***Introit (Psalm 34)***

P: The Lord is great and deserves much praise!

**C: Praise Him in His city!**

P: My soul will boast about the Lord.

**C: Let humble people see and rejoice.**

P: Let us glorify the Lord.

**C: Let us praise His name together!**

P: I searched-for the Lord and He answered me.

**C: He saved me from all my fears.**

P: Righteous people cry-out and the Lord hears them.

**C: He saves them from all their troubles.**

**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 God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Help us always see Your goodness. Help us thank You for Your mercy and praise Your holy name. 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 Ruth chapter 1.

A long time ago, judges reigned in ISRAEL and happened a hunger in the land. A man named ELIMELECH lived in BETHLEHEM in JUDAH. He had a wife named NAOMI and two sons MAHLON and CHILION. They moved to the country named MOAB and stayed there. Then ELIMELECH died. NAOMI’s two sons married women from MOAB. One woman named ORPAH and the other woman named RUTH. The family lived there about ten years, then the two sons MAHLON and CHILION died. NAOMI lost her husband and both sons.

Then NAOMI heard the Lord blessed His people and gave them good growing foods. And she and both daughters-in-law began to travel back to BETHLEHEM.

They began their trip to JUDAH. But then NAOMI said to her daughters-in-law, “You both go again to your mothers’ houses. The Lord will show kindness to you the same-as you showed kindness to your husbands and to me. The Lord bless you with another happy marriage.” Then NAOMI kissed them, and they all cried.

Both daughters-in-law said, “No, we want to go with you to your people.”

But NAOMI said, “My daughters, you must go to your own people. Why come with me? I have no young sons to grow-up and marry you. No, my daughters, go to your home, because I am too-old to marry again. If I still had hope, if I had a husband tonight and give-birth to sons, you will wait until they grow-up? No, my daughters, I am very sad for you because the Lord is punishing me.”

Again they began to cry. Then ORPAH kissed her mother-in-law and went home. But RUTH held-on to NAOMI.

NAOMI said, “See, your sister-in-law went home to her family and to her gods. You must go also.”

But RUTH said, “Don’t tell me to leave you, don’t tell me to go away. Because any place you go, I will go. Any place you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. The place you die, I will die there, and there I will be-buried. Only death will separate us. If I leave you, let God punish me.”

When NAOMI saw that RUTH will not give up, she said nothing more. And the two women traveled until they arrived in BETHLEHEM.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from 2 Timothy chapter 2.

My son TIMOTHY, continue strong in grace from Christ Jesus. You heard me teach many people. Now you give that message to faithful men, and they can teach the message to other people.

Suffer with me, same-as a good soldier for Christ Jesus. No soldier becomes stuck in everyday things. His goal is to please the one who made him a soldier. Every athlete must follow the rules. If he doesn’t follow the rules, he can’t win the prize. The hard-working farmer should be the first person to receive his part of the harvest. Think about what I say, because the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ from the family of DAVID arose from the dead. That is the good news I preach. Because of that preaching I am suffering and in jail same-as a law-breaker. But God’s Word isn’t stuck in jail. That is the reason I will suffer anything for God’s people. Then they can get salvation from Christ Jesus with glory forever.

These words are true. If we die with Jesus, then we will live with Him. If we don’t give-up, we will reign with Him. If we say we don’t-know Him, then He will say He doesn’t-know us. If we aren’t faithful, Jesus is always faithful, because He will never break His promise to us.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Luke chapter 17.

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

Jesus was going to JERUSALEM, and He traveled between SAMARIA and GALILEE. He entered a small town, and ten people with the skin disease named LEPROSY came to see Him. They stood a distance away and called out, “Jesus, Lord, show mercy to us!”

When Jesus saw them, He told them, “Go and let the priests examine you.” While they went to the priests, they became completely healed from LEPROSY.

One man saw he was healed. He stopped and went back to Jesus. He shouted loud praise to God. He bowed down in front of Jesus and thanked Him. The man was from SAMARIA.

Jesus asked, “All ten became clean and healthy, right? Where are the other nine? No one else came back to praise God. Only this man from another country.” Jesus told him, “Stand up and go! You became healed because you believe.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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