***Introit (Psalm 2)***

P: Look! This is My Servant. I support Him.

C: I chose Him. My soul is happy with Him.

P: I will announce this news.

C: The Lord told Me, You are My Son. Today I am Your Father.

P: Ask Me, and I will give You the nations.

C: All the earth will belong to You.

P: You will break them with a metal rod.

C: You will crush them the same-as a pot.

P: Kings, you should be wise.

C: Warning, all rulers on earth!

P: Serve the Lord with fear.

C: Rejoice and be-afraid.

P: Because the Lord quickly becomes angry.

C: Happy are all people finding safety in Him.

**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: Father in heaven, Your Son Jesus went to the JORDAN River for baptism. When Jesus got baptized, You announced Jesus is Your Son and You gave Him the Holy Spirit. You baptized us and You call us to follow You. Help us to continue following You, bravely announce Jesus our Savior, and receive His gift of eternal life. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, 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 1.

 In the beginning, God made the sky and the earth. The earth had no shape and it was empty. Over the surface of the deep water, it was very dark. The Spirit of God was moving over the waters.

 Then God said, “Let there be light!” And light appeared. God saw the light and said the light was good. God separated the light from the darkness. The light, God named “Day.” The darkness, God named “Night.” That was evening and morning, the first day.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from Romans chapter 6.

 Do you think we should continue sinning, then God will give us more grace? No! Our old sinful life is dead. We should not continue living with sin.

 You should know this. All of us who are baptized in Christ Jesus, baptism made us joined to Jesus’ death. That means baptism buried us in death with Jesus. Then the same-as the Father raised Christ from death, now we also can live a new life.

 Because we became joined with Jesus in His death, then we will be joined with Him in His resurrection. We know God crucified our old sinful life with Jesus. And that destroys the sin in us, and now we are no more slaves serving our sins. Because when a person dies, then he is free from sin.

 Because we died with Christ, we believe we will also live with Him. We know Christ was raised from death and He will never die again. Now death can’t control Him. Happen Jesus died, He died once for all sins. But in His life, He lives with God. Also you must think yourselves dead and finished sinning, but living with God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Mark chapter 1.

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

 JOHN the BAPTIZER came. In the wilderness, he baptized people. He preached baptism showing repentance for forgiving sins. All the people in JUDEA and JERUSALEM were going to see JOHN. They confessed their sins and got baptized in the JORDAN River.

 JOHN’S clothes were made from CAMEL’S hair, and he had a leather belt. He ate LOCUSTS and HONEY. He preached and said, “After me, One is coming. He is more powerful than me. I am not good enough to untie His sandals. I use water to baptize you. But He will use the Holy Spirit to baptize you.”

 It happened that Jesus came from the town NAZARETH, in GALILEE. JOHN baptized Jesus in the JORDAN River. When Jesus came-up from the water, He saw heaven open. The Holy Spirit, same-as a DOVE, came down on Jesus. A voice from heaven said, “You are My dear Son. With You I am truly pleased.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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