

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

“What Does the Lord Require?” -- Micah 6:6-8

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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

We are always glad to have you worship with us.

*If you do not have a regular church home,
we invite you to make our church home yours.*

- † Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- † Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available -- please ask an usher for one.
- † While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- † Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

Prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

AS WE GATHER Many of the words that we use on a regular basis in our worship have a rich and meaningful history that is often not well known. The word blessed or blessing used in the liturgy and hymns of the church is derived from the Old English word bloedsian, "to make something sacred." This word, traced further back to an ancient Germanic dialect, originally meant "to make sacred in marking with blood." That meaningful linkage is well reflected in the eighteenth-century hymn text by English clergyman Joseph Humphreys, which begins: "Blest the children of our God, They are bought with Christ's own blood; They are ransomed from the grave, Life eternal they will have" (LW 370:1). In his poetic text, Humphreys echoes 1 John, where we read: "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1:7). We are blessed though the blood of Jesus to be the children of God! As we pray with hymnwriter Humphreys: "With them numbered may we be here and in eternity!" (LW 370:1).

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING 1

Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LSB 904

Please stand for final Trinitarian verse. △

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
 3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
 △ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and

all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
 God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,

Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach-ings,
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
 Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
 Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -

sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
 God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
 Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
 low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

Text (sts. 1–3): Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84; (sts. 1–3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 4): Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein, 1707, Berlin; (st. 4): tr. unknown, alt.

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Please stand.

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20], Psalm 89:1–2, 5, 8, 52; Isaiah 2:5b

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

People: **with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens You will establish Your faithfulness.”

People: Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD, Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

Leader: O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as You are, O LORD, with Your faithfulness all around You?

People: Blessed be the LORD forever! Amen and Amen. Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:8-9

Leader: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious heavenly Father.

People: Eternal God, we confess that by nature we are sinful people. We are given to sinful thoughts, sinful words, and sinful deeds. We have transgressed Your law in many ways, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have often been heedless of our calling to follow in Your ways. Because of our sins and our sinfulness, we deserve Your punishment now and for eternity. Gracious God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin and restore us to a full and joyful relationship with You through the merits of Jesus, our Lord. Direct our days by Your Holy Spirit that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments as Your redeemed people, bringing the brightness of Your light to the darkened world.

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Service of the Word

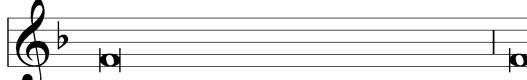
Kyrie

Mark 10:47

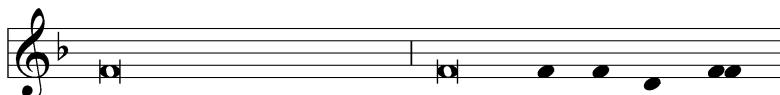
A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



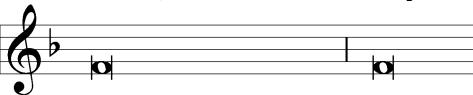
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



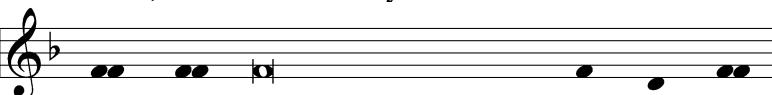
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:
 We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.
 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
 You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
 For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.** Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1–8

God's people are to come before Him in humility.

Reader: Hear what the LORD says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

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.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

How 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 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.”

“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 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?”

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?

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 15

Leader: O LORD, who shall sojourn in Your tent?

People: **Who shall dwell on Your holy hill?**

Women/girls: *He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart;*

Men/boys: *who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend;*

Women/girls: *in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD;*
who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

Men/boys: who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

People: He who does these things shall never be moved.

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.

Epistle Reading

Christ is the wisdom and the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

Reader: 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. 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, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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. 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, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

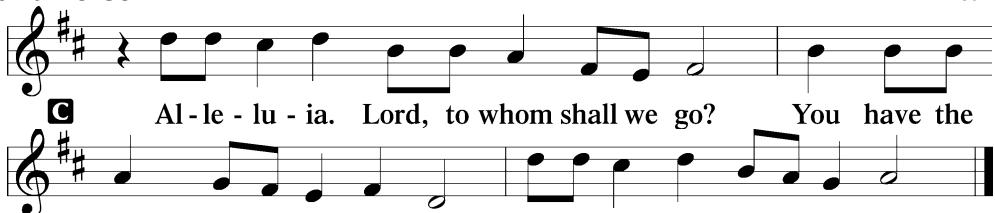
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reader: Please stand in reverence to the Gospel. **Stand.**

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Jesus teaches about blessed living.

