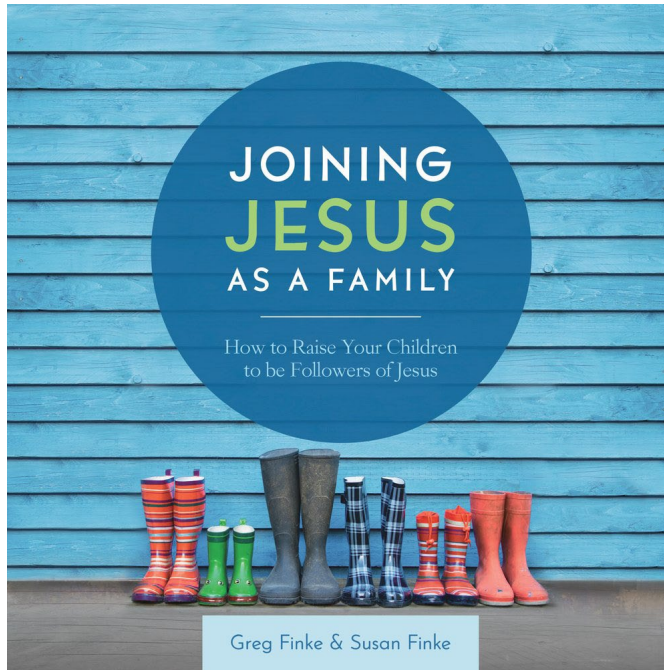


# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 13, 2024, 5:30pm

Sunday, January 14, 2024, 8:00 and 10:45am



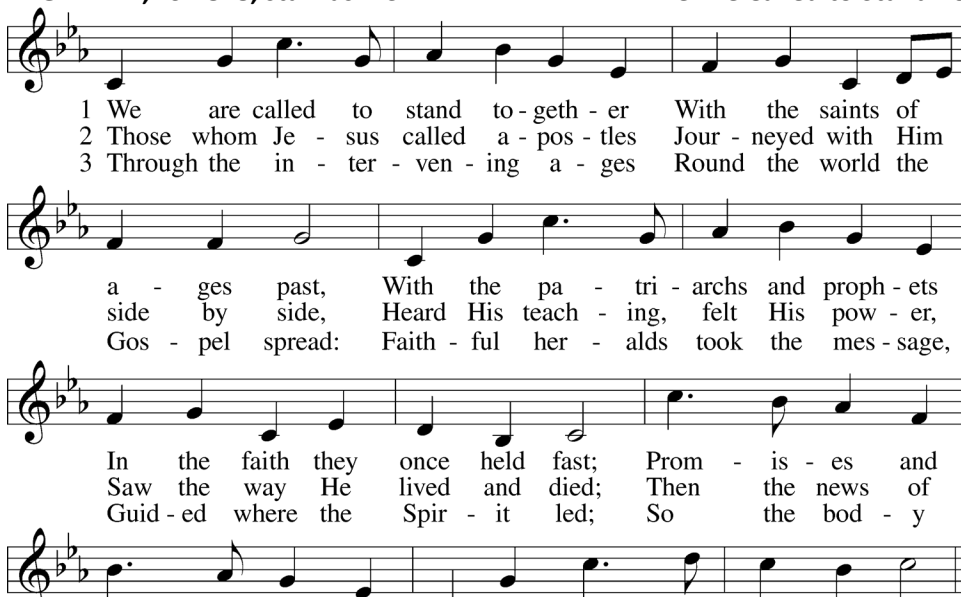
## As We Gather – Raising Our Children on Purpose

At the end of Matthew 28, as Jesus is getting ready to ascend into heaven, he gives his disciples the “Great Commission” saying, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”* And though that can seem a daunting task to disciple “all nations,” there are specific individuals that God gives to parents to disciple: Your children. By raising your children, you are discipling our children. The phrase “It takes a village to raise a child” is a proverb that means that an entire community of people must provide for and interact positively with children for those children to experience and grow in a safe and healthy environment. For us in the church, that means every member of the congregation has a stake in raising the children of the congregation. The Sermon Series “Joining Jesus as a Family” (based on the book written by Greg and Susan Finke) will help the parents and congregation learn what this can look like as we set out on the goal of raising our children on purpose, discipling them to be fellow followers of Christ.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

