***Introit (Psalm 145)***

P: I will think-about Your glory;

**C: I will think-about Your wonderful works!**

P: My God and King, I will praise You

C: And bless Your name forever.

P: Every day I will bless You.

**C: I will praise Your name forever.**

P: The Lord is great, and He deserves great praise.

**C: No person can understand His greatness.**

P: People will talk about Your wonderful works.

**C: They will announce Your greatness.**

P: People will tell stories how good You are.

**C: They will sing loud about Your righteousness.**

**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 and most merciful God, You protect all people trusting You. Make our faith strong. Make us brave to believe that You love us and You will save us from all trouble. 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 Genesis chapter 9.

 God spoke to NOAH and his sons. God said, “Look, I am making My promise for you, and your family after you, and every living animal with you, the birds, cattle, and every wild animal on earth that is with you, every animal coming out of the ark (boat) and every animal on earth.”

 “I make my promise for you. A flood will never again destroy all living things. No flood will destroy the earth.” God said, “This will be the sign showing My agreement I am making between Me and you and every living animal with you, for all future generations. I put My rainbow in the clouds. That will be a sign of the agreement between Me and you.”

 “When I bring clouds over the earth, and a rainbow is in the clouds, then I will remember My agreement between Me and you and every living animal. The water will never become a flood to destroy all living things. When the rainbow is in the cloud, then I will see it and remember the eternal agreement between God and every living thing on the earth.” God told NOAH, “This is the sign of the agreement that I make between Me and all living things on the earth.”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from Ephesians chapter 3.

 I kneel in-front-of the Father and pray. Every family in heaven and on earth gets their name from Him. I kneel and pray that He will give you the riches of His glory, to make your heart strong with His Holy Spirit. Then Christ will live in your hearts through faith. Then His love will fill you and make you strong. Then you and all believers can understand Christ’s great love, how wide and long and high and deep is His love. His love is greater than all knowledge. Then all of God and His gifts will fill you.

 God is able to do much, much more than we can ask or think, and His power works in us. All glory in the church and in Christ Jesus belongs to Him now and forever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Mark chapter 6.

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

 Quickly, Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go to the other side of the lake, to BETHSAIDA. Jesus stayed and sent away the crowd of people. After the people left, Jesus went up on the mountain to pray.

 In the evening, the boat was in the middle of the lake. Jesus was alone on the land. Jesus saw the disciples rowing hard, because the wind was blowing against them. After 3 a.m., Jesus walked on the water and He came toward them. He planned to walk past the boat.

 When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the lake, they thought He was a ghost, and they all shouted in fear. But Jesus quickly said, “Be brave! It is Me. Don’t be afraid.”

 Jesus got into the boat with them. The wind stopped, and the disciples were amazed. When Jesus fed the people with bread, the disciples didn’t understand what that meant about Jesus. Their hearts were stubborn.

 When they crossed over the lake, they arrived at a place named GENNESARET. They tied up the boat and came out of the boat. Quickly, people recognized Jesus, and the news spread in the whole country. People began carrying sick people to Jesus. Every place Jesus went, in towns, cities, or the country, people brought sick people to Jesus. They begged that they could touch Jesus’ clothes, and everyone who touched became healthy.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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