Matthew 5:1–12

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Pastor: Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when others 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 so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ. Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day

Jesus Sat with His Disciples

LSB 932

1 Je - sus sat with His dis - ci - ples On a
2 "Bless-ed are the meek and hum - ble, All the
3 "Bless-ed are God's sons and daugh - ters, Mak - ing

moun - tain - side one day; As the crowds of peo-ple
earth to them is willed. Those who hun - ger to be
peace where there is strife. Bless - ed are the per - se -

gath - ered, He be - gan to teach and say:
ho - ly, They are bless'd and will be filled.
cut - ed, Who for righ - teous - ness lose life;

“Bless-ed are the poor in spir - it, Heav - en’s
 Yes, the mer - ci - ful are bless - ed, Mer - cy
 Their re - ward is great in heav - en, In the

 king - dom they will share. Bless-ed are the sad and
 will to them be shown. And the pure in heart are
 king - dom up a - bove— So be glad to share My

 mourn - ing, Joy and com - fort will be theirs.
 bless - ed, They have eyes for God a - lone.
 suf - f'ring And re - joice to know My love.”

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Sermon

“What Does the Lord Require?”

Micah 6:6-8

Please stand.

Nicene Creed

ALL: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

After each petition:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

People: Amen.

Please be seated after the prayers.

Offering *During this time, we invite you to sign and pass the Friendship Book. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

We believe that...

- † Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.
- † We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins."
- † We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.

Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.

What does this mean?

Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior. Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (*indicated by folded hands*), or to remain seated for individual prayer.

- † *[When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.]*

Offertory

Offertory

by John Ness Beck

Service of the Sacrament

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Please stand.

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22, [Colossians 3:1], [Psalm 136]

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are enclosed in square boxes:

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And al - so with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have had mercy on us and have sent Your only-begotten Son to be our Savior. Grant that we may have a right sense of the joy of His presence in all the seasons of our lives. Grant that we receive the body and blood of our Lord as the guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. With angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (sung)

Holy, Holy Holy

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Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, who in giving Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to accomplish our salvation, has manifested Your grace and Your glory. We thank You for the sacrifice made by our blessed Lord for our salvation and for the blessed Meal set before us. Gather us now at Your Holy Table as Your invited and beloved guests. Joined together in the name of our Lord and in the communion of saints, we pray You to send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20, 1 Cor. 11:23-25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My $\text{\text{T}}$ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My $\text{\text{T}}$ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

John 20:19

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei (sung)**Lamb of God**

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

John 1:29

Distribution Please be seated. If you are communing, please follow the direction of the ushers.**Distribution Anthem****I Come with Joy**

by Karen Marrolli

Distribution Hymn**Blest the Children of Our God**

[tune: VOLLER WUNDER]



1 Blest the chil - dren of our God, They are bought with
 2 They are jus - ti - fied by grace, They en - joy the
 3 They are lights up - on the earth, Chil - dren of a



Christ's own blood; They are ran - somed from the grave,
 Sav - ior's peace; All their sins are washed a - way,
 heav'n - ly birth; One with God, with Je - sus one;



Life e - ter - nal they will have: With them num - bered
 They will stand in God's great day: With them num - bered
 Glo - ry is in them be - gun: With them num - bered



may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!
 may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!
 may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!

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Please stand.

Post-Communion Canticle**Thank the Lord**

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. As Your pilgrim people, strengthen and support us so that we may continue to proclaim Your love to all the world. In this Epiphany season, keep before us the vision of the brightness of Your glory, and bring us at last to Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C A - men.

Closing Hymn

O God of God, O Light of Light

LSB 810

1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and
2 For deep in proph-ets' sa - cred page, And grand in po - ets'
3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in
4 Then raise to Christ a might - y song, And shout His name, His

King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo - ry bright The song of
wing-ed word, Slow - ly in type, from age to age The na - tions
hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a - bove He reigns, our
mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



praise for - ev - er rings. To Him who sits up - on the throne,
saw their com - ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju - de - an night
King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might - y gates!
earth, your an - them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin - ners slain!



The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry
Rang out the song, "Good - will to men!" Sung once by first - born
So sang that host be - yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your
For - ev - er let the song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb, en -



He has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, a - men.
sons of light, It ech - oes now, "Good - will!" A - men.
King a - waits. We lift them up. A - men, a - men.
throned to reign, All glo - ry, pow'r! A - men, a - men.

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Silent Prayer

Postlude

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Our mission is to teach, love, and connect...teach all ages about Jesus, love one another as God loves us, and connect with others in a hurting world.

Readings for next week, 2/8:

**Isaiah 58:3–9a,
Psalm 112:1–9,
1 Corinthians 2,
Matthew 5:13–20**
