First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
Reader

1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and
Jerusalem.

2 In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
3 Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
4 He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.
5 O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

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

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14
Reader

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already
the moment for you to wake from sleep.
For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became
believers;
the night is far gone; the day is near.
Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the
armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling
and drunkenness,
not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and
jealousy.
Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44
Pastor

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] 36 "About that day and hour no one
knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the
Father. 37 For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of
the Son of Man. 38 For as in the days before the flood they were
eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the
day Noah entered the ark, 39 and they knew nothing until the
flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming
of the Son of Man. 40 Then two will be in the field; one will be
taken, and one will be left. 41 Two women will be grinding meal
together; one will be taken, and one will be left. 42 Keep awake,
therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
43 But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in
what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have
stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.
44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is
coming at an hour you do not expect."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**