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A reading from Romans chapter 1 verses 1 through 7. You can find this reading on page 939 of your pew Bible.

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 98.

Leader: O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**People: You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouth of babies and infants,**

Leader: you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

**People: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,**

Leader: what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

**People: Yet you have made him a little lower
than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.**

Leader: You have given him dominion
over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,

**People: all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,**

Leader: the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**People: O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.