St. Philip the Deacon
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reach Out. Proclaim. Inspire.

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sunday, February 23, 2020
8:30 and 9:45 a.m.

"This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" — Matthew 17:5

Welcome!

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about St. Philip the Deacon and its ministries, please stop by one of the Hospitality Desks, located near Fellowship Hall (upper level) and the church entrance (lower level). You may also ask any staff person, call the church at 763-475-7100, or visit our website: spdlc.org

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New Member Class

If you are interested in joining St. Philip the Deacon, please attend one of our next New Member Classes:

Sunday, Feb. 23 at 4 p.m.
OR
Tuesday, Mar. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Register at ***spdlc.org/register*** *or contact Cindy Carlson at 763-475-7115. Childcare is available. New Members will be received on Sunday, March 15 at 9:45.*

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Professional Childcare

Professional childcare is available at this service, along with a paging system for parents. For more information, ask an usher or stop at one of the Hospitality Desks. Families are also invited to use the Childcare Center (located on the lower level near the East entrance) for the needs of young children (such as diapering or nursing). Diaper-changing tables are also located in the restrooms on the upper and lower levels.

Please observe quiet time as we prepare for worship

Prelude *The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God* Haydn, arr. Lorenz

Please stand

♦ **Opening Hymn** *Alleluia, Song of Gladness* Red Hymnal #318

Invocation, Confession, Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters. **Amen**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God who searches us and knows us, **you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven. **Amen**

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie and Hymn of Praise

Red Hymnal page 147

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
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. **Lord, have mercy.**
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Red Hymnal page 149

♦ **Worthy is Christ, the lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

† Worshipers may make the sign of the cross
♦ Worshipers may be ushered to seating.

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Today's Worship Participants

Musicians
SPD Quartet
Norah Long
Susan Ramlet
Brock Metzger
Woody Woodward
Sanctuary Choir & SPD Singers
Steve Griffiths, accompanist

Readers
8:30 Caroline Germain
Connie Fust
9:45 Kainalu Lazarus
Jerry Tiegs

Ushers
8:30 Jerry & Bonnie Herbolsheimer
Bill & Mary Steinbicker
Sharon Berberich
9:45 Scott & Lydia Blomberg
Douglas & Sonja Eayrs
Mary Beth DeMott
Sam & Jill McKernon

Communion Servers
8:30 Stuart & Kathy Aasen
Connie Fust
Mary Steinbicker
Jerry & Deb Seppala
Debb Adams
Shali Baldry
Mark & Deb Allison
Dave & Amy Ringquist
9:45 Mary Beth DeMott
Sam & Jill McKernon
Martha Rustad
Michelle & Paul Mann
Curt & Carol Eslinger
Lee Larson
Patti Richardson
Jerry Tiegs

Altar Guild
Astrid Diviney, Jean Stoermer, Nancy Tank, & Elaine Granquist

Altar Flowers Given by
Jan & Nils Anderson, in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary

Baptism Workshop
The next Baptism Workshop is scheduled on:
Sunday, March 8
10:45 a.m.
for parents who are preparing to have a child baptized at St. Philip the Deacon.
To register for the Workshop, please contact Rachel Arends at rarends@spdlc.org or 763-475-7129

Salutation and Prayer of the Day
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. . . **Amen**

Please be seated

Lesson
Exodus 24:12-18 — Bible page 69

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message
Trisha Ragner, Children's Ministry

The Holy Gospel
Matthew 17:1-9 — Bible page 894

After the announcement, the people stand and say, **"Glory to you, O Lord."**
At the conclusion, the people say, **"Praise to you, O Christ!"**

♦ Hymn of the Day
In a Lowly Manger Born — Red Hymnal #718

Homily
Pastor Mark Schmid

Reception of New Members (9:45)

Prayers of the People . . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Offering
Beautiful Savior — arr. Larson

Offertory
Red Hymnal #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offertory Prayer
Let us pray. God of wonder,
you formed us in our mother's womb, and from the earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen

If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." Receive the wafer in your open hands, dip it into the red wine or white grape juice and consume both. Find gluten-free wafers at the ushers' stand in the narthex. A station with gluten-free elements is located to the left of the altar and under the Eternity window. A pastor will serve you. If you desire to commune while seated, please sit near an aisle and let an usher know — we will bring communion to you. Children not yet communing are invited forward to receive a blessing.

The Great Thanksgiving
Red Hymnal page 152

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

The 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

Please be seated

After the minister invites the people to the meal, all sing: Red Hymnal page 154

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, grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion *This Do in Remembrance of Me* Hunnicutt

Post Communion Blessing

After all have returned to their places, the people stand and the minister says:
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen**

Post Communion Hymn Red Hymnal #207

All sing:
Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction . . . Amen

Dismissal

Go in peace. Let your light shine. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Immortal, Invisible* arr. Carlson

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Your Gifts Make a Difference

The Thrivent Choice program encourages its members to direct where Thrivent Financial will distribute an amount of their annual charitable grant funds. Last year St. Philip the Deacon received $5,345 from these Thrivent Choice dollars which were used to help support our Haiti Project. This year, we will once again use these funds to support our ongoing ministry in Haiti. Please note that the deadline is March 31 for Thrivent Members who have qualifying products to direct 2020 Choice Dollars.

