

A reading from Isaiah chapter 28 verses 23 through 29. You can find this reading on page 589 of your pew Bible.

Give ear, and hear my voice;

give attention, and hear my speech.

Does he who plows for sowing plow continually?

Does he continually open and harrow his ground?

When he has leveled its surface,

does he not scatter dill, sow cumin,

and put in wheat in rows

and barley in its proper place,

and emmer as the border?

For he is rightly instructed;

his God teaches him.

Dill is not threshed with a threshing sledge,

nor is a cart wheel rolled over cumin,

but dill is beaten out with a stick,

and cumin with a rod.

Does one crush grain for bread?

No, he does not thresh it forever;

when he drives his cart wheel over it

with his horses, he does not crush it.

This also comes from the Lord of hosts;

he is wonderful in counsel

and excellent in wisdom.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 67.

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us

People: and make his face to shine upon us,

Leader: that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

**People: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

**People: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.

**People: God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

**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.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.