

Third Sunday in Advent 12-12-2021

"Trust in the Lord with all our heart, and lean not on our own understanding. In all you ways, acknowledge him and he will direct your path." (**Proverbs 3:5-6**)

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Advent 3rd Sunday 12 December 2021

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA Zephaniah 3:14–20 / Psalm 85 / Philippians 4:4–7 / Luke 7:18–28

> Sermon Title: Servanthood: The Last Supper Sermon Text: Luke 22:7-30

"Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father, and our LORD Jesus Christ." (2 Tim. 1:2) Amen.

We now begin the third week of our Advent season. This means that at the end of next week, we will be celebrating the Big Event—the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This Advent season we're looking at different texts to see what God says about discipleship—about developing relationships in order to teach someone else what you know.

Today we're going to look at a very familiar text that we use in Holy Communion, and it may seem like another odd text to talk about discipleship. Our text can be divided into three parts. The first section shows us the disciples asking Jesus about preparing to celebrate the Festival of Passover—which later becomes Holy Communion.

The second section is the actual text from Jesus sitting down with his disciples at the Passover meal, and Jesus teaching them how this particular Passover meal marks a change from the traditional service and meaning to a new service and meaning.

The third section talks about a follow-up discussion that the disciples had about who is the greatest among them. Even though our text is a little long, it's got a lot of great stuff in it. A key word to describe what is happening in these consecutive events is servanthood.

Let's jump right into the first section: "⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸ So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, 'Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.' ⁹ They said to him, 'Where will you have us prepare it?' ¹⁰ He said to them, 'Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹ and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹² And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.' ¹³ And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover." (Luke 22:7-13)

Our text here in verses 7-13 shows us two of the disciples asking Jesus about preparing for one of the major holidays—the Festival of Passover. Here is a perfect example of discipleship. By this time, the disciples had been learning from Jesus for about three years. Jesus had taught them a lot and showed them how to live out their faith in the Messiah.

Now, two of the disciples—Peter and John—ask Jesus about preparing the meal for the Passover, and Jesus tells them what to do. "He said to them, 'Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹ and tell the

master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹² And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.' ¹³ And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover."

Jesus tells them what to do—who they will meet along the way—and what they are to say to that man. The man, will lead them to a furnished upper room where they will prepare and enjoy their Passover meal. Maybe this seems like an obvious example of discipleship, and that's good. This is also a great example of servanthood.

Now maybe servanthood doesn't sound that good or less glamorous than disciple, but it just as important. In fact, Jesus teaches a lot in the gospels the importance of being willing to SERVE someone as opposed to waiting for someone to SERVE you.

This is what Paul says in Philippians chapter two: "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." (Philippians 2:3-4) Jesus is all about servant-hood. Jesus taught: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' (Acts 20:35)

I have met too many people in my life, who aren't interested in serving. They practically demand to be served. Other people don't want to serve. They simply want to bully their way through every situation. Obviously, these ways are contrary to God and His Holy Word.

Having the same attitude as Jesus and willingly humble yourself so that you can learn from someone else is exactly how Jesus describes discipleship. When you want to learn from someone else, and are willing to set aside your own ambitions and ideas, and learn all you can from someone else is the mark of a true disciple. Let's go on to the next section of our text for today which shows us another example of servanthood.

"14 And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. 15 And he said to them, 'I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' 17 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, 'Take this, and divide it among yourselves. 18 For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' 19 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. 21 But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. 22 For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!" 23 And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this." (Luke 2:14-23)

In this section, verses 14-23, Luke describes the key things that Jesus does at this particular Passover meal. In these familiar passages, we see Jesus taking the traditional Passover meal and narrowing it down to the key points of bread and wine and their respective meaning of Jesus' Body and Blood.

We also see in this section of text, Jesus teaching the importance of servanthood. Jesus talks about what he will do as it has been written in the Old Testament Scriptures centuries before this particular event. "For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined..."

