***Introit (Psalm 49)***

P: All people, pay-attention!

**C: All people in the world, attend!**

P: Humble people and important people,

**C: Rich and poor people together.**

P: No man can pay to save another man’s life.

**C: No one can pay God for his life.**

P: Their lives are worth much.

**C: No one can pay the full price.**

P: This is the way foolish people live.

**C: And other people agree with their boasting.**

P: The same-as sheep, they will die.

**C: Death will become their shepherd.**

P: God will save my soul from the grave.

**C: He will accept me.**

**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: Lord, give us wisdom, then we will see the riches You will give us in heaven. Then we will never be-sad and give-up. But we will rejoice and thank You for the riches of Your grace. 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 chapters 1 and 2.

 Worthless! Worthless! The preacher says everything is worthless.

 I am the Preacher and king of ISRAEL in JERUSALEM. My heart was wise and I looked-at and tested everything in the world. God gives people unhappy work to do. I saw everything people do, and all is worthless, the same-as chasing the wind.

 I worked hard and I hated all my work. Happens I die, I must give everything to another man. Maybe he will be wise or maybe foolish -- who knows? But he will own everything I worked for and everything my wisdom earned for me. This is worthless!

 Then I became depressed because of all my work. A person works for something with all his knowledge and wisdom and skill, and then he must give everything to someone that didn’t work for it. This is worthless and evil.

 A person works and worries through life, but what does he get? All his life is full of sorrow and his work brings heart-ache. At night his mind can’t rest. This is worthless!

 The best thing a person can do is eat, drink and enjoy his work. I saw that all this comes from God. Without God, can anyone eat and enjoy himself? No! For people who please God, God gives wisdom and knowledge and happiness to them. But God makes sinners work and save, and then give that to people who please Him. This is also worthless, same-as chasing the wind!

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from Colossians chapter 3.

 Because God raised you alive with Christ, be-eager for the things in heaven. That is the place Christ reigns. Continue thinking about heavenly things and not about earthly things. You finished died, and now your life is hidden with Christ in God. Christ is your life. When He comes in glory, then you will also appear with Christ in glory.

 Destroy all the earthly sins in you; sex sins, not clean living, hungers, jealousy, and wanting more and more, because that is idol worship. These things bring God’s anger. In the past, you did those sins and you lived that way. But now throw-out these sins: anger, madness, hate, saying bad things about people, and dirty talk.

 Don’t tell lies to one-another, because you threw-out that old life and old ways, and now you are a new person. Christ makes you new, so you can become the same-as Him, because He first made you. Now we don’t name people Greek or Jew, men with circumcision or without, foreigner, slave, or free man. Christ is everything to us and He lives in all of us.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Luke chapter 12.

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

 A person in the crowd told Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to give me my inheritance from our father.”

 Jesus asked, “Who made Me your judge to divide your inheritance?”

 Jesus announced to the crowd, “Be careful. Don’t become greedy. All the things you own don’t give you life.”

 Jesus told them a story. He said, “A rich man had good crops on his land. He asked himself, ‘What will I do? I have no place to keep my crops.’ He said, ‘I will do this. I will tear-down my BARNS and build bigger BARNS. Then I can keep all my CROPS and things. I will say to my soul, I have many good things stored for many years. Live easy! Eat, drink, enjoy yourself.’

 But God told him, ‘You fool! Tonight you will die. Then who will enjoy everything you have?’ That is what happens when you save things for yourself and you are not rich in God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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