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**A reading from Romans chapter 12 verses 3 through 8. You can find the reading on page 948 in your pew Bible.**

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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

Please join me in praying Psalm 29.

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.

**People: The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**People: He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.  
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**People: The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

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Leader: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

**People: May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

**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 Luke.**

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

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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