

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 20, 2024, 5:30pm

Sunday, January 21, 2024, 8:00am



## As We Gather – “How to Join Jesus in Discipling a Family”

Week One of the sermon series, we looked at how Jesus gives parents certain people to disciple—to become Jesus-followers: their children. We also looked at how others can help and join in the discipling process alongside parents. But, **how** does this discipling happen? **How** are parents (and others) supposed to, not only teach, but empower children to live out their faith in Jesus? The answer is to imitate Jesus’ discipleship model: Teach them, Show them, Send them, Circle up with them and share the stories. This discipleship rhythm helps the person learning to know and prioritize their True Identity, Increased Capacity, and Growing Ability, which help all to start living a life of love, as we join Jesus on His mission.

**Preludes:**

(5:30pm) Piano Duets, Sharon Calhoun and Ruth Fry  
(5:30pm, 8am), "Trumpet Voluntary"

"Faith of Our Fathers"  
Vesper Bell Choir

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**GATHERING HYMN, LSB 688**

**"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake**



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My  
2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your  
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,  
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,  
soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,  
cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My  
From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.  
of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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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 171

- 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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

**KYRIE**

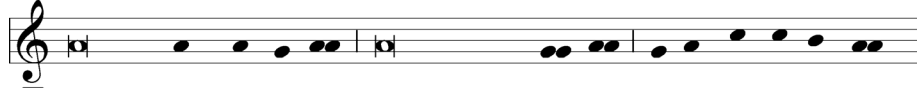
LSB 168



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



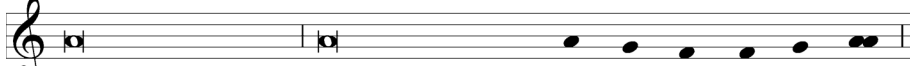
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



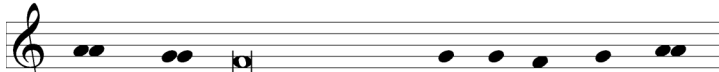
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### HYMN OF PRAISE, "This is the Feast"

LSB 171



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -  
 lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 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, Proverbs 24:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>Be not envious of evil men, nor desire to be with them, <sup>2</sup>for their hearts devise violence, and their lips talk of trouble. <sup>3</sup>By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; <sup>4</sup>by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches. <sup>5</sup>A wise man is full of strength, and a man of knowledge enhances his might, <sup>6</sup>for by wise guidance you can wage your war, and in abundance of counselors there is victory. <sup>7</sup>Wisdom is too high for a fool; in the gate he does not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>Whoever plans to do evil will be called a schemer. <sup>9</sup>The devising of folly is sin, and the scoffer is an abomination to mankind. <sup>10</sup>If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small. <sup>11</sup>Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter. <sup>12</sup>If you say, "Behold, we did not know this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it, and will he not repay man according to his work? <sup>13</sup>My son, eat honey, for it is good, and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to your taste. <sup>14</sup>Know that wisdom is such to your soul; if you find it, there will be a future, and your hope will not be cut off.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE READING, 1 John 3:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA and VERSE**

*LSB 173*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL, Mark 10:13-16**

*(Beginner’s Bible, pages 409-412)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CHILDREN’S MYSTERY BOX MESSAGE**

**Pastor Dan Bodin**

**SERMON HYMN, LSB 605**

**“Father Welcomes”**

*5:30 Cheri Kirchoff will sing verse 2 of Hymn 605 as a solo*

*Refrain*

Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly  
 through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,  
 Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom  
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,  
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

is of these. Life and love I have to give,  
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve  
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

*Refrain*

Mer - cy for your sin.  
 Shall be born a - gain.  
 Live in the peace of God.

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**NICENE CREED**

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.

**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](http://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.*

**OFFERTORY (5:30pm, 8am) “I Will Arise and Go to Jesus/On Jordan’s Story Banks I Stand”  
Vesper Bell Choir****THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- P** For faithfulness and urgency in the Church, that as this world passes away, we may be bold to proclaim the kingdom of God come near in Christ Jesus, who does not desire the death of a sinner but that all would repent and believe the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the Church’s mission, that as Christ called Peter and Andrew, James and John to follow Him and made them fishers of men, He would send faithful preachers also in our time; and for those who generously support the missionaries, seminaries, colleges and other



institutions of our Church for the spread of the Gospel and the service of God's people, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For Christians in every home, that they may have constancy and contentment in their God-given stations despite every current distress as the present form of this world passes away; for the married, that God would give them comfort and faithfulness, strengthening them also to pass on the faith to the next generation; and for the unmarried, that assured of the holiness of their place in life, they would live freed from anxiety and attend to holiness in body and spirit with undivided devotion to Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our nation with its rulers, that God would spare Joseph, our president; Tim, our governor; and all who serve for the good of this people; that God would call to repentance those who have forgotten Him; and that He would not let disaster befall us, but preserve us in peace and quietness, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all of us, that our merciful Father would turn us from every distracting anxiety and the dealings of this world that would draw our hearts away from His blessed Gospel and its end, eternal life; for confidence in the resurrection and the peace of a clean conscience by the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name; and that God would graciously behold and help those for whom we pray, especially \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who come to the Holy Sacrament, that the Holy Spirit would work repentance and faith in us, united in a sincere confession of His divine truth at this altar, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **COMMUNION PREFACE**

