***Introit (Psalm 107)***

P: Thank the Lord for His faithful love.

C: Thank the Lord for His wonderful works for people!

P: Give thanks to the Lord because He is good.

C: His great love and kindness continue forever.

P: God saved His people. Let them announce that He is good!

C: He saved His people from trouble.

P: He saves poor people from their burdens.

C: He makes their families grow.

P: Righteous people see that and are happy.

C: But the wicked people must be silent.

**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 eternal God, You gave wonderful great and precious promises for people trusting You. Give us strong faith in Your Son Jesus. Then our faith will never become weak and fail. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, 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 First Kings chapter 17.

 Then the Lord spoke to ELIJAH, “Stand up and go to the town named ZAREPHATH near the city SIDON and stay there. There is a widow living there, and I told her to feed you.”

 ELIJAH went to ZAREPHATH. Then he arrived at the city gate. He saw a woman picking-up sticks. ELIJAH said, “Please bring water for me to drink.” The woman went for the water and ELIJAH called to her, “Please also bring some bread for me.”

 The woman answered, “I promise by the Lord your God that I don’t have any bread. I have only a little-bit of flour and oil. I am picking-up these sticks to go home and prepare the last food for my son and myself. We will eat and then die.”

 ELIJAH said, “Don’t be afraid. Go and do that, but first make a little bread for me, and then make some bread for yourself and your son. The Lord God of Israel says, ‘The jar of FLOUR will never be-empty and the jar of OIL will never be-empty until the Lord sends rain on the land.’”

 The woman left and did the same-as ELIJAH said. She and her family ate for many days. The jar of FLOUR never became empty and the jar of OIL never became empty, the same-as the Lord promised ELIJAH.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from Hebrews chapter 9.

 People make holy places on earth, and they are only copies of heaven. Christ didn’t go into those holy places. He went into the true holy place, heaven. Now He stands in-front-of God for us.

 The Jewish high priest goes into the Most Holy Place every year with the blood from an animal. But Christ didn’t go into the Holy Place to sacrifice Himself many times. No, Christ didn’t have-to suffer many times ever-since the world began. But now at the end of time, He came once to sacrifice Himself to take-away all sin.

 Everyone must die once and then happens the judgment. The same, Christ sacrificed Himself once to take-away the sins of many people. He will not come a second time to defeat sin. He will come a second time to save those people waiting for Him.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Mark chapter 12.

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

 Jesus was teaching His disciples. He said, “Watch out for the law teachers. They like to wear long robes and walk around. They like everyone greeting them in the market place. They like to get the best seats in the Jewish church, and they like the seats of honor at meals. They steal from widows, but they make themselves look good because they say long prayers. God will judge and punish them worse.”

 Jesus sat in the temple near the offering box and watched the people give their gifts. Many rich people gave large money gifts. A poor widow came and gave two small coins. Jesus told His disciples, “I tell you this poor woman gave more than all the other people. The other people have much money and they gave some, but this woman gave all her money.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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