

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 27, 2024, 5:30pm

Sunday, January 28, 2024, 8:00am & 10:45am



As We Gather – “How to Train Our Children to Use Their Superpower”

In Week One of our sermon series, we looked at how Jesus gives parents children to disciple – to become Jesus followers and how others can walk alongside parents. In Week Two, we looked at how parents (and others) can disciple and empower their children to live out their faith in Jesus. Today, in Week Three, we will unpack how we can use God’s love, as our superpower, to grow in our ability to help others by practicing five mission skills. They are: 1) Seeking the Kingdom, 2) Hearing from Jesus in the Gospels, 3) Talking with People, 4) Doing Good, and 5) Ministering through Prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING HYMN, LSB 901

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be
en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee
Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the
is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

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

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

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **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 loved 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.**
- P** 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.
- C** **Amen.**

KYRIE

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

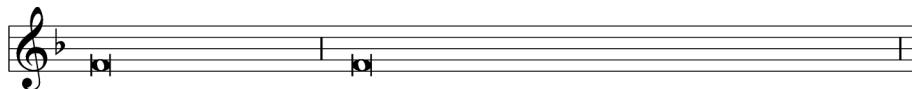
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

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.



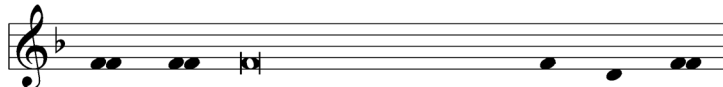
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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, "This is the Feast"

LSB 155



Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, Your Son gathered the little children to Himself that He might bless them. Strengthen the parents of our congregation that they may faithfully bring up their children in the nurture and instruction of the Lord by a life of prayer and devotion to You and Your Word. Bless the work of our Sunday School teachers and all who assist our parents in teaching the faith to children, that all might be led into the Savior's loving arms and grow to lead godly lives to the praise and honor of Christ's holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING, Leviticus 19:17-18

"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING, 1 John 4:7-12

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN, LSB 712

“Seek Ye First”



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
 3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by



right - teous - ness. And all these things shall be
 ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
 ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the



add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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HOLY GOSPEL, Matthew 6:31-34, 7:7-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble ...” ⁷“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MYSTERY BOX MESSAGE

Pastor Bob Gehrke

SERMON HYMN, LSB 980

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Refrain

Je - su, Je - su, Fill us with Your love, Show
 us how to serve The neigh-bors we have from You.

1 Kneels at the feet of His friends, Si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth - y and poor, Var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we will serve; These are the ones we will
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, Si - lent - ly wash - ing their

Refrain

feet, Mas - ter who pours out Him - self for them.
 race; Neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 love; All these are neigh-bors to us and You.
 feet: This is the way we will live with You.

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SERMON

“How to Train Our Children to Use Their Superpower”

Pastor Bob Gehrke

APOSTLES CREED *(See the screen or the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

This is a time that we, as a church family return a portion of the financial blessings God has given us. If you are our guests today, please do not feel obligated to participate. We have many ways to give your tithe or offering. You may place your offering in the plate when it is passed, mail it to the church, text to give by texting 84321 with any dollar amount (be sure to select “South Shore”), give online at sstwbl.org/give, or use the Church Center App from your smartphone (available for both Android and iOS). Disciples of Jesus at SST, please fill out an ivory SST Registration card and place in the offering plate.

Guests: If you would like more information regarding South Shore Trinity, please fill out a blue Guest Registration card before and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher before leaving.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER *(See the screen or the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

LSB 628 "Your Table I Approach"

LSB 779 "Come, My Soul, with Every Care"

GROWING IN THE WORD

C "A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher." Luke 6:40

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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 Amen.

SENDING HYMN, LSB 651

"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"



1 I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a - bode,
2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,
3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,
4 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers as - cend;
5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n



The Church our blest Re-deem-er saved With His own pre-cious blood.
Its sweet com-mu-nion, sol-emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.
Dear as the ap-ple of Your eye And grav-en on Your hand.
For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.
The bright-est glo-ries earth can yield And bright-er bliss of heav'n.

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TIDINGS

January 28, 2024

The Flowers at the Altar today are given to the glory of God.

The 2024 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the commons (across from confirmation pictures) – reserve your Sunday today!

A **special offering** for Vance and Robin England to REPLACE items that were destroyed by a fire on June 25th, 2022. Please prayerfully consider giving, as you are able, to help them in their time of need. You may write a check or give cash to SST by enclosing it in your “Special Offering” envelope in your box of envelopes (or the green envelopes available in the pew or from the ushers) and write “Crisis Offering” on the front of the envelope and/or on the memo of your check. This offering will be received for the next month.

Our annual **Soup & Chili Cookoff** (with Desserts) will be NEXT Sunday, February 4 from Noon to 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall. See the January Newsletter for more information.

Sermon Series: “Joining Jesus as a Family.”

