***Introit (Psalm 40)***

P: God, let everyone searching-for You rejoice and be happy in You.

C: Let those people loving Your salvation say, The Lord is great!

P: You didn’t want sacrifice and gifts. But You made me attend to You.

C: You didn’t require burnt sacrifices and sacrifice for sin.

P: I said, “Look, I came here.”

C: The book writing is about me.

P: My God, I want to do what You want.

C: Your law is in my heart.

**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, You sent Your only Son to save us. You made Him obey the Law and made Him bleed and die for us. Send the Holy Spirit to give us true circumcision. Then our hearts will be clean from all sin. 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 Numbers chapter 6.

 The Lord spoke to MOSES and said, “Talk to AARON and his sons. Tell them, this is how you will bless the people of Israel. You will say this.

 The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and show mercy to you. The Lord attend to you and give you peace.

 That is how they will put My name on the people of ISRAEL, and I will bless them.”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from Galatians chapter 3.

 Before faith came, the law ruled us. The law kept us in prison, waiting for faith to come. The law took-care-of us until Christ came. Now we can become righteous through faith. Now faith is here and the law no-more takes-care-of us.

 Now because of Christ Jesus, you are children of God through faith. All of you who got baptized in Christ’s name, Jesus Himself clothes you. Now you are not Jew or Greek, no slave or free person, no man or woman - you are all one the same in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are children from ABRAHAM, and you will inherit the blessing the same-as God promised.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel is from Luke chapter 2.

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

 When the baby was eight days old, His father circumcised Him and named Him Jesus. Before Mary became pregnant, the angel said to give Him that name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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