***Introit (Psalm 91)***

P: God says, when a person calls Me, I will answer. I will stay with him through trouble.

C: God will save that person and honor him.

P: God will satisfy him with long life.

C: God will save him.

P: The Lord is your home.

C: The Most High God protects you.

P: Then God will not let evil hurt you.

C: No destruction will touch your home.

P: God will command His angels.

C: To protect you in all your ways.

P: Their hands will lift you up.

C: You will not hurt your foot on a stone.

P: You will walk on the lion and the snake.

C: Your foot will crush the young lion and snake.

**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 God, You led Your people through the desert and You brought them into the promised land. Also lead Your church now. Then we will follow our Savior through this world and we will go into the glory of Your new world. 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.

The Old Testament lesson is from Deuteronomy chapter 26.

 When you are in the new land the Lord your God gives you, and you own the land and live there, then you will make an offering to the Lord. Harvest some of the first growing food from the land the Lord your God gives you. Put the food in a basket and go to the place the Lord your God tells you. The Lord puts His name on that place. You will go to the priest and say, “Today I announce to the Lord your God that I am here in the land the Lord promised to give us.” Then the priest will take the food basket and put it on the Lord’s altar.

 Then you will announce in-front-of the Lord your God, “My father was from ARAMEA. He wandered-around and had no place to live. He went to EGYPT with a few people and lived there. His family became a great nation, powerful and with many people. But the EGYPTIAN people abused us and made us suffer. They made us work hard as slaves. Then we called out to the Lord, the God for our fathers. The Lord heard us and He saw our suffering, work, and how EGYPT abused us. The Lord used His powerful hand and arm and He brought us out of EGYPT. He did amazing and powerful things and wonderful miracles.

 The Lord brought us here and gave us this land. This land is full of milk and honey. Lord, you gave me this soil and this land. Now I bring You the first fruits from that soil.” Then give the basket of food to the Lord your God and bow in-front-of Him. You will rejoice with all the good things the Lord your God gives you, your family, the temple servant, and the foreign person living with you.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from Romans chapter 10.

 What does the Bible say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.” That word is the message of faith we announce. If your mouth says, “Jesus is Lord,” and in your heart you believe that God raised Jesus from the dead, God saves you. In your heart you believe and you are righteous. Your mouth says you believe and God saves you. The Bible says, “Anyone who trusts Him will never get shamed.” Jews and non-Jews are not different. The Lord is the same Lord for everyone. He gives His rich blessings for everyone who calls on Him, because “Everyone who calls on the Lord’s name, He will save them.”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Luke chapter 4.

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

 Jesus left the JORDAN RIVER, and the Holy Spirit filled Him. For forty days, the Holy Spirit led Jesus in the desert, and the devil tempted Jesus. For forty days, Jesus ate nothing, and He became very hungry.

 The devil said to Jesus, “If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

 Jesus answered, “God’s word says, ‘Man’s life does not depend on bread alone.’”

 The devil led Jesus to a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world. The devil said, “All of their authority and glory is mine. I can give to anyone I want. If you worship me, I will give all of it to You.”

 Jesus answered, “God’s word says, ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.’”

 The devil took Jesus to Jerusalem and made Him stand on top of the temple. The devil said, “If You are the Son of God, jump down from here. God’s word says, ‘God will command His angels to watch you and protect you carefully. They will lift you up, then you will not hurt your foot on a stone.’”

 Jesus answered, “God’s word says, ‘Don’t test the Lord your God.’”

 When the devil finished tempting Jesus, the devil left until another time to tempt Him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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