The Preaching Text:

The first lesson is from 1 Corinthians, Chapter 1 verses 1 through 9
(page 952 in the Pew Bible)

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints
together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord
and ours:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ
Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— 6 even as the
testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as
you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the
day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 40:1-11 (page 468 in the Pew Bible)
I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
2 He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord.
4 Blessed is the man who makes
the Lord his trust,
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!
5 You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!
I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.
6 In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,
but you have given me an open ear.[a]
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.
7 Then I said, “Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
8 I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart.”
9 I have told the glad news of deliverance[b]
in the great congregation;
behold, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O Lord.

10 I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.
11 As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain
your mercy from me;
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will
ever preserve me!

The Gospel reading is from John, Chapter 1, verses 29 through 42
(page 886 in the Pew Bible)

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes
away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me,
because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with
water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” 32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from
heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to
baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who
baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son[a] of
God.”

35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he
walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they
followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you
seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said
to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with
him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.[b] 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed
Jesus[c] was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him,
“We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him
and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter[d]).