

## Old Testament

*Micah 6:1–8*

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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.” <sup>6</sup>“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? <sup>7</sup>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?” <sup>8</sup>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 not, to bring to nothing 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.

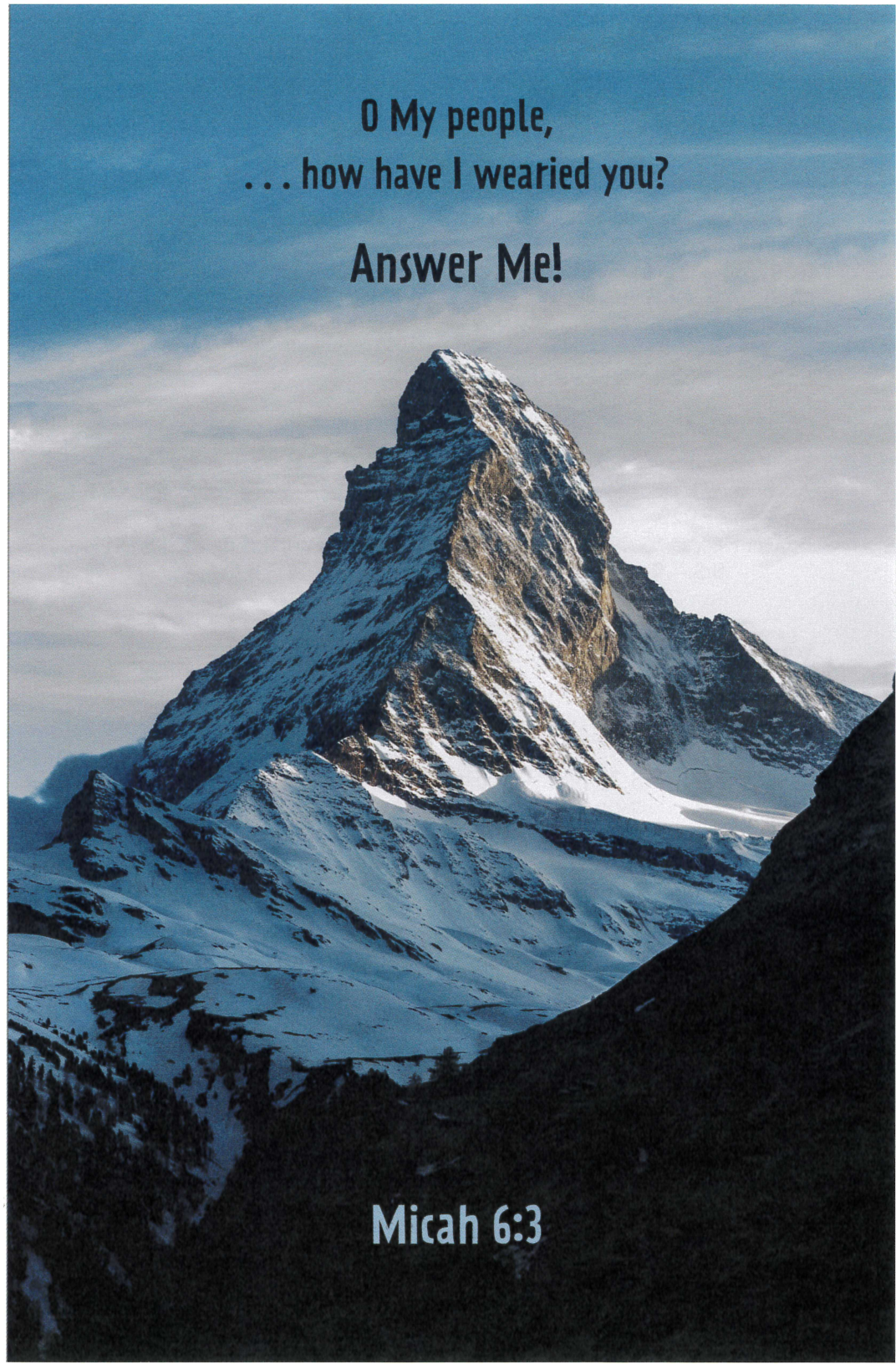
<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>“Blessed 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.”



**About the Cover:** Micah’s vision presents the people of Israel on trial before the mountains for their continued refusal to listen to the Word of the Lord. Yet the Lord presents *His* case by pointing to His saving deeds in the past. For us today, though our sin is ever before us, in Christ, the Lord does not give testimony against us but *for* our sake!

O My people,  
... how have I wearied you?

Answer Me!



Micah 6:3



## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 25 & 29, 2023

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151

Hymns: 427, 842, 602, 411, 848

### THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 1/18	(Wed): 29	Offering: \$415.00
Attendance 1/22	(Sun): 73	Offering: \$1,725.18
Budget Needs: \$3,098.21		Scrip Profit 1/22: \$33.13
S.S. – 9	Staff – 4	B.C. – 15

### KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (2/1)	1:45 p.m. – Confirmation 6:00 p.m. – Choir <b>7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.</b> 7:45 p.m. – Elders
THUR (2/2)	3:30 p.m. – Trustees 7:00 p.m. – Women's Devotional Hour
SUN (2/5)	8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C. <b>9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.</b>

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Vincent Sucivic (grandson of Duane & Karen Loose), Damian Wetzell, Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules & Carol Clausing, Sandy Haberland, Joan Zutz, Elaine Zeamer, Lori Krueger, Nancy Davidson, Terry Brandenburg, and Dallas Wenzel.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS** – Those being installed are Gary Koerth (President), Debbie Kamps (treasurer), Linda Streck (financial secretary), Lon Fels (elder), Rhonda Geiger (stewardship/evangelism), Amy Krahn (stewardship/evangelism), Tony Wittmann (trustee) and Alice Koerth (stewardship/evangelism).

**BAPTISM** – Being received into God's family by the waters of Baptism is Johnlee Edward Kiesow, son of James & Shawna Kiesow. Johnlee's sponsors are Chris Levash & Kurt Kiesow. Welcome to God's family!

**CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES** – Please email or drop off in the office the contact information – name, address, phone #, email address – for all congregation members in your household (and also extended family) even if the information has not changes since last year.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED** – We are in need of Sunday school teachers for this year. If interested, contact Amanda Zoellner.

**LADIES AID IS PLANNING A CHILI DINNER** on February 26. We will serve from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You can take out or eat here right after the church service. If you wish to take out, please bring your own container. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board if you would like to help purchase some of the ingredients or bake a pie. Please have items here by Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**LADIES AID IS REQUESTING YOUR HELP** with their chili dinner on Saturday Feb. 25 for preparing and on Sunday, Feb. 26 for serving. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you are available to help.

**GREETER & USHER SCHEDULE** – We are still in need of greeters and ushers for the 2023 schedule. Please consider being a greeter or usher. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. *Thank you.*

### **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

**Matthew 17:8** – “And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.” Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.