***Introit (Psalm 62)***

P: My soul waits patiently for God.

**C: He is my only Savior.**

P: My soul, wait patiently for God.

C: My hope is from Him.

P: God is my only rock and Savior. He protects me.

**C: Nothing will make me afraid.**

P: My salvation and my glory depend on God.

**C: He is my strong rock, my safe place.**

P: Trust God always. Tell Him everything.

**C: He is our protection and safety.**

**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: Eternal God, Your Son Jesus Christ is our true rest. Help us keep every day holy, how? Give us Jesus’ word to comfort us. Make us know and trust Jesus is our true rest. 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 Deuteronomy chapter 5.

 Remember the worship day and keep that day holy, same-as the Lord commanded you. Six days you will do all your work. But the seventh day is a special rest day for the Lord, your God. That seventh day, you will not work. Not you, not your son, not your daughter, not your man-or-woman servant, not your cow, not your donkey, not any of your animals, not the visitor living in your city. Your slaves must have rest the same-as you.

 You must remember, in the past you were slaves in the country EGYPT and I, the Lord your God, brought you out from that place with My great power and strength. That is the reason I, the Lord your God, command you must honor My rest day.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from 2 Corinthians chapter 4.

 We don’t preach about ourselves, but we preach Jesus Christ is Lord, and we are your servants because of Jesus. God said, “Let light shine in the dark,” and God shined His light in our hearts, then we know His glory. Jesus Christ’s face shows God’s glory.

 We have this good news in ourselves, no-matter we are only CLAY jars. That shows that great power comes from God and not from us. We experience trouble, but nothing defeats us. Sometimes we doubt, but we never give-up. People hate us and punish us, but God never leaves us. Sometimes people hurt us, but they don’t destroy us. Always we have Jesus’ death in our body. Then you can also see Jesus’ life in our body.

 Through all our lives, we are always near to death because of Jesus. Then in our dying bodies you can see the living Jesus. Now death is working in us, but life is working in you.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

*There are two readings to choose from, a shorter reading from Mark 2, or a longer reading from Mark 2 and 3. Choose one.*

*Shorter reading.*

The Gospel lesson is from Mark chapter 2.

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

 On the worship day, Jesus walked through WHEAT fields. While His disciples walked, they picked some WHEAT to eat. The Jewish law teachers told Jesus, “Look! Your disciples are breaking the law about the worship day.”

 Jesus answered, “Did you read about DAVID and his soldiers, that time they needed something to eat? DAVID went into God’s house and ate the bread from the altar. That happened while ABIATHAR was high priest. That special bread is only for the priests to eat. But DAVID ate it and he gave that bread to his soldiers.”

 And Jesus said, “God made the worship day for people. God didn’t make people to serve the worship day. The Son of Man reigns over the worship day.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Longer reading*

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 Then Jesus went into the Jewish church. A man there had a paralyzed hand. The law teachers watched Jesus, to see if Jesus will heal the man on the worship day. They wanted to accuse Jesus of doing wrong.

 Jesus told the man, “Come here.” Jesus asked the law teachers, “What is right to do on the worship day? Do good for people, or hurt people? To save people or kill people?” The law teachers said nothing.

 Jesus looked-at the law teachers and He was angry. He was very sad because they refused to believe. Jesus told the man, “Hold-out your hand.” The man held-out his hand, and his hand became healed. The PHARISEES went to meet with King HEROD’S people to plan how to kill Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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