

**A reading from Romans chapter one verses 19 through 23 and chapter 2 verses 14 through 15a. You can find this reading on page 910 of your pew Bible.**

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts

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

**Please join me in praying Psalm 19.**

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

**People: Day to day pours out speech,  
and night to night reveals knowledge.**

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words,  
whose voice is not heard.

**People: Their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.**

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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