***Introit (Psalm 74)***

P: Remember Your people, long-ago You bought them.

**C: You saved them to become Your people and Your inheritance.**

P: Lord, remember how the enemy mocks us.

**C: Those foolish people insult Your name.**

P: Don’t give Your innocent people to those terrible enemies.

**C: Don’t forget Your poor people.**

P: Don’t let suffering people leave in shame.

**C: Let poor people praise Your name.**

P: Remember Your promise!

**C: O God, come and save Your people.**

**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 and eternal Lord, You command us to pray, and You promise to hear and answer us. Give us Your Holy Spirit, then He can lead and reign our hearts in everything. Then we can live in true faith, trusting in You. 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 Genesis chapter 32.

 That night, JACOB got-up from bed and led his two wives, two women servants, his eleven sons across the JORDAN RIVER near the city JABBOK. And JACOB sent everyone and everything he had across the river.

 Now JACOB was alone. A man came and wrestled with him all-night until sunrise. And that man saw that JACOB will not give-up, then he touched JACOB’S hip and made it come out-of-joint. And the man said, "Let me leave because it is sunrise."

 But JACOB said, "I will not let you leave until you bless me."

 And the man said, "What is your name?" JACOB told his name.

 And the man said, “Your name is JACOB no-more. Now your name is ISRAEL, because you struggled with God and people, and you didn’t give-up."

 JACOB asked, "Please tell me Your name!" And the man answered, "Why do you ask for My name?" And He blessed JACOB. JACOB named that place PENIEL, because he saw God face-to-face, and he lived.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from 2 Timothy chapters 3 and 4.

 Now you remember the things you learned and strongly believe. You know who taught you. From the time you were a child, you know the Holy Writings. They can make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

 God breathed-out all the Bible for us. God’s word is good for teaching, showing our wrongs, fixing what is wrong, and training us for righteousness. Then the man of God is ready and trained for every good work.

 Christ Jesus is the judge of all the living and dead people and He will come with His kingdom. In-front-of God and Christ Jesus, I command you to preach the Word. Preach the Word at all times and in all places; show when people are wrong, warn them, encourage them, be-patient with your teaching.

 A time will happen that people will not listen to right teaching, but they will want other teachings and they will look-for teachers who make them happy. They will give-up the truth, and they will believe false stories.

 But you remember to control yourself in all things, when you suffer don’t give-up, do your work of telling the Good News, and serve the same-as God commanded you.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Luke chapter 18.

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

 Jesus told the people a story to show that they should always pray and not give-up.

 Jesus said, "In a town lived a judge. That judge didn’t honor God, and he didn't respect people. In that town lived a widow woman, and she went to the judge often and said, 'Please judge honestly, save me from my enemy.'

 First, the judge refused to help her. But then he thought, ‘I don't honor God, and I don't respect people. But this woman continues to bother me. I must judge for her and help her. If I don’t help, then she will continue coming to bother me and make me tired of her.'"

 Jesus said, "Listen to the words that bad judge says. God’s chosen people pray to Him day-and-night. Truly God will judge and save them! Is God slow to help His people? No! God will answer quickly and save His people. But when the Son of Man comes, will He find people on earth believing?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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