

**A reading from 1 Corinthians chapter 1 verses 10 through 17.
You can find this reading on page 952 of your pew Bible.**

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 139.

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**People: You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Leader: Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

**People: You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.**

Leader: even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.

**People: For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.**

Leader: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

**People: Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.**

Leader: My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

People: Your eyes saw my unformed substance;

Leader: in your book were written, every one of them,
the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.

**People: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!**

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

**Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.