***Introit (Psalm 61)***

P: I will praise the Lord all my life.

**C: I will sing praises for my God while I live.**

P: I will rejoice much because of the Lord.

C: My soul will celebrate God.

P: Because He gave me clothes of salvation.

**C: His clothes of holy life cover me.**

P: A man getting married dresses same-as a priest.

C: A woman getting married has beautiful jewels. God clothes us the same.

**All: Glory give to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, the same as it was in the beginning, is now, and will continue forever. Amen.**

***Prayer for God’s Word***

P: Almighty God, You want us to trust You for salvation. Please don’t judge us guilty and punish us. Use Your great mercy to judge us and announce us holy. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Jesus lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (copy) Amen.

The Old Testament lesson is from Isaiah chapter 25.

 On this holy mountain the Lord Almighty will make a feast for all different people – a feast with the best food and wine, food fat and delicious, and fine wine. Dark death covers all people and all nations. But on this holy mountain God will destroy death forever.

 Tears on all faces, the Lord God will wipe-away. People insult and mock His people, but the Lord will make that stop in all the earth. The Lord finished announced this!

 On that day, people will say, “He is our God! We waited for Him, then He can save us. He is the Lord! We trust Him, and now we celebrate, because He finished saved us!”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from Philippians chapter 4.

 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I tell you, rejoice. Let all people see your kindness. The Lord is near. Don’t worry about anything. In everything, go to God in prayer, begging Him, and thanking Him. God’s peace is greater than anyone can understand. His peace will protect your minds and hearts in Christ Jesus.

 Finally, Christian friends, think about these things: anything true, and honor, and correct, and pure, and beautiful, and wonderful things, and good things, and anything deserving praise. You do the things I taught you and showed you. God will stay with you and give you peace.

 I’m very happy in the Lord because you are again interested in me. Before you were interested, but you didn’t have opportunity to show interest.

 I’m not saying I need anything, because I learned to be satisfied no matter my needs. I experienced being poor, and I experienced riches. I learned the secret how to be satisfied. If I have much food or I am hungry; if I have many things or I have nothing, I can continue satisfied. I can do all these things because Christ gives me strength.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Matthew chapter 22.

C: (copy) Glory to You, O Lord.

 Jesus told them another story. The kingdom of heaven is the same-as a king giving a wedding feast for his son. Earlier, the king invited people. Now the king sent his servants to tell them to come to the wedding feast. But they didn’t-want to come. Again he sent more servants and said, “Tell them: Look, I prepared the feast, I killed my oxen and fat calves. Everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.” But they didn’t listen and they did other things. One man went to his farm and another man went to his work. Other people grabbed the servants and hurt them and killed them. The king was angry and sent soldiers to kill them and burn their city.

 Then the king said to his servants, “The wedding feast is ready, but those first people don’t deserve to come. Now, go to the streets. All the people you find, invite them to the wedding feast.” And those servants went into the streets and brought all the people they found, both bad and good people. And the wedding hall was full with people.

 The king came in to see all of his guests. He noticed one man not wearing wedding clothes. The king asked him, “Friend, how did you enter without wedding clothes?” The man had no answer. The king told his servants, “Tie him up and throw him into the dark outside. In that place, people cry and grind their teeth. I call many people, but I choose few.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (copy) Praise to You, O Christ.