

**A reading from the book of 1 Thessalonians chapter 1
verse 1 through 10.**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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.
O my God, in you I trust;

**People: 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.**

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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.**

**All: 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: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

(allow them time to stand)

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Leader: You may be seated.