### GATHERING HYMN, LSB 828, stanzas 1-3

### “We Are Called to Stand Together”



1 We are called to stand to- geth - er With the saints of  
2 Those whom Je - sus called a - pos - tles Jour - neyed with Him  
3 Through the in - ter - ven - ing a - ges Round the world the

a - ges past, With the pa - tri - archs and proph - ets  
side by side, Heard His teach - ing, felt His pow - er,  
Gos - pel spread: Faith - ful her - als took the mes - sage,

In the faith they once held fast; Prom - is - es and  
Saw the way He lived and died; Then the news of  
Guid - ed where the Spir - it led; So the bod - y

hopes they trea - sured Now we find ful - filled at last!  
res - ur - rec - tion They de - liv - ered far and wide.  
grew in stat - ure, Serv - ing Christ, the liv - ing head.

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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.  
**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 152*

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** 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 mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE, LSB 828, stanzas 4 and 5**

**“We are Called to Stand Together”**

4 Now in man - y tongues and cul - tures Songs of cel - e -  
5 To each com - ing gen - er - a - tion Tell the truth, per -  
bra - tion ring; Mil - lions who con - fess our Sav - ior  
suade, ex - plain, Till the time when time is end - ed,  
Hon - or Him as Lord and King And, for cour - age,  
Till the Sav - ior comes a - gain— Till the saints are  
grace and guid - ance Ev - 'ry day their prayers they bring.  
all u - nit - ed Un - der Christ's e - ter - nal reign!

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## **SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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, Deuteronomy 6:4-15**

<sup>4</sup>"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. <sup>10</sup>"And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, <sup>11</sup>and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, <sup>12</sup>then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>13</sup>It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. <sup>14</sup>You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you, <sup>15</sup>for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God, lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE READING, Ephesians 5:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. <sup>3</sup>But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup>Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup>For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or

impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA and VERSE**

LSB 156

**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, Matthew 28:16-20**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

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

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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

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

**CHILDREN’S MYSTERY BOX MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN, LSB 835, stanzas 1, 3, 5 and 6**

**“On Galilee’s High Mountain”**

1 On Gal - i - lee’s high moun-tain Christ gave the great com - mand  
3 His strength with - in my weak-ness Will make me bold to say  
5 That ev - ’ry - one He choos - es, For rea-sons of His own,  
△ 6 Lord, gath - er all Your chil-dren, Wher - ev - er they may be, →



In words of strength and prom - ise Which all can un - der - stand:  
 How His re - deem - ing pow - er Trans - forms my stub - born clay;  
 Will find in Christ his call - ing To live His love a - lone.  
 And lead them on to heav - en To live e - ter - nal - ly



“All pow’r to Me is giv - en To do what I shall choose;  
 His touch of fire ig - nites me, With cour - age I am sent,  
 His pres - ence al - ways leads us Till time no more shall be;  
 With You, our lov - ing Fa - ther, And Christ, our broth - er dear,



There - fore I send My chil - dren, Their wit - ness I will use.”  
 My tongue - tied si - lence bro - ken, With grace made el - o - quent.  
 Christ’s strength, His love, His com - fort Give us His vic - to - ry.  
 Whose Spir - it guards and gives us The joy to per - se - vere.

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**SERMON**

**“Raising Our Children on Purpose”**

**Pastor Dan Bodin**

**APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.*

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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*(5:30 and 10:45 continue with communion)*

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

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

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

- LSB 601 "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"  
LSB 973 "Thy Word is a Lamp"  
LSB 830 "Spread the Reign of God the Lord"

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## GROWING IN THE WORD

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations." – Psalm 90:1

### 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.



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.  
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus. →

*Refrain*



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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# TIDINGS

For January 14, 2024

**The Flowers at the Altar** today are given to the glory of God by Barb Olund in memory of her husband, grandchildren, and in thankfulness for God's grace and the hope, love and joy we have in Jesus, our Savior.

**Discover SST** have begun. For more information speak to Pastor Dan.

- Tuesday, January 16, 6:00-8:00pm (childcare available) – Lutheranism 101 (part 2)
- Saturday, January 20, 9:30am-2:00pm (lunch and childcare provided) – New Disciple Luncheon

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 attending the workshop and carpooling will be coming soon on the Guild bulletin board. Questions, contact Muriel at 612-709-2985. See January Newsletter article.

