***Introit (Psalm 27)***

P: The Lord is my light and my Savior. I fear no one.

C: The Lord is my strength and protector. I fear no one.

P: No-matter an army comes against me, my heart is not afraid.

**C: No-matter people war against me, I will continue strong.**

P: I ask the Lord one thing.

**C: All my life, I want to live in His house. I want to watch His beauty and meet God in His temple.**

P: During trouble, He will keep me safe in His house.

**C: He will hide me in His tent and build me on His rock.**

**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, our heavenly Father, every morning You show mercy new. We don’t deserve Your goodness, but You continue to give us all we need for our body and soul. Help us recognize Your mercy, thank You for Your gifts, and live following You. 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 Numbers chapter 21.

 The people ISRAEL left from Mount HOR. They traveled toward the RED SEA, going around the country EDOM. On the way the people’s patience melted-away. They spoke against God and against MOSES. “Why? Why did you bring us out of the country EGYPT to die in this dry country? Why? We have no bread and no water. We hate that food MANNA.”

 Then the Lord sent poisonous snakes among the people. The snakes bit the people and many people died. The people came to MOSES saying, “We sinned, because we spoke against the Lord and against you. Please pray for us and ask the Lord to take-away the snakes.” MOSES prayed for the people.

 The Lord told MOSES, “Make a poisonous snake and set-it-on-a-pole. Then happen a snake bites anyone, that person looks at the snake-on-the-pole, then he will live.”

 MOSES made a BRONZE snake and set-it-on-a-pole. And happened a snake bit someone, that person looked at the BRONZE snake, then he lived.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from Ephesians chapter 2.

 You were dead in wrong-doing and sin. In the past, you lived in sin, the same as this world. And you followed the devil, the spirit that now works in people who don’t obey God. All of us lived in sinful desires. We tried to satisfy the desires in our mind and body. We all deserved God’s anger, the same-as everyone in the world.

 But God has much mercy, and His love for us is very great. We were dead in our sins, but because of God’s mercy and love, He made us alive again in Christ. God’s grace saved you. God raises us with Jesus and He gives us a seat with Jesus in heaven. Why? For all future time, God wants to show His rich grace and kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

 God’s grace saves you, through faith. You didn’t save yourself. God gives you that gift. Not because you worked. You can’t boast about yourself or your works. God made us and He saved us. Now He made us in Christ Jesus for us to do good works. God finished prepared us to live and do good works.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from John chapter 3.

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

 MOSES put the-snake-on-the-pole in the dry country. The same, people must put the Son of Man on a cross. Then everyone believing in Jesus, they have eternal life. God loved the world, how? God gave His only Son. Then for everyone believing in Jesus, they will not die but will have eternal life. God sent His Son into the world to judge the world? No! God sent His Son to save the world.

 If you believe in Jesus, God doesn’t condemn you. But if you don’t believe, God finished condemned you, because you don’t believe in God’s only Son. This is how God judges. The Light (Jesus) came into the world, but people loved the darkness and not the Light, because they do bad things. Every person doing bad things hates the Light and he will not come into the Light, because the light will show his bad doings. But every person doing good things comes into the Light. Then you can see his good actions came from God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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