

**A reading from 1 Corinthians chapter 7 verses 1 through 16.
You can find this reading on page 955 of your pew Bible.**

Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.” But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

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

Please join me in praying Psalm 33.

Leader: Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

**People: that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.**

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.

**People: For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.**

**All: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.**

**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.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.