***Introit (Psalm 23)***

P: I am the good Shepherd.

**C: I know My sheep and My sheep know Me. And I give-up My life for the sheep.**

P: The Lord is my Shepherd.

**C: I have everything I need.**

P: He makes me lie down in green grass.

C: He leads me to quiet waters.

P: He makes my soul new.

**C: He leads me in righteous paths for the honor of His name.**

P: No-matter I walk through the dark valley of death, I will fear no evil, because You are with me.

**C: Your rod and staff comfort me.**

P: You prepare a table for me while my enemies watch.

**C: You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows.**

P: Truly, goodness and mercy will be with me every day of my life.

**C: And I will live in the Lord’s house forever.**

**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, Father full of mercy, You raised Jesus our Savior from the dead. Now Jesus is our Shepherd forever. Please give us Your Holy Spirit. Then we will be Jesus’ sheep, and when Jesus calls us, we will know Him and follow Him. 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 First Lesson is from Acts chapter 4.

PETER and JOHN were speaking to the people in the temple. The priests, the captain of the temple soldiers, and the SADDUCEES came to them. The Jews were very upset because PETER and JOHN were teaching and announcing about Jesus and rising alive from the dead. The Jews arrested PETER and JOHN. It was evening, and they put PETER and JOHN in jail until the next day. But many people heard the message and believed. Now about 5,000 men believed in Jesus.

The next day, the Jewish rulers, elders, and law teachers met together in JERUSALEM. ANNAS the high priest was there, also CAIAPHAS, JOHN, ALEXANDER, and all the men from the high priest’s family.

The Jews put PETER and JOHN in the center of the room. The Jews asked, “How did you heal a man? What power? What name?”

The Holy Spirit filled PETER. PETER said to them, “Rulers and elders for the people, do you judge us today because we helped a sick man? Now you want to know how he became healed? Then all of you should know this. All people in ISRAEL should know this. You crucified Jesus Christ from NAZARETH, but God raised Him from the dead. Jesus’ name made this man stand in-front-of you with good health. Jesus is the stone, and you builders rejected Him. But He became the cornerstone. No one else gives salvation. There is no other name under heaven, no other name God gave to save us.”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Second Lesson is from 1 John chapter 3.

This is how we know love: Jesus gave up His life for us. We should give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters. But suppose someone has good things from this world. Suppose he sees another Christian who needs help, but he looks away and won’t help. Does God’s love live in him?

Little children, don’t love only in words or talk. Love in actions and in truth. This is how we will know we have the truth, and that we will have trust in our God.

If our heart proves we are guilty, we know God is greater than our heart, and He knows everything. Dear friends, if our heart doesn’t prove we are guilty, we can talk bravely to God.

Anything we ask God, He gives us, because we obey His commandments and do things to please Him. This is His commandment. God commands us to believe in His Son Jesus Christ and to love one-another same-as Christ commands. The person obeying God’s commands, that person lives with God and God lives with him. We know God lives in us because He gave us the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from John chapter 10.

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

Jesus said, I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives-up His life for the sheep. The hired man is not the shepherd, and the sheep are not his. Happens he sees the wolf coming, the hired man leaves the sheep and runs-away. Then the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hired man runs-away because he is only a hired man, and that man doesn’t-care about the sheep.

I am the Good Shepherd. I know My sheep, and My sheep know Me, the same-as the Father knows Me, and I know the Father. And I give-up My life for the sheep. I have other sheep. They are not in this sheep group, but I must lead them also. They will hear My voice. Then all the sheep will join one sheep group and have one Shepherd.

The Father loves Me because I give-up My life so-that I can receive My life again. No one takes My life from Me. No, I Myself freely give-up My life. I have the power to give-up My life and I have the power to receive My life again. My Father commanded Me to do this.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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