***Introit (Psalm 66)***

P: All you people who honor God, come!

C: Let me tell you what He did for me.

P: All the earth, shout to God with joy!

**C: Sing about the glory of His name! Give Him glory and praise!**

P: All people, bless our God!

**C: Announce His praise!**

P: Praise Him, because He protected our lives!

**C: He didn’t let us fall.**

P: Bless God!

**C: He didn’t reject my prayer. He didn’t stop loving me.**

**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: God, You give all good things. Guide us, then we will think good and right things. With Your mercy guiding us, we will succeed doing those good things. 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 10.

 Then Peter spoke: “Now I truly understand. God doesn’t favor some people more than other people. In every nation, if you honor God and you do correct things, God accepts you. God sent His word to the Jewish people to announce peace in Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Lord reigning over all people.

 You know the things that happened in the whole country of the Jews, after John preached and baptized. God gave Jesus the Holy Spirit and power, and Jesus began in Galilee and traveled around doing good. Happened evil spirits bothered people, Jesus healed them, because God was with Jesus.”

 “We saw everything Jesus did in the Jewish country and in Jerusalem, and we tell about it. The people crucified Jesus and killed Him. But God raised Jesus on the third day, and Jesus showed Himself to us. Not to everyone, but to those people God chose as witnesses. We ate and drank with Jesus after He arose from the dead. Jesus commanded us to preach to the people and warn them. God says Jesus will judge the living and dead people. All the prophets announce that everyone believing in Jesus will have the forgiveness of sins through His name.”

 While Peter preached, the Holy Spirit came on all the people listening to Peter’s message. All the Jewish believers were amazed, because the Holy Spirit came on non-Jews also. They heard the non-Jews speaking in other languages and praising God.

 Then Peter said, “No one can stop them from getting baptized! They received the Holy Spirit the same as we did!” Peter ordered to baptize them in the name of Jesus Christ. They asked Peter to stay longer.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Second Lesson is from 1 John chapter 5.

 If a person believes that Jesus is the Christ, that person is a child born from God. Every person who loves the Father also loves His children.

 This is how we know we love God’s children – we love God and obey His commandments. This is how we love God, that we obey His commandments, and that isn't a burden. Because every child of God defeats the world. And our faith is the victory that defeats the world. Who can fight and defeat the world? Only the person believing Jesus is God’s Son.

 Jesus Christ is the one who came through water and blood. He didn’t come only in water. He came through both water and blood. The Holy Spirit is a witness, because the Holy Spirit is the truth. There are three that give witness; the Spirit, the water, and the blood. These three agree.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from John chapter 15.

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

 The same-as the Father loved Me, the same I loved you. Stay in My love. If you obey My commandments, you will stay in My love, the same-as I obeyed My Father’s commandments and stay in His love. I tell you this, then My joy will stay in you, and you will continue full of joy.

 This I command you to do: Love one-another the same-as I loved you. Anyone giving-up his life for his friends shows the greatest love. You are My friends if you do the things I command you to do.

 I don’t name you servants any more, because a servant doesn’t-know what the lord is-doing. But I named you friends, because I told you everything I heard from My Father.

 You didn’t choose Me. I chose you, and I gave you this work – go and make fruit that will continue. Then anything you ask in My name, the Father will give you. These things I command you, then you will love one-another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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