***Introit (Psalm 37)***

P: Find your happiness in the Lord.

C: And He will give what your heart wants.

P: Trust the Lord with your way.

**C: Trust Him, and He will take-care of you.**

P: He will make your righteousness shine.

**C: Your right decisions will be bright the same-as noon.**

P: Be-quiet and wait patiently for the Lord.

**C: Don’t worry about the evil man who succeeds, or the man who makes evil plans.**

**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: O God, when we are weak, You make Your strength perfect. Make us humble, give us faith the same-as a child’s faith. Then things we want and do will please You. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Jesus lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, eternally one God. Amen.

C: (copy) Amen.

The Old Testament lesson is from Jeremiah chapter 11.

 The Lord told me, that is how I knew. You showed me what they did.

 I was same-as a gentle lamb for them to kill me. I didn’t-know they planned bad against me. They said, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit. Let us take-away his life, and no one will remember his name.”

 But You, Lord of Armies, You judge correctly. You test the heart and mind. Let me see Your judgment against them, because I give my troubles into Your hands.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from James chapters 3 and 4.

 Who among you is wise and understanding? Then let him show his works with good behavior in gentle wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish goals in your heart, warning! Don’t boast and lie against the truth. That wisdom is not true wisdom from heaven. That wisdom is from earth, not spiritual, and from the devil.

 Any place you find jealously and selfishness, there is confusion and every evil thing. But the wisdom from heaven, first is pure, then peaceful, gentle and listens to others. That wisdom has much mercy and does good works, and that wisdom has no discrimination and no hypocrisy. Peace-makers work for peace and that will grow a holy life.

 Why do you fight and argue? Your selfish wants are fighting inside you. You want things, but you don’t get them, so then you kill. You are-jealous of people but you can’t get what you want. So you fight and argue. You don’t get because you don’t ask God.

 You ask, but you don’t get. Why? You ask the wrong way. You only want things for your own pleasure. You people are not faithful to God! You should know that loving the world is the same-as hating God. If a person wants to be-friends with the world, then he becomes God’s enemy.

 Do you think the Bible was written for nothing? The Bible says, “God made our spirit live in us, and He wants us completely for Himself.” But God gives more grace. The Bible says, “God is against proud people, but He gives grace to humble people.”

 Obey God’s authority. Fight against the devil and he will run-away from you. Go near to God and He will come near to you. You sinners, wash your hands. You two-faced people, make your hearts pure. Feel very sorry, grieve, and cry. Let your laughing become crying, and your joy become sadness. Humble yourselves in-front-of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Mark chapter 9.

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

 Jesus and His disciples left from that place and went through the area named GALILEE. Jesus didn’t-want anyone to know His plans, because He taught His disciples saying, “Someone will give the Son of Man to other people, and they will kill Him. But three days later He will rise alive.” But His disciples didn’t understand, and they felt afraid to ask Him.

 Then they arrived in the city CAPERNAUM and entered a house. Jesus asked His disciples, “What did you talk about on the road?” But the disciples said nothing, because they argued about who was the most important disciple.

 Jesus sat-down, called the twelve disciples and said, “If anyone wants to be first, then he must make himself last and become the servant of all.” Jesus brought a young child to stand in-front-of them all. Jesus picked-up the child and said, “If you welcome a child same-as this in My name, then you welcome Me. And if you welcome Me, then you welcome the Father that sent Me.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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