***Introit (Psalm 19)***

P: Let righteousness rain from the sky, let the clouds rain righteousness.

C: Let the earth open and salvation and righteousness grow.

P: The sky announces God’s glory, and the sky shows His hands’ work.

**C: In the sky, He made a tent for the sun.**

P: The sun is the same-as a new husband leaving his room.

**C: The sun is same-as a strong man running with joy.**

P: The sun rises in the East and sets in the West.

**C: Nothing can hide from the sun’s heat.**

**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 Jesus, show Your power and come. Help us with Your wonderful strength and grace. Then our sins will not burden us. Your grace and mercy will quickly take-away our sins. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (copy) Amen.

The Old Testament lesson is from 2 Samuel chapter 7.

 King DAVID lived in his house. The Lord gave him peace from fighting his enemies. Then the king told the prophet NATHAN, “Look, I live in a CEDAR house, but God’s ARK lives in a tent.” NATHAN told the king, “Go and do everything you plan. The Lord is with you.”

 But that night, the Lord spoke to NATHAN. The Lord said, “Tell My servant DAVID, the Lord says this. You will build a house for Me to live in? The day I led ISRAEL out of EGYPT until now, I did not live in a house. I live in a tent. I told the leaders to take-care of My people ISRAEL. All the time I traveled with the people of ISRAEL, did I ask ISRAEL’S leaders, ‘Why do you not build a CEDAR house for Me?’”

 Now you go and tell My servant DAVID, “The Lord Almighty says this. You were a shepherd, following sheep. I chose you to be a prince ruling My people ISRAEL. I was with you every place you went and I destroyed your enemies. I will make your name famous, then your name will be famous in all the earth. I will choose a home land for My people, they will never leave that place, and they will have peace. From the years of the judges until now, enemies bothered My people. No more. I will give you peace from your enemies. The Lord will build a kingdom for you. Your family and your kingdom will continue forever. Your throne will continue forever.”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from Romans chapter 16.

 God can make you strong through the gospel message I tell and the preaching about Jesus Christ. This was the secret hidden for many years. But now God shows that secret. The prophet’s writings tell that message to all nations. The eternal God commanded that, then the good news can lead them to believe and obey. To the only wise God through Jesus Christ give glory forever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Luke chapter 1.

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

 When ELIZABETH was six months pregnant, God sent the angel named GABRIEL to the country GALILEE to the town NAZARETH. God sent the angel to a virgin; that girl was engaged to a man named JOSEPH from the family of king DAVID. The virgin’s name was MARY. The angel came and said, “Greetings! God favors you. The Lord is with you.”

 His greeting made MARY confused. MARY wondered why he said that.

 The angel said, “Don’t be afraid, MARY. God favors you. You will become pregnant and give-birth to a son, and you will name the boy Jesus. That boy will be-truly great and He will be named the Son of the Most High God. And the Lord God will give Jesus the throne of His father DAVID. Jesus will be King ruling God’s people forever. His kingdom will never end.”

 MARY asked the angel, “How can this happen? I am a virgin.”

 The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come to you, and God’s power will cover you. That is why the child will be named holy, the Son of God. Remember your relative ELIZABETH. No-matter she is old, no-matter before she couldn’t have children, now she is six months pregnant with a son. Nothing is impossible for God.”

 MARY said, “I am the Lord’s servant. Let it happen to me same-as you said.” Then the angel left.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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