

FIRST READING. Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

'O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
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.
O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.'

'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?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'
He has told you, O mortal, 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?

SECOND READING. 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

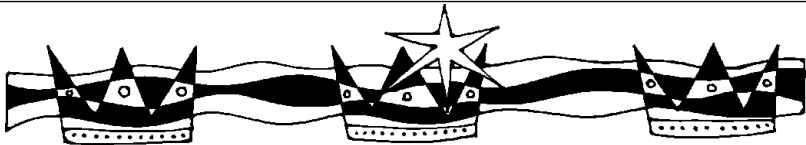
For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'
Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 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; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

GOSPEL. Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany

Sunday, January 29, 2023

“In response to God’s love, St. Matthew’s is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone.”

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Although mask mandates are now lifted in most Ontario indoor settings, our Bishop encourages “all congregations to continue using masks for the time being.” For now, we strongly recommend wearing a mask.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.

**Who may enter where you dwell,
There abide, your praise to tell?**

Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart and do not slander others, who do no wrong to their friends nor spread rumors about their neighbors,

**Who is worthy in your sight,
Lord, to serve you day and night?**

Those who reject the wicked but honor those who fear the Lord, who stand by what they promise no matter what the cost, who do not give money in hope of gain and cannot be bribed against the innocent.

**God's good word to such is sure:
Ever they shall stand secure.**

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Feb 5	Annual Meeting after the service, lunch provided
Feb 11	5:30 PM - Roast Beef Dinner
Feb 12	Installation of Church Council and Officers
Feb 22	2:00 PM - Ash Wednesday service at First Lutheran
	7:00 PM - Ash Wednesday service at St. Matthew's
Mar 1	6:30 PM - Midweek Lent via ZOOM each Wednesday in
	March. Email Pastor Bart for an invitation:
	bartsterc@gmail.com

ANNUAL MEETING - St. Matthew's Annual Meeting will be held next Sunday, February 5, after the service. We invite all members to join us as we collectively make decisions about the operations of St. Matthew's. We welcome input from all members. **Lunch will be provided.**

Saturday, February 11

5:30 PM

Tickets

Adults - \$20
Youth (6-12) - \$12
Kids (under 6) - FREE

Purchase tickets from Marilyn Schultz or Dianne Yungblut by February 6.



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Thanks be to God.
