

**A reading from Genesis chapter 33 verses 1 through 4. You can find the reading on page 27 in your pew Bible.**

And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two female servants. And he put the servants with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. He himself went on before them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

But Esau ran to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

Please join me in praying Psalm 93.

Leader: The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;  
the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

**People: Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.  
Your throne is established from of old;  
you are from everlasting.**

Leader: The floods have lifted up, O LORD,

**People: the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their roaring.**

Leader: Mightier than the thunders of many waters,

**People: mightier than the waves of the sea,  
the LORD on high is mighty!**

Leader: Your decrees are very trustworthy;

**People: holiness befits your house,  
O LORD, forevermore.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it  
was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.***

**Leader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.**

*(allow them time to stand)*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.**

***People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.***