

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8 ESV

6 Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³ "O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD." ⁶ "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

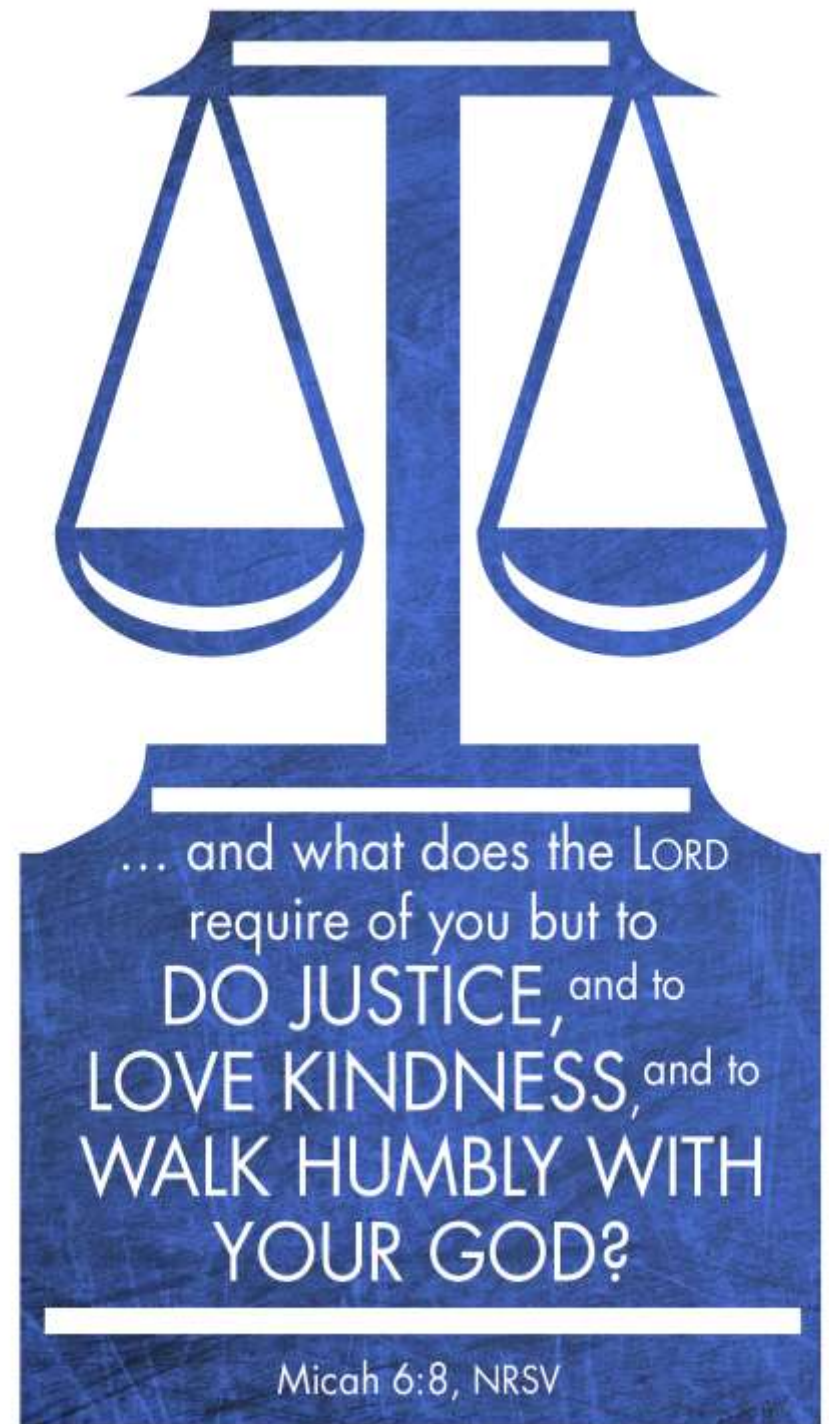
1 Corinthians 1:18-31 ESV

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach

Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Matthew 5:1-12 ESV

5 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



February 1, 2026
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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

God Manifests His Glory in the Humility and Weakness of Christ Crucified

The Lord tells His people, *"I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery"* (Micah 6:4). By the sacrifice of His beloved Son, He has redeemed us from our slavery of sin and death; He has forgiven our transgressions by the shedding of His blood. His great mercy and salvation lead us *"to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly"* with our God (Micah 6:8). We boast only in the incarnate and crucified Lord Jesus. He is *"the power of God and the wisdom of God"* (1 Cor. 1:24). He is our life and salvation, our *"wisdom"* and *"righteousness and sanctification and redemption"* (1 Cor. 1:30). Now He opens His mouth and teaches us His wisdom. By His cross and Passion, the kingdom of heaven is ours. We receive mercy and are satisfied; we see God and are called sons of God in Christ. *"Blessed are you,"* therefore, *"when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely"* on account of Christ (Matt. 5:11).

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Pastor	Larry Warsinski
Organist	Tami Mosher
Elders	Dale Rohde and Paul Bohn
A/V	Dave Hutfilz
Ushers	Bruce Tessin and Dick Bluemer
Altar Guild	Suzanne Schultz and Diane Schultz

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 36 Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion \$4,729 ~ Received for the Lord's Work \$1,244 (includes \$40 in memory of Bud Parker); Capital Projects \$45; Saginaw County Right to Life \$57.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: February 1- Ryan Eggebrecht, Pam McNett; February 2- Dale Deibel, Larry Feusse; February 3- Jessica Walton; February 4- Elizabeth Carroll, Dick Neuenfeldt. (his 88th); February 6- Jonathan Schuler, Jackie Yell.

Today's Memory Verse ~ "If we are faithless, he remains faithful-for he cannot deny himself." 2 Timothy 2:13


Thank you to everyone who helped out with this year's Christmas Bake Sale. Whether you donated or bought goods, it was appreciated. Proceeds went to the Quilters and to God's Helping Hands.

Thrivent Choice Dollars - Thanks to all those who have already directed their Thrivent Choice dollars to Zion which goes into Zion's Capital Projects Fund. If you are an eligible member, another consideration is to direct Choice Dollars to Camp Lu Lay Lea. Call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" to be connected to a customer service rep. or go online to www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. You will need your Thrivent ID number or your social security number for proper identification. You can still designate 2025 dollars until March 31, 2026. After that any dollars not designated remain with Thrivent.

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Bible Quiz

Complete the first of Jesus' "beatitudes" correctly: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for ..."

- A. they shall be comforted.
- B. theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- C. they shall inherit the earth.
- D. they shall see God.



Answer: B (See Matthew 5:3.)