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A reading from 1 Corinthians chapter 3 verses 1 through 3 and verses 18 through 23. You can find this reading on page 953 of your pew Bible.

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?

Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future —all are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 94.

Leader: Understand, O dullest of the people!
Fools, when will you be wise?

**People: He who planted the ear, does he not hear?
He who formed the eye, does he not see?**

Leader: He who disciplines the nations, does he not rebuke?

**People: He who teaches man knowledge, the Lord,
knows the thoughts of man,
that they are but a breath.**

Leader: Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O Lord,
and whom you teach out of your law,

**People: to give him rest from days of trouble,
until a pit is dug for the wicked.**

Leader: For the Lord will not forsake his people;
he will not abandon his heritage;

**People: for justice will return to the righteous,
and all the upright in heart will follow it.**

**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.

And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.