

**A reading from Jeremiah chapter 31 verses 10 through 14. You can find this reading on page 659 of your pew Bible.**

“Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’  
For the Lord has ransomed Jacob  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall be like a watered garden,  
and they shall languish no more.  
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy;  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness,  
declares the Lord.”

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

**Please join me in praying Psalm 122.**

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

**People: Our feet have been standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

Leader: Jerusalem—built as a city  
that is bound firmly together,

**People: to which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord,**

Leader: as was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

**People: There thrones for judgment were set,  
the thrones of the house of David.**

Leader: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
“May they be secure who love you!

**People: Peace be within your walls  
and security within your towers!”**

Leader: For my brothers and companions' sake  
I will say, “Peace be within you!”

**People: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek your good.**

**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 John.**

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

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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