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**A reading from Genesis chapter 2 verses 8 through 9. You can find this reading on page 2 of your pew Bible.**

And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

**Please join me in praying Psalm 1.**

Leader: Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

**People: nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

Leader: but his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

**People: He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.**

Leader: In all that he does, he prospers.

**People: The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**People: for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**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 as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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