2/3 & 4 – “A Simple Discipleship Rhythm for Families”

2/10 & 11 – “It Takes a Village to Raise Children to be Jesus-Followers”

Board of Outreach will be hosting **Midwinter Movie and Family Fun Night** on Friday February 16th from 6pm to 8pm. Save the date and join us for “Paw Patrol, The Mighty Movie”, doors open at 6:00pm, show time at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. Enjoy popcorn, treats and of course fun prizes. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Medical Supply Ministry -- Just a reminder about the SST Medical Supply Ministry. Please share with family and friends that we have medical equipment available for use. We have an ample supply of adult incontinence products too. We’d like to invite anyone who is in need of these supplies to check in at church office for assistance with locating items. For more information on medical equipment and supplies available please contact Kathy Meyer at 651-269-1955.



The Gideons
International

LET'S SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

Gideon Weekend



Please use the green envelopes to donate cash or check

SERVING THIS WEEK

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Bob Gehrke

Associate Pastor, Rev. Dan Bodin

Acolytes: No one is scheduled

Anna Altar: Barb Olund & Reenie Blanchard

Coffee: Janet Bowman

Counters: Ed and Carol Gerlach

Greeters: 5:30 Sue Dittmann | 8:00 LuErna Sawyer

Readers: 8:00 Paulette Genz | 10:45 Cory Pederson

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Jeff Burkart

Live Stream Tech: 8:00 Jayne Kurpius

AV Tech: 5:30 Ron Wenzel | 8:00 Dorit Hafner | 10:45 Joel Kurpius

Ushers: 5:30 Tyler & Amanda Pojanowski | 8:00 Glenn Borkenhagen & Scott Hafner | 10:45 Mark Molkenbur

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

(Please include the follow people in your prayers)

Those celebrating a birthday: 1/28 – John Strutt, Debbie Dahl, 1/29 – Margaret Ribble, Cameron Berg, 1/30 – Tammy Lisowy, 1/31 – Nancy Manos, 2/3 – Blake Berwald

Those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries: 1/23 – Marilyn Hathaway, 1/29 – Mary Kuruvilla, Edward Petry, 1/30 – Hannah Butzlaff, 2/1 – Clyde Calhoun, Evelyn Eckert. Others baptized in February (exact date unknown) – Jeanne Lingofelt, Jacquie Sittler, Mary Torno.

Those celebrating a wedding anniversary: 2/1 – Darrell and Donna Hardy



Monday, January 29

6:30-8:00pm Scouts

Tuesday, January 30

6:00pm Constitution & Bylaws Committee meeting
6:30-8:30pm Women's AA (upstairs)

Wednesday, January 31

9:30am Young-at-Heart Bible Study [F8 & Zoom]
9:30am Women's Bible Study [B9A]
11:30am Ladies Card Game [F8]
5:45pm Fellowship Meal [B2]
6:30-7:00pm Foundry (K-5th)
6:30-8:00pm Forge (6-12th) Confirmation
No Chancel Choir in January

Thursday, February 1

9:30-11:30am Women's Bible Study [upstairs]
9:30-11:30am [B9A] In Use
6:00pm Vesper Bells [S]
7:00pm Adult Bible Study [F8]

Saturday, February 3

9:00am Praise Team Practice [S]
11:00-Noon AI-Anon [2-5]
5:30pm Worship with Communion



- Yellow "Prayer Request" cards are available in the pew rack. Hand to an usher who will pass it to the pastor for inclusion in today's congregational prayers.
- Please use this Prayer Guide in the coming week to pray for the following people and situations. Those who are listed in italics are not disciples at SST.

NOTE: We are in the process of updating our prayer list. Please let the office know if you would like a name added/removed/returned.

For those in Hospice: *Wayne Leverkusn, JoAnne Ross*

God's healing: Debbie Dahl, Eileen Spreeman, Danna Anderson, Herb Federick, Margaret Ribble, Elizabeth Iverson, Marian Meier, Tim Lundgren, Lin Carlson, Elaine Frahm, Elizabeth Iverson, Betty Frohrib, Sharen McKelvey, *Noah Boleen*, Celeste Gifford, Tom Meredith, *Jo Biebighauser*, Merlin Holman, Jolene Patricelli, *Connie Barbeau*, Ruby Moskop, Mary Torno, *Carl (Mary Torno's brother)*

Those with on-going health issues: *Verna Benson*, Mary Kuruvilla, Jim and Meredith Reinholdt, the children of Rick and Lin Carlson

God's comfort, peace and healing for those with cancer:

Jack Frahm, Jill Larson, Patti Molkenbur, Bill Niebergall, Pastor Norb Streufert, Rick and Lin Carlson, *SST's Letter Carrier, Bruce Semling*

Protection of our Armed Forces and their families:

Peter Gifford, Megan Lisowy, *Aaron Meissen*, *Brodey Perron*, *Scott Polack*, *Andrew Reed*, *Jim Schumann*, *Dalton Wenzel*, *Dylan Wenzel*, *Brandon Boleen*, *Teddy Boleen*, *Wyatt Kassa*

Missions and missionaries:

Rev. Dr. Fung and Kalia missionary family to SE Asia in Thailand | *Pastor Stephen Heimer and Vicar Alex Escarciga* at *Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, Texas* | SST Preschool, reaching our community | MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers)

Federal, State and local government and all those in positions of authority