Our king belongs to the Holy God of Israel.**

**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, Your word is preached here for us. Through Your Holy Spirit’s work, let us gladly attend to Your word and follow what You say. 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 Jeremiah chapter 28.

All the priests and the people met in the Lord's house. Then the prophet JEREMIAH said to the prophet named HANANIAH, "Amen! I hope the Lord does the same-as you say! I hope the Lord makes your words happen. Then from the country of BABYLON, He will bring the precious things for this temple. And He will bring our people here again. But attend to the words I speak to you and all these people. Long-ago, the prophets warned about war, hunger, and sickness, and they preached against many nations. If a prophet announces peace, and peace happens, then we know the Lord sent that prophet.”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from Romans chapter 7.

I am talking to you believers who know the law. You know that while a person lives, the law controls him. If a husband continues living, the law says his wife must continue married to him. But if the husband dies, then the woman is free and that marriage law doesn’t control her.

If the husband is alive and the woman goes to another man, that is adultery. But if her husband dies, then she is free from that law. She can marry another man and that is not adultery.

Believers, you died because Jesus died. You no longer belong to the law. Now you belong to someone else. You can belong to Jesus; He rose alive from the dead. Now we can do good things for God.

In the past, we lived in our sinful desires. They worked to bring death in our body. The law worked to do that. But now we are free from the law. The law made us prisoners, but now we died. Now we are free from that law. We serve in a new way with the Spirit. We don’t serve the old way with the law.

Now what should we say? Is the law sin? No, never! The law shows me what sin is. For example, the law tells me, “Don’t desire people’s things.” I know that only because the law tells me. Sin saw that law and made me desire many things. Without the law, sin is dead.

In the past, without the law, I was alive. But God gave the commandments, then sin became alive and active, and I died. That commandment promised to give life, but truly the commandment gave me death. Sin used the law to fool me and kill me. The law is holy, and the commandments are holy and righteous and good.

So did that good law make me die? No, never! Sin made me die. Sin showed it was sinful, because sin used the good law to kill me. Sin used the commandments to become completely sinful and ruin me.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Matthew chapter 10.

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

Jesus said, "Don't think I came to bring peace to the earth. I don't bring peace. I bring a sword. I came to make a son against his father. I came to make a daughter against her mother. I came to make a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. A man’s enemies will be his own family.”

“A person loving his father and mother more than Me, Jesus, he is not worthy to belong to Me. Any person loving a son or daughter more than Me, he is not worthy to belong to Me. Any person not picking-up his cross and following Me, he is not worthy to belong to Me. Any person who found his life will lose his life. Any person giving-up his life because of Me, he will get his life again.”

“Any person welcoming you also welcomes Me. Any person welcoming Me, also welcomes the Father sending Me. Any person welcoming the preacher because he speaks for God, that person will get a reward same-as the prophet. Any person welcoming a righteous person, that person will get a reward same-as the righteous person. I tell you the truth, anyone giving a cup of cold water to one of my children, that person will not lose their blessing."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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