**Sermon Series** beginning January 13/14 – “Joining Jesus as a Family.”

1/13 & 14 – “Raising Our Children On Purpose”

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”

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

**Invite Cards** -- Have you ever wished you could simply hand out an information card to friends or acquaintances about our church? The Board of Outreach would like to encourage everyone to take several of the new “Invite Cards” and keep them handy for when those opportunities arise. They are on the cabinet by the office and elsewhere around the building.



Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Bob Gehrke

Associate Pastor, Rev. Dan Bodin

Acolytes: 8:00 Isaac Halbe | 10:45 Eliana Sinkula

Anna Altar: Barb Olund & Reenie Blanchard

Coffee: Glenn & Terry Borkenhagen

Counters: Barb Olund and Margaret Ribble

Greeters: 5:30 Sue Dittmann | 8:00 Sharon Calhoun

Readers: 8:00 Mary Jane Ross | 10:45 Kevin Froelich

Organist/Pianist: Dr Jeff Burkart

Live Stream Tech: 8:00 Nathan Reeves

AV Tech: 5:30 Jennifer Jewell | 8:00 Carol Reeves | 10:45 Joel Kurpius

Ushers: 5:30 Bob Dybdal | 8:00 Glenn Borkenhagen & Scott Hafner |

10:45 Cory Pederson



## CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

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

*Note: The birthdays on the Prayer Calendar from January 14-18 are all off one day. They are correct below.*

**Those celebrating a birthday:** 1/14 – Roger Chamberlain, Elise Whitehurst, 1/15 – Dennis Lorenzen, Jasper Hardy, 1/16 – Melody Sweet, 1/17 – Don Kluegel, 1/18 – Paula McWilliams, Ron Wenzel, 1/19 – Dave Ries, Ray Ferwerda, Mary Torno

**Those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries:** 1/14 – Carol Niebergall, 1/17 – Clayton Hass, 1/19 – Dan Fitzpatrick

**Those celebrating a wedding anniversary:** 1/19 – David and Briana Carlson

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



### Monday, January 15 – Holiday MLK Day

- 11:00-1:30pm Lively Ladies [F8]
- 6:30-8:00pm Scouts
- 6:30pm Elders [F8 & Zoom]

### Tuesday, January 16

- 11:00am Finance Committee [F8]
- 6:00pm Lutheranism 101 [F8]
- 6:00pm Board of Education [F15]
- 6:30-8:30pm Women's AA (upstairs)
- 7:00pm Board of Stewardship [F15 & Zoom]

### Wednesday, January 17

- 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-5<sup>th</sup>)
- 6:30-8:00pm Forge (6-12<sup>th</sup>) Confirmation  
No Chancel Choir in January

### Thursday, January 18

- 8:30am Men's Bible Study [F8]
- 9:30-11:30am Women's Bible Study [upstairs]
- 9:30-11:30am [B9A] In Use
- 1:30pm Worship at Cerenity
- 6:00pm Vesper Bells [S]
- 7:00pm Adult Bible Study [F8 & Zoom]

### Saturday, January 20

- 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.

**For those in Hospice:** *Wayne Leverkusen (Lynn Gehrke's father).*

**For the family and friends** of *Mark Benson* who passed away January 9. (Muriel Janneke's brother.)

**For the family of *Nathinal Scott*,** newborn son of Rev. Matthew and Hailey Kusch. (grandson to Scott and Gayle Kusch)

**God's healing:** Debbie Dahl, Dick Wicklund, Eileen Spreeman, Herb Frederick, *Karen Nelson*, Danna Anderson, Margaret Ribble, Paulette Genz, Elizabeth Iverson, Marian Meier, Tim Lundgren, *Martha Burkart*, Melody Sweet, Lin Carlson, Carol Gerlach, Elaine Frahm, Betty Frohrib, Grace Bodin, *Brett Swenson, Carol Borgstrom*, Sharen McKelvey, *Noah Boleen*, Celeste Gifford, Tom Meredith, *Jo Biebighauser*

**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:**

*Jim Baldwin, Carol Borgstrom, Jack Frahm, Tammy Gimpl, Michelle Krug, Jill Larson, Patti Molkenbur, Bill Niebergall, Pastor Norb Streufert, Lana Albrecht, Rick and Lin Carlson, Joanne Grace, Faye Hansen, SST's Letter Carrier*

**Protection of our Armed Forces and their families:**

*Peter Gifford, Megan Lisowy, Aaron Meissen, Dan Mettling, 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