

**A reading from 1 Corinthians chapter 5 verses 6 through 13.  
You can find this reading on page 954 of your pew Bible.**

Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

**Please join me in praying Psalm 25.**

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**People: O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.**

Leader: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**People: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.**

Leader: Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.

**People: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.**

Leader: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

**People: Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

Leader: He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

**People: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love  
and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

**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.***

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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