

**A reading from 2 Corinthians 5.11-15. You can find this reading on page 966 of your pew Bible.**

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

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

**Please join me in praying Psalm 66.**

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**People: sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise!**

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing  
to you.

**People: All the earth worships you  
and sings praises to you;  
they sing praises to your name."**

Leader: Come and see what God has done:  
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

**People: Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.**

**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 Mark.**

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

As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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