***Introit (Psalm 71)***

P: God, don’t stay far-away from me.

C: My God, come quickly to help me!

P: I will announce Your righteous work. All day, I will announce Your work to save people.

C: No one can count all Your righteous works.

P: I will come with the Lord God’s powerful works.

C: I will remind people about Your righteousness.

P: God, You taught me all my life.

C: I continue announcing Your wonderful work.

P: God, when I am old and gray haired, don’t ignore me.

C: Let me first announce Your greatness for another generation. Let me tell future people about Your power.

**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, all believers in Jesus are Your family. Keep Your people always in true faith. Then we will always trust and hope in Your heavenly grace, and Your power will protect us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Jesus lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (copy) Amen.

*There are two Old Testament lessons to choose from, a shorter reading from Isaiah 6 or a longer reading from Isaiah 6. Choose one.*

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 I cried and was very sad. I said, “I am lost! My speaking and life are not clean, and I live with people who are not clean. And my eyes saw the King, the Lord Almighty.”

 Then one of the burning angels flew to me. He took fire from the altar and brought the fire to me. He touched my mouth with the fire. He said, “Look! This fire touched your mouth. Your guilt is gone and God forgives your sin.”

 Then I heard the Lord’s voice. He said, “Who will I send? Who will go for us?” I answered, “Here am I. Send me!”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

*The longer reading.*

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 The Lord said, “Go and give the people this message. You continue hearing, but don’t understand. Continue seeing, but don’t notice anything. Make their hearts slow to understand. Make them tired of hearing. Blind their eyes. Their eyes must not see. Their ears must not hear. Their hearts must not understand. They must not repent and get healing.”

 I asked, “Lord, how long?”

 The Lord told me, “Preach this until the cities get destroyed and no one lives there. Houses will be empty and the land empty and destroyed. The Lord will move the people to a country far-away. The land will be empty.

 No-matter only one-tenth the people stay in the land, I will punish and burn the land again. When people cut-down a tree, the stump is left. The holy seed is the stump.”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from 1 Corinthians chapter 14.

 You want the Holy Spirit to work through you? Then work to build-up the church.

 This is why someone who speaks in different languages should pray that he can also interpret what he says. If I pray in a different language, my spirit prays, but my mind does nothing. What should I do? I will use my spirit to pray, but I will also use my mind to pray. My spirit will sing, but my mind will also sing. Suppose your spirit uses a different language to praise God. If someone else doesn’t understand your speaking, how can they say “Amen?” They don’t know what you are saying. Maybe you are thanking God, but that doesn’t build-up the other people.

 I (PAUL) thank God that I speak in different languages more than all of you. But in church, I want to speak 5 words that teach people. That is better than speaking 10,000 words in a language they don’t understand.

 Christians, stop thinking the same-as children. About evil, you should be the same-as babies, not knowing evil. But in your thinking, you should think the same-as mature adults.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Luke chapter 5.

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

 One day Jesus stood near the SEA of GALILEE. The people were all around Jesus and listening to God’s word. Jesus saw two boats on the shore. The fishermen left the boats and were washing their nets. Jesus entered one boat. That boat belonged to SIMON PETER. Jesus asked PETER to push the boat into the water a little bit. Then Jesus sat down in the boat and taught people.

 When Jesus finished teaching, He told PETER, “Take the boat to deep water and put down the nets to catch fish.”

 PETER answered, “Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing. But because You say we should, I will put down the nets.”

 They went out and put the nets in the water. They caught so many fish, the nets began to break. They called their friends in the other boat to come and help. The other boat came, and both boats were so full of fish they began to sink.

 When PETER saw this, he bowed before Jesus and said, “Lord, leave me. I am a sinful man!” PETER said that because he and his co-workers, also JAMES and JOHN, the sons of ZEBEDEE, they were all amazed because of all the fish.

 Then Jesus told SIMON PETER, “Don’t be afraid. Starting now, you will catch men.” So they pulled the boats on shore, left everything and followed Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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