

A reading from Ephesians chapter 2 verses 1 through 10. You can find the reading on page 976 in your pew Bible.

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 34.

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

**People: I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Leader: Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

**People: This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.**

Leader: The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**People: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. 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 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.