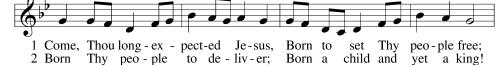
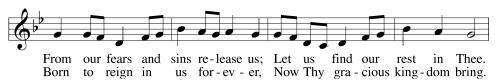
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Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art, By Thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart. By Thine all-suf-fi-cient mer-it Raise us to Thy glo-rious throne.

Opening Versicles

LSB 285

- L O Lord, open my lips,
- and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- make haste to help me, O Lord.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 80:1–7; antiphon: v. 7

- L Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
- **©** Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!
- **L** Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
- L You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.
- L Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Reading Isaiah 64:1–9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Reading Mark 13:24–37

²⁴[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation

will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



Sermon

Theme: "The Humility of the Incarnation"

Text: Isaiah 64:7-8

Kyrie I O Lord,

C have mercy.

L O Christ,

C have mercy.

L O Lord,

C have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Versicles LSB 286

- L Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- **C** let my cry come to You.
- **L** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
- **C** for You answer me.

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- L Hide Your face from my sins,
- **C** and blot out all my iniquities.

- L Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- **C** and renew a right spirit within me.
- L Cast me not away from Your presence,
- **C** and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- L Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
- **C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- **L** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
- my lips will praise You.
- **L** For You have been my help,
- and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
- **L** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
- **C** unite my heart to fear Your name.
- L I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
- and I will glorify Your name forever.
- L May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
- May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
- **L** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
- **©** Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
- **L** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
- C listen to my plea for grace.

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.
- I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 287

- Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Blessing LSB 287

- **L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
- C Amen.

Parting Blessing

As darkness fills the endless sky, and silence covers the earth,
Not a sign appears, not a sound is heard of the coming Savior's birth.
But the light is drawing closer in with each step along the way;
and a heavenly music begins as the night turns into day.
Rejoice, rejoice, good news we have to tell
"To you shall come Emmanuel."

Please place your offering in an offering plate as you depart.

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