***Introit (Psalm 86)***

P: Lord, teach me Your way, then I will live in Your truth.

**C: Give me a faithful heart to honor Your name.**

P: Lord, attend to me and answer me,

**C: Because I am poor and need much.**

P: Save my life, because I belong to You.

**C: Save Your servant. I trust You. You are my God.**

P: Lord, show mercy to me.

**C: I call-to-You all day.**

P: Make my soul happy,

**C: Because I lift-up my soul to You, Lord.**

P: Your faithful love for me is great.

**C: You saved my soul from hell.**

**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: God, Your powerful word made all things in heaven and on earth. Take-away all things that hurt us, and give us everything that is good and helps 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.

The Old Testament lesson is from 1 Kings chapter 8.

King SOLOMON and all the people of Israel met in the temple. SOLOMON stood in front of the Lord’s altar. He lifted his hands to heaven and said, “Lord, God of ISRAEL, no other god is the same-as You. No god in heaven or on earth. You keep Your promise and You show love to Your servants who follow You with all their heart. David is my father and Your servant, and today You keep Your promise to him.”

“But can God live on earth? Heaven and the highest heaven are not big enough for You. This temple I built is too small for You! But, Lord my God, You listen to Your servant’s prayer. Listen to Your servant call-to-You. Listen to my prayer today, then You will always watch this house night and day. You said, ‘My name will live there.’ Then you can listen to my prayer here.”

“Foreign people, not Your people Israel, will hear about Your name. They will come from far-away countries. They will hear about Your great name and Your powerful works. They will come to worship You and to pray here in this temple. You in heaven will hear them and do anything they ask. Then all people on earth can know Your name and honor You, the same-as Your people ISRAEL know and honor You. Then all people will know that this temple is the place to worship You.”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson from Galatians chapter 1.

I am Paul, an apostle. People didn’t make me an apostle. I am an apostle because of Jesus Christ and God the Father, He raised Jesus from the dead. The Christians with me also write this letter to you, the churches in the country of GALATIA.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus gave-up Himself to pay for our sins and save us from this evil world. Jesus did that agreeing with what our God and Father wants. Give Him glory forever and forever, amen.

I am shocked! We preached about Christ and His grace, and now you quickly leave God and believe a different gospel. Truly there is no other gospel, but some people are changing the good news about Jesus and they make trouble for you.

We already preached the true gospel to you. Now if we or an angel from heaven preach a different gospel to you, then God curse that person. I said before and now I say again, you believed the gospel we first preached to you. If anyone preaches a different gospel to you, then curse on him!

Am I trying to get approval from people? Or approval from God? Am I trying to please people? If I am trying to please people, then I would not be a servant of Christ.

Dear Christians, I want you to know that the gospel I preached is not from people. No person gave-me that gospel. No one taught me the gospel. Jesus Christ Himself gave-me the gospel.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Luke chapter 7.

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

When Jesus finished speaking to the people, Jesus went to the city named CAPERNAUM. At that city the slave of a Roman army officer was sick. The officer loved the slave, and now the slave was-dying. The officer heard about Jesus and sent some Jewish leaders to ask Jesus to come and save the slave's life.

The leaders came to Jesus and begged Jesus, “The officer deserves for You to help him, because he loves our people and he built the Jewish church for us.”

Jesus went with them. Jesus came near the house and the officer sent his friends to tell Jesus, “Lord, don’t burden Yourself. I am not good enough for You to come into my house. That is why I didn’t come to You. But say a word and my slave will become healed. Because I understand authority. I must obey other people, and I have soldiers who must obey me. I tell one soldier, ‘Go!’, and he goes. I tell another soldier, ‘Come!’, and he comes. And I tell my slave, ‘Do this!’, and he does it.”

Jesus was amazed to hear the officer say that. Jesus turned to the people following and said, “I tell you, in all ISRAEL, I have not found faith the same-as this.“ When the friends went into the officer’s house, the slave was healed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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