Main Theme: God is our comforter in all our affliction and sufferings.

I. God the Father is Our Comforter (1:3-4; Romans 8:28-39)

The comforting truth: Our heavenly Father who works all things for our good.

II. God the Son is Our Comforter (1:5-7; Hebrews 2:14-18, 4:15-16)

The comforting friend: Jesus knows us intimately, and gives us grace and mercy in our time of need.

III. God the Holy Spirit is Our Comforter (1:8-11; John 14:26-27, 17:22-23)

The comforting presence: The Holy Spirit ministers to us directly in our hearts, and indirectly through other Christians.

Word count (count the number of times a word is found in the sermon text)

- 1. Comfort = \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Affliction/suffering = \_\_\_\_\_

Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

- 1. What are the greatest afflictions you have experienced in your life?
- 2. What does it look like for God to be your comforter in the midst of affliction and suffering?
- 3. How can we comfort one another in the midst of affliction and suffering with the comfort we have received from God?