

**The Old Testament Reading. . . . .Isaiah 40:1–11**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. 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. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 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. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." 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. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. 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!" Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. 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.

**The Epistle Reading. . . . .2 Peter 3:8–14**

Know this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. 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. 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. 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. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, 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! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

**The Gospel Reading. . . . .Mark 1:1–8**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 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. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. 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. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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**Second Sunday in Advent**  
**December 6, 2020**

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## Receiving the Lord's Supper at Holy Cross

Our Lord gives both directions and warnings in Scripture when it comes to the precious gift of Holy Communion, which we take great care to follow. A small brochure is available in the pew which describes the importance of the Biblical and historic practice known as "Closed Communion." If you are not under the spiritual care of Holy Cross, please speak with the pastor before communing so that our unity with Christ and with one another may be genuine. Our aim is not to insult, but to instruct and prepare those who earnestly desire to join our communion. So, if you or your children are not yet communicants, you may come forward for a blessing tied to baptism, and you are encouraged to signify this by crossing your arms over your chest as the pastor comes by. The Blood of Christ is offered either in individual glasses, or simply hold out your hand to take the chalice by the base as you drink from it.

**Notes on the service:** John the Baptist was sent to prepare the way for the first coming of the Savior. Today we have God's Word with the message that our salvation has been assured through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Word comes to us today to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus now as He comes in Word and Sacrament, and also that we may be prepared to receive Him when He comes again in glory. May our worship today and the hearing of His Word help us in that preparation.

### THE 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.**

Organist. . . . . Myla Miller  
Communion Elders. . . . . (8:00 A.M.) Rich Rusche & David Johnson  
December Elders. . . . . David Johnson & Luther Salonen

## Psalm 80



Restore us, | O God;\*

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

**Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!\***

**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.**

You brought a vine out of | Egypt;\*

it took deep root and | filled the land.

**Restore us, O | God of hosts;\***

**let your face shine, that we | may be saved!**

*8:00 A.M.—Divine Service continues with the  
Gloria Patri on page 186.*

*10:45 A.M.—Matins: Glory be to the Father and to the Son...*

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*Note: Standing and Kneeling are optional*

**8:00 A.M.**

**Divine Service Setting Three LSB 184**

Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Hymn—LSB #354**

**Confession and Absolution LSB 184**

**Service of the Word LSB 186**

**Introit - Psalm 80—(printed at left)**

**Gloria Patri - LSB 186**

**Kyrie - LSB 186 (Gloria omitted during Advent)**

**The Lessons: (printed on back)**

**The Nicene Creed - LSB 191**

**Hymn of the Day - LSB #344**

**Sermon - "Is Your Greeting Genuine?"**

Text: Mark 1:1-8

**Offertory & Offering - LSB 192-193**

**Prayer of the Church - LSB 193**

**Service of the Sacrament LSB 194**

**Sanctus - LSB 195**

**Lord's Prayer - LSB 196 (Spoken)**

**Agnus Dei - LSB 198**

**Distribution - LSB 199**

Hymns—LSB #621, #346, #725

**Nunc Dimittis - LSB 199**

**Benedicamus & Benediction - LSB 201-202**

**Closing Hymn—LSB #348**

**10:45 A.M.—Matins LSB 219**

Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Hymn—LSB #354**

**Opening Verses—LSB 219**

**Isaiah 80—(printed at left)**

**Office Hymn—LSB #346**

**The Lessons: (printed on back)**

**Common Responsory - LSB 221**

**Catechetical Instruction— The Lord's Prayer-  
LSB 323-325**

**Sermon Hymn—LSB #344**

**Sermon - "Is Your Greeting Genuine?"**

Text: Mark 1:1-8

**Canticle—LSB #941**

**Offering**

**Prayer—LSB 227**

**Benediction—LSB 228**

**Closing Hymn— LSB #348**