Did You Know

The following individuals are being received into membership at St. Philip the Deacon today during our 9:45 service. Please join us in welcoming them into our faith family!

Tim & Lindsay Amundson (Graham & Webb)
Ben & Laura Blomberg (Sienna, Stella & Jonas)
Joyce Jackson
Corwin Knight
Nick & Amy Krueger (Charley & Alex)
Brian & Carleen Lensch (Alexia)
Brad & Stacy Lind
Thomas & Arlene Sawvel
Jacob & Elizabeth Scott

Next Week's Scriptures
To prepare for worship next week, please read the following scripture passages:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

We Remember in Prayer:
Anita Lindberg
Danelle Rymsza
Shellie Reed
Amy Pohl
Justin Bullis
Kellen Campbell
Susan Hammes
George Lucht
Charlotte Clark
Carole Panning
Jim Ramlet
Calvin Prestholdt
Barb Pavek

Those Grieving
Jerry Fischer & family, mourning the death of his mother, Beverly Anne Fischer

Jim Hebeisen & family, mourning the death of his father, Earl Hebeisen

Ginny Ehlen and family, mourning the death of her mother, Alice Hultmann

Those Rejoicing
Don & Nancy Bushek, celebrating the birth of their granddaughter, Claire Margot Fretschel, born on Feb. 10. Parents are Jennifer & Brian Fretschel.

Brian & Carleen Lensch, celebrating the birth of their daughter, Alexia Mae Lensch, born on Feb. 14.

A Rose on the Font
As an expression of our life together, a red rose on the baptismal font indicates that we have received news of a birth and a white rose that we have received news of a stillbirth or a miscarriage. As Paul writes, we "rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn." (Romans 12:15)

Pastors
Tim Westermeyer
Senior Pastor
Mark Schmid
Executive Pastor
Valerie Strand Patterson
Adult Ministry Pastor
Cheryl Mathison
Teaching Pastor

Program Staff
Cindy Carlson
Congregational Life
Joan Harper
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Susan Path
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Rachel Arends
Early Childhood Ministry
Kathy Hagedorn
Children's Ministry
Trisha Ragner
Children's Ministry
Clay Thomas
Middle School Ministry
Justin Daleiden
High School Ministry

Musicians
Linda Armstrong
Director,
Music Ministry
Michael Morris
Director,
Contemporary Worship
Laura Potratz
Associate Organist
Norah Long
Cantor/
Director, SPD Quartet

Staff E-Mail
The e-mail address for staff members is first initial, followed by last name @spdlc.org (for example ccarlson@spdlc.org).

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This Week at St. Philip the Deacon

SUNDAY, February 23—Transfiguration

8:30, 9:45 a.m.	**Worship with Holy Communion** Faith Creek Reception of New Members (9:45)
8:30 a.m.	Book Discussion
11 a.m.	**Worship with Holy Communion** Faith Creek
4 p.m.	New Member Class

MONDAY, February 24

9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga
11 a.m.	Experiencing God
11:30 a.m.	Healing Prayer
12:30 p.m.	Joy Circle
7 p.m.	**Evening Vespers with Holy Communion**

TUESDAY, February 25

7:30 a.m.	Men's Discussion Group
12 noon	Altar Guild
5 p.m.	Dynamic Deacons
5:35 p.m.	Chancel Choir
6:30 p.m.	Our Saviour's Shelter
6:30 p.m.	Tuesday AA Group

WEDNESDAY, February 26—Ash Wednesday

6:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship and Prayer
9:30 a.m.	Bible Study Fellowship
9:30 a.m.	Wednesday Bible Study
12 noon	**Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes**
1 p.m.	Caregivers' Support Group
5:30, 7 p.m.	**Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes**

THURSDAY, February 27

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
9:15 a.m.	YogaFaith
11 a.m.	Lectio Divina
7 p.m.	YogaFaith: Practicing Presence

SATURDAY, February 29

8 a.m.	YogaFaith
5:30 p.m.	**Worship with Holy Communion**

SUNDAY, March 1

8:30, 9:45 a.m.	**Worship with Holy Communion** Faith Creek
8:30 a.m.	Book Discussion
11 a.m.	**Worship with Holy Communion** Faith Creek
4:30 p.m.	Lutheran Summer Music Concert & Worship

Worship Schedule

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	†8:30; †9:45 & †11:00 a.m.
Monday	7:00 p.m.

† Faith Creek meets.

Childcare is available at the 5:30 Saturday service and at all the Sunday services.

Join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments following 8:30 & 9:45 a.m. services.

"You cannot stay on the summit forever; you have to come down again. So why bother in the first place? Just this: What is above knows what is below, but what is below does not know what is above. One climbs, one sees. One descends, one sees no longer, but one has seen."
— Rene Daumal