

**A reading from Romans chapter 10 verses 5 through 15. You can find the reading on page 946 in your pew Bible.**

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

Please join me in praying Psalm 36.

Leader: Transgression speaks to the wicked  
deep in his heart;

**People: there is no fear of God  
before his eyes.**

Leader: For he flatters himself in his own eyes  
that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated.

**People: The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit;  
he has ceased to act wisely and do good.**

Leader: He plots trouble while on his bed;

**People: he sets himself in a way that is not good;  
he does not reject evil.**

Leader: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**People: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
man and beast you save, O LORD.**

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
The children of mankind take refuge  
in the shadow of your wings.

**People: They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light do we see light.

**People: Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  
and your righteousness to the upright of heart!**

Leader: Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me,  
nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.

**People: There the evildoers lie fallen;  
they are thrust down, unable to rise.**

**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 Matthew.**

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

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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