

## Old Testament Reading: Micah 6:1–8

- 1 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 saving 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?

## Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,  
"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I  
will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>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?  
<sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

# The word of the cross is the power of God



**About the Cover:** Looking up to a man hanging on a cross is considered foolishness to many people in this world. God's Word teaches us that, by faith, we see in Christ's work on the cross the power of God, which brings us forgiveness and salvation. Because of the powerful work of Christ on the cross, we see that "the foolishness of God is wiser than men" (1 Corinthians 1:25). Forgiveness is only found in Jesus, God's Son, who died on the cross to forgive our sins.



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DIVINE WORSHIP -10AM

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

HYMN . . . . . "Christ is Our Cornerstone" LSB #912

Divine Service One

Invocation

Confession & Absolution . . . . . LSB p.151

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His

authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit

The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
But the way of the wicked will perish.

Blessed is the man that does not walk in the counsel of the wicked  
Or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
And on His law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither.

Whatever he does prospers.

Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

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.

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## Announcements

**\*If you are visiting with us today please fill out our visitor card so that we can inform you of upcoming events or respond to a request.**

**Voters meeting next Sunday 30 minutes after the service.**

**Ash Wednesday is February 18 at 7pm. There will be no meals for the midweek services which all begin at 7pm.**

### **Holy Week:**

**Palm Sunday – March 29 at 10am (communion)**

**Maundy Thursday – April 2 at 7pm (communion)**

**Good Friday – April 3 at 7pm.**

**Easter Service – April 5 at 10am (communion)**

## SERMON NOTES

**Sermon Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Texts** \_\_\_\_\_

**Main Ideas / Thoughts** \_\_\_\_\_

**I Want to Remember** \_\_\_\_\_

**What Response Does God Want?** \_\_\_\_\_