***Introit (Psalm 121)***

P: I look at the hills.

**C: Where does my help come from?**

P: My help comes from the Lord.

C: He made heaven and earth.

P: The Lord takes-care of you.

**C: He protects you and He is always with you.**

P: The sun will not hurt you in the day.

**C: The moon will not hurt you at night.**

P: The Lord will protect you from all evil.

**C: He will protect your life.**

P: The Lord will protect you going out and coming in,

**C: Now and 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: Heavenly Father, Your Son Jesus helped many people during His ministry. He healed sick people and dead people He raised alive. Your Word, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper are healing medicine for us. Pour those gifts and Your love into our hearts. Then we can live with You forever. 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 Lamentations chapter 3.

 The Lord’s love never ends. His mercy never ends. Every morning His mercies are new. God is very faithful. My soul says, “The Lord is my inheritance, so I will hope in Him.”

 The Lord is good to people who wait for Him; the Lord is good to anyone that searches-for Him. It is good to wait quietly for the Lord to save us. It is good for a man to be-burdened while he is young. Let him sit alone, quiet, with that burden. He humbles himself laying with his face in the dirt, because he maybe will find hope. He should let the enemy hit him on the cheek, and patiently accept their awful insults.

 Because the Lord will not throw-out him forever. The Lord will punish, but He will also show mercy because He is full-of kindness. God doesn’t enjoy hurting anyone or making people suffer.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from 2 Corinthians chapter 8.

 Friends, we want you to know about God’s grace for the churches in the country MACEDONIA. These churches suffered much and they were very poor. No-matter, their great joy made those people give much with kindness.

 I myself saw, they gave all they could, yes, more than they could. They begged us, they wanted to share in giving help to God’s people. They did more than we hoped. First to obey God, they gave themselves to the Lord and to us.

 Your pastor TITUS began this good work with you. Now we encouraged TITUS to continue and help you finish this special work of love. You people are wonderful in many ways – you have much faith, speaking, knowledge, much eagerness to help, and we love you much. You must succeed in this work of kindness, too.

 We don’t order you, but you see other people are eager to help. We want to see your love is honest, too. You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ – no-matter He was rich, He became poor for you. Now because He became poor, you can become rich.

 I am not trying to make others free and give you heavy responsibility. This should be fair. Right now, you have much and you should help those people in need. Then when they have much they can help you with your needs. That will make all things equal. The same-as the Bible says, “The person who gathered much had nothing left over, and the person who gathered little had enough.”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Mark chapter 5.

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

 Happened Jesus went across to the west side of the lake, a group of people came around Him. Jesus stood near the water. One of the Jewish church leaders came to Jesus. His name was JAIRUS. He saw Jesus and knelt in-front-of Him. JAIRUS begged Jesus, “My little daughter is near death. Come and put Your hand on her and make her alive and healthy.” Then Jesus went with him.

 Many people followed Jesus. One woman in the group was bleeding for 12 years. She went to many doctors for help. She spent all her money, but they only made her worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Jesus and touched His clothes.

 She thought, “If I touch His clothes, I will become healed.” Immediately she stopped bleeding. She felt in her body that she was healed.

 Jesus felt His power go-out to the woman. He quickly turned around to the crowd and said, “Who touched My clothes?”

 His disciples said, “You see so many people pushing against You! And You ask who touched You?” But Jesus continued looking-around for the woman.

 The woman was afraid and trembling. She knew how she became healed. She came to Jesus and knelt face-down in-front-of Jesus, and she told Him the truth.

 Jesus said, “Daughter, your faith saved you. Go in peace. Become healed from your illness.”

 While Jesus was still speaking, some people from JAIRUS’ house came and said, “Your daughter is dead. Don’t bother the Teacher any more.”

 But happened that Jesus heard that, He said to JAIRUS, “Fear not; only believe.”

 And Jesus let only PETER, JAMES, and JOHN go with Him. They entered JAIRUS’ house and He saw much confusion and people crying loudly. Jesus entered and asked, “Why all this confusion and crying? The child didn’t die. She is sleeping.”

 The people laughed at Him. Jesus sent-out the people. He led the father and mother and three disciples into the girl’s room. And Jesus took the girl’s hand and said, “Little girl, I tell you stand-up.”

 Quickly the little girl stood-up and walked. She was twelve years-old. The people were all surprised. Jesus gave them strict orders that no one should know about this, and He said to give her something to eat.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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