***Introit (Psalm 112)***

P: Praise the Lord! Bless the man who honors the Lord.

C: Bless the man happy with God’s commandments.

P: His house has wealth and riches.

C: His righteousness continues forever.

P: For the person who does right, light shines in darkness.

C: He shows grace and mercy, and he does right.

P: Life is good for the man who is kind and helps people.

C: He is fair in all his work.

P: No one will defeat righteous people.

C: People will remember a righteous person 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: Lord Jesus Christ, Your grace leads us and follows us. Help us never trust money and riches on earth. Only You are our treasure in heaven. Jesus, You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (copy) Amen.

The Old Testament lesson is from Amos chapter 5.

 Search-for the Lord and live. Or God will begin a fire in JOSEPH’S family to destroy you. No one living in the city of BETHEL can stop the fire.

 You make doing the right thing become a bitter experience and you throw-out righteousness. You hate people that warn other people, and you hate people that speak the truth. You take-advantage of the poor people, and you steal part of his wheat.

 You build houses with stones, but you won’t live in them. You planted beautiful VINEYARDS, but you won’t drink the wine from those grapes.

 I know your wrongs are many and your sins are very bad. You hate righteous people, you accept bribe money, you take-away rights from the poor people. That is the reason the wise people stay silent; because the days are bad.

 Search-for good things, don’t search-for bad things. Then you will live, and the Lord God of Armies will stay with you. Hate bad things and love good things, and use right judgment for all people. Then the Lord God of heaven will show kindness to the faithful people in JOSEPH’S family.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from Hebrews chapter 3.

 Dear Christians, be careful! Make sure none of you has an evil heart without faith, that leads you away from the living God. While we continue living today, you should encourage each-other every day. Don’t let sin fool you and make your hearts stubborn and hard.

 We belong to Christ, while we continue with strong faith from beginning to end. The Bible says, “Today, if you hear His voice, don’t be stubborn the same-as those people who rebelled against Me.”

 Who heard God’s word and then rebelled? MOSES led the people out of EGYPT, and they all rebelled. For 40 years, God was angry against who? All those people who sinned, and they all died in the desert.

 Those people didn’t obey God, and He promised they will not enter His rest (heaven). We see they couldn’t have His rest because they didn’t believe.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Mark chapter 10.

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

 While Jesus walked on the road, one man ran to Him, knelt in-front-of Him, and asked, “Good Teacher, I want to get eternal life. What must I do?”

 Jesus asked him, “Why do you name Me good? Only God is good. You know the commandments: Don’t kill, don’t break the marriage law, don’t steal, don’t lie, don’t cheat, honor your father and mother.”

 The man told Jesus, “Teacher, when I was a child until now, I obeyed all the commandments.”

 Jesus looked at him and loving him said, “You need one more thing: Go and sell all your things and give the money to the poor people. You will have riches in heaven. Then come and follow Me.”

 The man heard that and he became disappointed. He went away very sad, because he was very rich.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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