

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### SERMON OUTLINE -- DECEMBER 5, 2021

# NEED SOME COMFORT?

*(Isaiah 40:1-11)*

**INTRODUCTION:** *Floods, landslides, COVID, health, family . . .*

**I. A VOICE CRIES OUT:** *Here comes God's bulldozers!*

- A. Every mountain & valley will be leveled (vv. 3-5)
- B. John the Baptist said much the same thing: **repent!**
- C. Prophets **warned** about Jesus' coming (Malachi 3:2)
- D. Those standing in sin will be bulldozed
- E. Where's the comfort in *that*?

**II. A VOICE CRIES OUT:** *We have our own reasons to cry*

- A. We are all like dying grass & fading flowers
- B. Where's the comfort in *that*? (vv. 6-8)
- C. But we know it's accurate, don't we?
- D. When we see ourselves as dying & fading,  
there *is* comfort in the voice of Isaiah & John

*(please turn over)*

### **III. GOD'S STRONG, CLEAR VOICE: A *true comfort!***

- A. The Word of our God stands forever (v.8)
- B. His Word is eternal, strong, & trustworthy
- C. How does *that* sound!?
- D. When we see our need, His voice *is* comfort! (vv.9-11 & 1-2)
- E. The Eternal Word of God *has* come in Jesus (John 1:14)
- F. Jesus preserves fading flowers & grass to keep them forever
- G. *His* is a voice of comfort!

**CONCLUSION:** *The old practice of placing special flowers between the pages of a heavy book . . .*