***Introit (Psalm 34)***

P: The Lord is near people who have broken hearts.

C: He saves people who are depressed.

P: I will always bless the Lord.

C: I will always praise Him.

P: My soul boasts about the Lord.

C: Humble people can know that and be happy.

P: Praise the Lord with me!

C: Let us together praise His name!

P: I searched-for the Lord and He answered me.

C: He saved me from all my fears.

P: Righteous people cry-out to the Lord, He attends them.

C: He saves them from all their troubles.

**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: God, Your holy wisdom planned and made all things in heaven and on earth. Take-away things that hurt us. Give us things truly good for us. 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 Ecclesiastes chapter 5.

 A person loving money will not feel satisfied with money. A person loving riches will not be satisfied. Loving money is worthless. When good things increase, then more people want those things. The owner has much, but for no good reason.

 A working man maybe eats much or eats little. Doesn’t matter, he will still sleep good. But a rich man eats much and can’t sleep.

 I have seen a terrible evil on earth. People are greedy for riches, and those riches hurt them. Then they lose their riches and they have nothing to give their children. A person is born with nothing, and he will die with nothing. From all of his work and earnings, he can keep nothing.

 That is a terrible evil. A man is born and dies the same. All your work is for nothing. That is no good. Your whole life, you eat in darkness, worry, sickness and anger.

 I have seen this is good and right: eat, drink, enjoy yourself in all your work on earth for the short life that God gives you. God gives you all that. When God gives a person riches, God lets him eat and enjoy his work and blessings. That is God’s gift for him. That person will not worry about his life, because God made him happy in his heart.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

*There are two New Testament lessons to choose from, a shorter reading from Hebrews 4 and a longer reading from Hebrews 4. Choose one.*

*The longer reading.*

The New Testament lesson is from Hebrews chapter 4.

 God promises we can enter heaven and rest with Him. While we have His promise, we should fear and not lose His gift. People preached the good news to us, the same-as long ago people preached to the Israelite people. But God’s word didn’t help them because they had no faith.

 We believe, and we have rest with God. God made the world, He finished His work and He rested. But God promised about the unbelieving Israelites, “In My anger, I promised they will not enter My heavenly rest.”

 In the Bible, God said this about the seventh day: “On the seventh day, God rested from all His work.” And He also said, “They will not enter My heavenly rest.” Some people have not-yet entered His rest. Other people heard the good news, but they didn’t go to heaven because they didn’t obey.

 God made another day named “Today.” Long ago, God spoke through DAVID and said, “Today, if you attend His voice, don’t make your hearts hard and stubborn.” JOSHUA didn’t give the people rest. That is why God spoke about another day of rest.

 This shows that the worship rest day for God’s people is coming. God finished His work and then rested. The person entering heaven will rest after his work the same-as God rested. Now let us be careful and eager to enter that rest in heaven. We don’t want anyone not to obey God and become lost.

 The Word of God is living and working. That Word is more sharp than any two-edged sword. His Word divides SOUL and SPIRIT, and divides JOINTS and MARROW. His Word judges peoples’ hearts, their wishes and thoughts. No one on earth can hide from Him. Everything is open in-front-of His eyes, and we must all answer about ourselves to Him.

 We have this great high priest who entered heaven. He is Jesus, the Son of God. Now we can hold strong our faith. Because our high priest Jesus understands us and our weakness. Our high priest Jesus got tempted in everything the same-as us, but He didn’t sin. Now let us go with courage to the throne of grace. There we can get mercy and grace to help us in our need.

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This is the word of the Lord.

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The Gospel lesson is from Mark chapter 10.

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

 Jesus looked-around and said to His disciples, “Truly it is hard for rich people to enter the kingdom of God.” His disciples were-surprised, but Jesus said again, “My children, it is truly hard to enter the kingdom of God. It is easier for a CAMEL to go through the eye of a NEEDLE than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

 His disciples were more surprised and asked Him, “Then who can get saved?”

 Jesus answered, “For people, that is impossible. But all things are possible for God.”

 PETER said to Jesus, “Look, we left everything and followed You!”

 Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, anyone who left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or land for Me or for the gospel, he will get a hundred times more now. He will get houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and land, and also persecution, and in the future he will get eternal life. But many people who are first will become last, and the last people will become first.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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