From Genesis chapter three, we see God our Heavenly Father's plan of salvation starting to unfold and brining a Savior to the Nations, who will restore the severed relationship between God

and man back in the Garden of Eden.

That Savior of the Nations is the Messiah, and he will restore all things. Until that time, though, we will wait. We live our lives walking through what seems at times like the Deepest, Darkest Valley, and yet Jesus has promised for all times that he is with us until the Last Day.

This section of text is used in the Holy Communion service in worship. This text also very clearly shows us how Jesus models servanthood. Elsewhere in Scripture, Jesus talks about the struggle of carrying out the plan of His and Our Heavenly Father—the plan of salvation that includes Jesus dying on a cross. But even when Jesus talks about the struggle of walking through this plan of salvation, Jesus always says: "Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." (Luke 22.42)

Saying and truly meaning: "Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done" come out of a heart and mouth of person, who truly desires to serve God by serving other people. This is another great example of discipleship and servanthood. Jesus shows us that it might hurt—it might make you feel less important than you think you are—but it can also show you what ultimately is most important in your life.

Let's look at the third and last section of our text for today: "²⁴ A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵ And he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶ But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. ²⁷ For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves. ²⁸ You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, ²⁹ and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'" (Luke 22:24-30)

Here in this section, verses 24-30, Luke talks about a dispute that arose among the disciples as to which of the men in this close-knit group was considered the greatest among them in God's eyes. This argument is completely opposite of the meaning of discipleship. Jesus twists the thinking about who is the greatest by making his disciples—and us—see that the greatest among yourselves is the one who is willing to SERVE.

This is what Paul says in Philippians chapter two: ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:5-11)

So why is it so hard to model servanthood from Jesus? Because we don't to serve—we often want to be served. We want to be considered important enough for people to serve him. This attitude only comes from our sinful flesh. This sort of attitude is completely contrary to God's Holy Word.

God desires all people come to him with a humble and contrite heart and attitude. God desires that all people be saved and spend eternity with him in heaven, but he is not going to force anyone to believe in his one- and only-begotten Son.

God gives you and me and all people the opportunity to serve God by serving your neighbor. You're able to serve God by serving your neighbor when you love God with all your heart, soul and mind, and then in response to that you love your neighbor as yourself.

You're able to love your neighbor as yourself, when you fill up with Jesus. When you fill up with God's Holy Word and confess your sins and receive God's gracious forgiveness, then you are able to love God by loving your neighbor. When you love God by loving your neighbor, you are living as a servant—as a disciple of Jesus—by serving God when you serve your neighbor. How can you serve God today? Which of your neighbors can you serve?

Now, may the peace of God which transcends all understanding guard and keep your hearts in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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Bible	Bible Reading Plan		Nov. 28-Dec. 24, 2021	
Nov. 28	BDec. 24, 2021	Why 26-0ed 2 2021		
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DAY	TOPIC	Nov. 28	1st Comm & Mean	
Nov. 28	Acts 1-2	Nov. 29	2nd Comm & Mean	
Nov. 29	Acts 3	Nov. 30	3rd Comm & Mean	
Nov. 30	Acts 4	Dec. 1	4th Comm & Mean	
Dec. 1	Acts 5	Dec. 2	5th Comm & Mean	
Dec. 2	Acts 6	Dec. 3	6th Comm & Mean	
Dec. 3	Acts 7	Dec. 4	7th Comm & Mean	
Dec. 4	Acts 8	Dec. 5	8th Comm & Mean	
Dec. 5	Acts 9	Dec. 6	9th Comm & Mean	
Dec. 6	Acts 10	Dec. 7	10th Comm & Mean	
Dec. 7	Acts 11	Dec. 8	Close Comm	
Dec. 8	Acts 12	Dec. 9	Creed 1st Article	
Dec. 9	Acts 13	Dec. 10	Creed 2nd Article	
Dec. 10	Acts 14	Dec. 11	Creed 3rd Article	
Dec. 11	Acts 15	Dec. 12	LP Intro	
Dec. 12	Acts 16	Dec. 13	LP 1st Petition	
Dec. 13	Acts 17	Dec. 14	LP 2nd Petition	
Dec. 14	Acts 18	Dec. 15	LP 3rd Petition	
Dec. 14	Acts 19	Dec. 16	LP 4th Petition	
	Acts 19	Dec. 17	LP 5th Petition	
Dec. 16		Dec. 18	LP 6th Petition	
Dec. 17	Acts 21	Dec. 19	LP 7th Petition	
Dec. 18	Acts 22	Dec. 20	LP Close	
Dec. 19	Acts 23		Dec. 21 Baptism First	
Dec. 20	Acts 24	Dec. 22	Baptism Second	
Dec. 21	Acts 25	Dec. 23	Baptism Third	
Dec. 22	Acts 26	Dec. 24	Baptims Fourth	
Dec. 23	Acts 27	Dec. 25	Merry Christmas!	
Dec. 24	Acts 28	81.80		
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Prepare your hearts for the coming of Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is that time of the year again where we will need volunteers to help with snow removal, please contact the church or the property board.

