

**A reading from 1 Corinthians chapter 6 verses 1 through 8.  
You can find this reading on page 954 of your pew Bible.**

When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers, but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers? To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded? But you yourselves wrong and defraud—even your own brothers!

**The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.***

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**Please join me in praying Psalm 16.**

Leader: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**People: I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you.”**

Leader: As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

**People: The sorrows of those who run after another god  
shall multiply;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names on my lips.**

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

**People: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**People: I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.

**People: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.**

Leader: You make known to me the path of life;

**People: in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures 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 forever. Amen.**

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

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

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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