***Introit (Psalm 105)***

P: The same-as newborn babies, you desire pure spiritual milk. That will make you grow up in salvation.

C: If you truly tasted that the Lord is good.

P: Give thanks to the Lord! Call-to His name.

**C: Announce His works to all people!**

P: Sing for God! Praise Him!

**C: Announce all His wonderful work.**

P: Glory in His holy name.

**C: People who search-for the Lord, rejoice!**

P: Search-for the Lord and His strength.

**C: Stay with Him always.**

P: Remember His wonderful work,

**C: His saving, and His judgments.**

P: He remembers His promise forever.

**C: He remembers His word for a thousand generations.**

**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, we celebrated our Lord Jesus Christ’s wonderful resurrection. Make Jesus’ resurrection real in our life, our actions, and our talk every day. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Jesus lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (copy) Amen.

The First Lesson is from Acts chapter 4.

 All the believers agreed in heart and soul the same. No person in the group selfishly kept his-own things, but they shared everything. With power Jesus’ apostles told the people about Jesus arising from death. And God blessed all the believers much.

 All the believers who needed help, the church helped them. Everyone who owned land or houses, they sold them and brought money from the sale. They gave the money to the apostles. The apostles gave to everyone who needed help.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Second Lesson is from 1 John chapters 1 and 2.

 Jesus is the Word of life. In the beginning, He was already alive. We heard Him, saw Him, watched Him, and our hands touched Him. The Word, Jesus, lived here. We saw Him. What we saw, we tell you. We announce eternal life to you, that life is Jesus. He was with the Father and came to us. Why do we announce what we saw and heard? We want you to have fellowship with us. We have fellowship with the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. We write this letter to make our joy full.

 We heard this message from Jesus and now we tell you. God is light. God Himself has no darkness. If we say we have fellowship with God, but we live in darkness, then we lie and don’t live in truth.

 But if we live in the light, same-as God is the light, then we have fellowship with each other and Jesus’ blood forgives all our sin.

 If we say we have no sin, we lie to ourselves and God’s truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful. He will forgive our sins and make us clean from all wrong-doing. If we say we didn’t sin, we say God is a liar, and His word is not in us.

 My little children, I send you this letter so you will not sin. But if someone sins, we have One who defends us. Jesus Christ, the Holy One, speaks to God the Father for us. Jesus is the sacrifice for our sins and the whole world’s sins.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from John chapter 20.

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

 On Sunday evening, the disciples were together. The doors were locked because they feared the Jews. Jesus came and stood with the disciples. He said, “Peace to you!” Then Jesus showed them His hands and side. The disciples saw the Lord and they were full of joy.

 Again, Jesus said, “Peace to you! The Father sent Me, now I send you the same.” Jesus breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, I forgive his sins. If you don’t forgive his sins, I don’t forgive his sins.”

 THOMAS, also named the TWIN, was one of the twelve disciples. But he wasn’t with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, “We saw the Lord!” But THOMAS said, “I must see His hands, the nail marks, and touch there, and I must touch His side, or I will not believe.”

 A week later, the disciples were in the house. THOMAS was with them. The doors were locked, didn’t-matter, Jesus came and stood with the disciples. Jesus said, “Peace to you!” Then Jesus told THOMAS, “Touch and see My hands. Your hand touch-My-side. Don’t lose faith. Believe!”

 THOMAS said to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said, “You believe because you see Me? Blessed are those people who haven’t seen Me, but they believe.”

 Jesus did many other wonderful works in-front-of the disciples, many things not written in this book. But these things are written so you can believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Then you will believe in Him and have life in His name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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