Orphan Grain Train is accepting new bars of soap. There is a box in the back of the church. Helping Hands will start up again the 1st Wednesday, January 5th.

Reminder: When you bring clothes for Finders Keepers no boxes, only clean clothes no tore or stained and now only fall and winter clothes no spring clothes. Thank you. Remember proceeds go to our church

'The Colors of the Liturgical Seasons'

Blue







Blue, the first color of the "Bg-Bgs-Pwr" scheme, is the more contemporary color increasingly used by many congregations in their observance of a new church year. Advent, a preparatory time of waiting and watching, communicates the message of hope. BLUE-the color of the sky-helps convey that powerful message. Our Christian faith rests on the hope that Christ, who came in history assuming our flesh, will also return on the last day of time from that same blue sky he ascended long ago.

Our Banners used in Service

It is interesting to note how often Jesus used symbols to illustrate heavenly truths in His teaching. He said: "I am the Light of the world" (John 8:12 RSV). ""Consider the lilies of the field" (Matthew 6:28 RSV). "I am the true Vine" (John:6 RSV). "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field" (Matthew 13:44 RSV). "I am the Good Shepherd" (John 10:11 RSV).

Symbols are the language of Christian art. Since the beginning of the Christin church, religious symbolism has developed as a means by which Christians identify with one another and share their beliefs. Many symbols of the early church remain in art today as visible signs through which an artist is able to impart their understanding of God.



The **Crown** represents the Kingship of Jesus Christ and His place of honor at the right hand of God. A seven-pointed Crown highlights the number seven, which is used 735 times in the Bible. Seven symbolizes completeness and perfection. Although this crown only has 3-points. A symbol of the divine nature of Jesus Christ. A crown also can be used to denote our status as heirs of heaven.

The king's crown was a symbol of his representative rule of the kingdom that was ultimately ruled by God, God is the only true authority, the everlasting King. One day we will see Christ with many crowns on his head, an image of his ultimate authority (Rev 19:12).

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	Week of Schedule 12-13 to 12-19
Mon 13	Pastor's Family Day
	Cleaning the Church
Tues14	Board of Directors 7 pm Circuit Pastor Meeting at Immanuel, Schleswig 8am-12 noon
Wed 15	Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Advent Services 7 pm Elder: Jeff Krusen Reader: Joe Hogan Screens: Mark Witzel
Sun 19	4th Sunday in Advent Services w/HC 9:30 Elder: Mark Witzel Reader: Mark Witzel Screens: Joe Hogan Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

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Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Wednesday Giving 12-01-21	\$70.00
Sunday Giving 12-05-21	\$5,399.73
Thank Offering for 12-05-21	\$5,600.00
Kids offering	\$1.27
Initial offering	\$5.00
General fund	\$2,000.00
Funeral Home (Rush Family)	\$100.00
Wednesday Giving 12-08-21	\$20.00
Sunday attendance 12-05-21	41
Children in Church 12-05-21	3
Visitors 12-05-21	2
Bible Class 12-05-21	12
Sunday School 12-05-21	6-c 1-t
In the Word 12-05-21	10

