

A reading from Deuteronomy 15.7-11. You can find this reading on page 159 of your pew Bible.

“If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, ‘The seventh year, the year of release is near,’ and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the Lord against you, and you be guilty of sin. You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 112.

Leader: Praise the Lord!
Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
who greatly delights in his commandments!

**People: His offspring will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Leader: Wealth and riches are in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**People: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Leader: It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.

**People: For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered forever.**

Leader: He is not afraid of bad news;
his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.

**People: His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.**

Leader: He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever;
his horn is exalted in honor.

**People: The wicked man sees it and is angry;
he gnashes his teeth and melts away;
the desire 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 Mark.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him.

there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**