***Introit (Psalm 138)***

P: Lord, come and show mercy to me.

**C: Give strength for Your servant. Save the son of Your woman servant.**

P: The day I called-You, You answered me.

**C: You increased my soul’s strength.**

P: I walk through trouble, and You protect my life.

**C: You stop the anger of my enemies. Your right hand saves me.**

P: The Lord will do His plans for me.

**C: Lord, Your faithful love continues forever. Don’t ignore the work of Your hands.**

**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, Father full of mercy, God giving all comfort, You lead in-front-of us and You come behind us to save. Let us rejoice in Your grace with us, and let us always do all good works. 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 17.

(During the hunger time ELIJAH lived in the house of the WIDOW from the city ZARAPHATH.) Later the WIDOW’s son became sick. His sickness became worse and worse and finally he died. The woman told ELIJAH, “Man of God, why are you against me? You came here and God remembered my sins and killed my son.”

ELIJAH said, “Give-me your son.” He took-the-boy-from-her and carried-him to his room upstairs and laid-him on the bed. Then he called-to the Lord and prayed, “Lord, my God, why do-You do this terrible thing to this woman? She was kind to me and now You kill her son.” Then ELIJAH laid on-top-of the boy three times and prayed, “Lord, my God, please make this boy live again.” The Lord answered his prayer and the boy lived again. ELIJAH brought the boy to his mother and said, “See, your son lives! The woman answered, “Now I know you are a man of God, and the word of the Lord you speak is truth.”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson from Galatians chapter 1.

I tell you, my Christian friends, the gospel message I preach is not a man’s message. Because no man gave it or taught me. Jesus Christ showed it to me.

You heard about my past life in the Jewish religion, and that I persecuted God’s church and tried to destroy that. And in this Jewish religion I was better than many young men my age, because I was very eager to follow the traditions from my fathers.

But God chose me before I was-born, and in His grace He called me. And God was happy to show-me His Son, so-that I will preach the good news of Jesus for the non-Jewish people. I didn’t ask advice from anyone, and I didn’t go to Jerusalem to see the first apostles, but I went quickly to ARABIA and then came back to the city DAMASCUS. After three years I went to Jerusalem to meet Peter, and I stayed with him fifteen days. But I saw no other apostles. I only saw James, the Lord’s brother. And I say in-front-of God that I am not lying.

Then I went to the countries of SYRIA and CILICIA. In the country JUDEA the churches of Christ didn’t-yet know me. They only heard people say, “The man in the past persecuting us and trying to destroy the faith, now he is preaching the faith.” And they praised God for me.

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.

A short time later Jesus went to a town named NAIN, and Jesus’ disciples and a large group of people went with Jesus. Happened Jesus came near the city gate, and people carried-out a dead man. He was the mother’s only son, and his father was finished dead. A large group of people from the city came with her.

Happened Jesus saw the mother, Jesus felt sorry for her and said, “Don’t cry.” Jesus went to the COFFIN and touched it, and the men carrying it stopped walking. Jesus said, “Young man, I tell you, wake-up.” The dead man sat-up and started to speak. And Jesus brought the boy to the mother. All the people were-afraid and praised God and said, “A great prophet lives among us, and God came to help His people.” This story about Jesus spread all-around the Jewish country and in all that area.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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