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER BAPTISMS

Janeal Holmes	Dec 26, 1951
James Else	Dec 10, 1953
Jeff Krusen	Dec 11, 1957
Carol Pritchard	Dec 30, 1957
Sheryl Schelm	Dec 23, 1960
Gene Kaderabek	Dec 18, 19 <mark>62</mark>
Ryan Paulsen	Dec 5, 1965
Theodore Thoreson	Dec 12, 196 <mark>8</mark>
Steve Pickel	Dec 11, 1972
Kurt Schmidt	Dec 3, 1980
Ryan Jacobson	Dec 19, 1982
Jessica Krohn	Dec 12, 1986
Tyler Paulsen	Dec 30, 1990
Ashlyn Davis	Dec 13, 2006
Sue Oberg	Dec 15, 19 <mark>62</mark>

We are listing
Baptismal
birthdays to
remember and
celebrate the day
we were
adopted into the
family of
God

through the washing of the Holy Spirit.

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	Carolyn Sexton	Dec 2, 1939
	Donna Goslar	Dec 5, 1949
	Mardelle Vandevanter	Dec 17, 1951
	Michael Wood	Dec 20, 1953
	Delbert Kroll	Dec 27, 1953
	Crystal Bretthauer	Dec 16, 1956
	Julie Bollig	Dec 13, 1959
	Ramona Weber	Dec 3, 1961
	<mark>Dav</mark> id Schrader	Dec 23, 1962
	Linda Means	Dec 18, 1963
	Ryan Paulsen	Dec 19, 1965
	<mark>Vern</mark> on Jahn	Dec 28, 1969
	Nicole Jacobson	Dec 25, 1977
	Rustin Hinrickson	Dec 30, 1979
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	Kenneth Carley	Dec 4, 1994
1	Cole Jensen	Dec 7, 1997
	Kade Rotnicke	Dec 20, 1998
	Trista Ohlmeier	Dec 19, 2006
	Nolan Lamb	Dec 7, 2007

Walk in Love Be Kind to one another.

80 + Birthday God's Blessings

Fred Fletcher	Dec 18, 1940 <i>81</i>
Herman Arndt	Dec 26, 1937 84
Kay Elmquist	Dec 31, 1937 84
Dora Witzel	Dec 23, 1937 84

God's Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary

Duane and Marilyn Hamann	Dec 01, 1963	58 yrs.	
Gene and Nazaria Kaderabek	Dec 16, 1997	24 yrs.	
Darrell and Lin Scott	Dec 13, 1964	57 yrs.	





Please Give the office a call or the Pastor	
Before going to hospital	
Private communion	
Address or name changes	
Death in the family	
Birth of your baby	
Making wedding plans	

Please continue to pray tor our church leaders.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

Pomane 12:12 **Romans 12:12**

Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

FRAYER WARRIORS— The prayer warriors desire to hear from you as to how they can pray for you. We have 14 prayer warriors. We welcome more men and women to join us. if you need prayer call Alice Miller phone number 712-880-2380.

Members of *St. Matthew* with Special Needs and Concerns

Nazaria Kaderabek Selma Schrader Gene Kaderabek

Carol Dose Alan Bruhn

Myrna Gosch Larry Wunschel

Melvin Schrader Fred Fletcher

Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns Ron Kraffle friend of Marla & Joe Hogan; Lynn Smith friend of Marla and Joe Hogan; Jazmin Mauch, granddaughter of Marla and Joe Hogan; Penny Mauch friend of Marilyn & Duane Hamann; Jerri Haindfield daughter of Marilyn & Duane Hamann; Kevin Reitz, son of Caroline & Dis; friend of Kay Johnson. Sharon Kuehl Henning nice of Judy & Gary Kuehl; Tim Sanderson husband of Patty Sanderson



Those who serve in the military:

