## Year 2, Proper 26, Thursday: Mass

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

## A Reading from the

## Letter of Paul to the Philippians

For we are the true circumcision, who worship God in spirit, and glory in Christ Jesus, and put no confidence in the flesh. Though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If any other man thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law a Pharisee, as to zeal a persecutor of the church, as to righteousness under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

*The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

**Psalm 105:1-7**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 105, verses 1 through 7, found in the red Prayer Book on page 738.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his

Name;\*

make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*

and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; \*

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord

rejoice.

4 Search for the Lord and his strength; \*

continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*

his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*

O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the Lord our God; \*

his judgments prevail in all the world.

*The Reader says*

Please stand for the Gospel.

**Verse Before the Gospel**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader*  Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; \*

you have the words of everlasting life.

*People* Alleluia.

*The Reader returns to his or her seat.*

**The Holy Gospel**

*The Minister says* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Minister* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

*The Minister says*  The Gospel of the Lord.