



**P** Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

KYRIE

**LSB 186**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 40:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." <sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" <sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL**

*Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.*

**P** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

## EPISTLE

*2 Peter 3:8–14*

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. <sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. <sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

**LSB 190**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 1:1–8*

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” <sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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**LSB 191**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

**LSB 347 (st. 1,3)**

**SERMON**

**“Be of Good Cheer!”**

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

**OFFERTORY**

**LSB 192 & 193**

**OFFERING**

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

P. Manz

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After each Petition:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy

-OR-

**P** Let us pray to the Lord

**C** Hear our prayer

**C** Lord, have mercy

*After the final Petition:*

**P** .....reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**LSB 194 & 195**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**LSB 196**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**LSB 197**

**PAX DOMINI**

**LSB 197**

**AGNUS DEI**

**LSB 198**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord **LSB 352**  
Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray **LSB 623**  
Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread **LSB 625**

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

**LSB 199-200**

**THANKSGIVING**

**LSB 200 & following**

**CLOSING HYMN**

On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry

**LSB 344 (st. 4-5)**

**POSTLUDE**