TristonTwedt (great-grandson of Alice and the late Keith Miller) serving with the Army @ Ft. Lewis, WA

Ryan Trucke (son of Beth & Ed Trucke, Grandson of Kay and Richard Johnson) serving with U.S. Air Force @ FE Warren AFB in Wyoming. **Jackie Cardwell** (niece of Jeff & Karen Krusen) serving U.S. Airforce (a) Shepard Air Force Base, Burkburnett TX

Marcus Roupe serving in Cuba (nephew of Marilyn & Duane Hamann)

St. Matthew's Prayer List that are confined to their homes

Please drop them a line or two, they love getting mail and they would love hearing from their church family.

Bonnie Banks 87 yrs. Jun 2, 1934 Main Street Apartments 516 Main Street Apt 2 Mapleton, IA 51034 **Delores Boysen** 82 yrs. Mar. 5, 1939 31153 Juinter Ave. Hinton, IA 51024 Delbert Kroll 88 yrs. Jun. 1, 1933 815 Ring Street Mapleton IA 51034 Phyllis Fick 93 yrs. Jun 3, 1928 Willow Dale Care—Assisted Living 404 1st St. Battle Creek, IA 51006 George Koithan 89 yrs. Sept. 2,1932 Sunrise Ave. Maple Heights Nursing Home 51034 Carol Dose 87 yrs. Jan. 22, 1934 Sunrise Ave. Maple Heights Nursing Home 51034 **Myrna Gosch** 80 yrs. Jan 9,1941 Pleasant View Care Center 200 Shannon Dr. Rm #108 Whiting, IA 51063 Melvin Schrader 95 Oct. 29, 1926 21 Ohm Drive Mapleton, IA 51034 Selma Schrader 92 yrs. Nov. 12, 1929 21 Ohm Drive Mapleton, IA 51034

Our prayer List

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Main Street Apartments 516 Main Street Apt 3 Mapleton, IA 51034

Alan Bruhn

14535 Walnut Ave Mapleton, IA 51034

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Larry Wunschel

819 Ring St. Mapleton, IA 51034

Tim Sanderson

Home now

Spread the Fruits of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Self-Control, Goodness, and Faithfulness. You will be rewarded!



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Worship time: Sunday

9:30am Worship Service 10:45 Bible Class 10:45 Sunday School

In His Footsteps:

Meet each new day knowing that God is by your side and will lead you every step of the way.

LET'S STAY CONNECTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO FILL UP WITH JESUS BY READING AND LISTENING TO THE BIBLE: **St. Matthew Lutheran Church Service at 9:30 am every Sunday am at the church.** Facebook page-St. Matthew Lutheran-Mapleton—Our services at 9:30 am every Sunday website: www.stmatthewmapleton.org Our services posted weekly **Mission Central...** www.missioncentral.us **Lutheran Family** Service: www.lfsiowa.org **WEB SITES:** Journamed Camp Okoboji — www.campokoboji.org "THY STRONG **WORD**" is a daily devotion airing at 6:25 am Monday through Saturday on KDSN (104.9 FM) "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" can be heard every Sunday on radio station—KDSN-FM (104.9) at 6:30 am and 15:30 at 10:30 am. It is available 24 hours a day on the internet in Real Audio. Visit www.lhm.org and click on the Lutheran Hour on the left side of the page "THE GOOD SHEP-HEARD HOUR airs on the following stations every Sunday: 8 am Fort Dodge-KVFD 1400 AM; 8 am Sioux City—KSCJ 1360 AM; 10:30 am Storm Lake—KAYL 101.5 FM Lutheran Family Ser-vices: wwwlofsiowa.org MainStreet Living— is a Television Program that is endorsed by the lowa West District of the LCMS This program is broadcast on KCAU, the ABC network affiliate in Sioux City on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00 AM. The first 30 minutes are remastered episode of "This is the Life" The second half of the program is a modified Lutheran worship service that features a different Pastor each week, from the area.



Dear God of hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells between us. Amen