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A reading from Ephesians chapter 4 verses 1 through 6 and 11 through 14. You can find the reading on page 977 in your pew Bible.

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 27.

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,

People: my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

Leader: Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;

People: though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

Leader: One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:

People: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

Leader: For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;

People: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

Leader: And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,

People: and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Leader: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
You have said, “Seek my face.”

People: My heart says to you,
“Your face, LORD, do I seek.”
Hide not your face from me.

Leader: Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.

People: Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!
For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the LORD will take me in.

Leader: Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

People: Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.

Leader: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!

People: Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

**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.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.