November 8, 2026

First Reading

Psalm 70

A reading from the 70th Psalm.

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"
But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

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

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the 4th Chapter of 1 Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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