*LSB 177*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also 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

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

LSB 178

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 180



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

LSB 725 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

*5:30 Cheri Kirchoff will sing verse 3 of Hymn 594 as a solo*

LSB 594 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

LSB 685 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

## 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.

5:30 Cheri Kirchoff will sing verse 3 of Hymn 392 as a solo



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -  
 2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and  
 3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -  
 4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did  
 5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.  
 dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.  
 deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.  
 of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.  
 ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.

*Refrain*



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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Postlude (5:30), Piano Duets, Sharon Calhoun and Ruth Fry

“Abide With Me”

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# TIDINGS

**January 21, 2024**

**The Flowers at the Altar** today are given to the glory of God by Gary and Reenie Blanchard in memory of loved ones and gratitude for God's blessings.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, A **door offering** will be held this weekend, January 20-21, for Vance and Robin England to REPLACE items that were destroyed by a fire of unknown origin on June 25th, 2022. Their insurance provided them with a furnished house until December 15th, 2023 when they were able to move into their new home, which is NOT furnished. 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 and write "Crisis Offering" on the "Other" line this weekend or for the next month. In Christ's service, The Board of Elders and Pastors Gehrke and Bodin

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

The **Quarterly Voters Meeting** will be Monday, January 22 at 7pm in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.

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

**Trinity Guild:** The signup sheet for the Winter Workshop is on the Guild bulletin board. "Walking a New Path" is the theme for the January 27 Workshop. If you will be attending the workshop and carpooling please sign up. Questions? Contact Muriel at 612-709-2985 or see January Newsletter for more information.

**Sermon Series:** "Joining Jesus as a Family."

1/20 & 21 – "How to Join Jesus in Discipling a Family"

1/27 & 28 – "How to Train Our Children to Use Their Superpower"

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

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

## SERVING THIS WEEK

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Bob Gehrke

Associate Pastor, Rev. Dan Bodin

Acolytes: 8:00 Nick/Tyler Reed

Anna Altar: Barb Olund & Reenie Blanchard

Coffee: Jerry and Emmy Boleen

Counters: Annette Chamberlin & Muriel Janneke

Greeters: 5:30 Sue Dittmann | 8:00 LuErna Sawyer & Lorraine Larson

Readers: 8:00 Rick Carlson | 10:45 Ed Gerlach

Organist/Pianist: 5:30 & 8:00 Sharon Calhoun

Live Stream Tech: 8:00 & 10:45 Chris Hesselbach

AV Tech: 5:30 Ken Kirchhoff | 8:00 Jordan Melde | 10:45 Will Vette

Ushers: 5:30 Glenn Borkenhagen | 8:00 Rick Carlson & Darrell Hardy |  
10:45 Ed Gerlach



## CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

*(Please include the follow people in your prayers)*

**Those celebrating a birthday:** 1/21 – Rebecca Wille, Steve Boleen, Evelyn Pasquale, 1/22 – Lucian Bodin, Lloyd Grachek, 1/23 – Larry Reed, Nelda Wille, 1/25 – Willow Selix, 1/27 – Dick Wicklund

**Those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries:** 1/21 – Hannah Lundgren, 1/22 – Ray Ferwerda, 1/24 – Jacob Rusch, Katie Svoboda, 1/25 – Mikael Hammer, Kay Kubik, 1/27 – Evelyn Hardy, Dick Wicklund

**Those celebrating a wedding anniversary:** 1/23 – Brian and Jessica Nalipinski, 1/25 – Bob and Kathie Dybdal

**THIS WEEK <sup>at</sup> GLANCE**

**Monday, January 22**

6:30-8:00pm	Scouts
6:00pm	Music Committee
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Quarterly Voters Meeting</b>

**Tuesday, January 23**

1:15pm	Staff Meeting [F8]
6:30-8:30pm	Women's AA (upstairs)
7:00pm	Board of Outreach

**Wednesday, January 24**

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

**Thursday, January 25**

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, January 27**

10:00am-Noon	MOPs/MomsNEXT [F8]
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 (Lynn Gehrke's father).*

**God's healing:** Debbie Dahl, Dick Wicklund, Eileen Spreeman, Herb Frederick, Danna Anderson, Margaret Ribble, Elizabeth Iverson, Marian Meier, Tim Lundgren, Melody Sweet, Lin Carlson, Carol Gerlach, Elaine Frahm, Betty Frohrib, Grace Bodin, Sharen McKelvey, *Noah Boleen*, Celeste Gifford, Tom Meredith, *Jo Biebighauser*, Merlin Holman, Jolene Patricelli

**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 (Gary Blanchard's brother-in-law)*

**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