

A reading from Jeremiah chapter 31 verses 31 through 34. You can find this reading on page 660 of your pew Bible.

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 1.

Leader: Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

**People: nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

Leader: but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

**People: He is like a tree
planted by streams of water**

Leader: that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

**People: The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**People: for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**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 Matthew.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.