

Reformation Sunday
Sunday, October 27, 2024
9:30 a.m.

"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."
– John 8:31b-32

Welcome!

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about St. Philip the Deacon and its ministries, please visit our website: spdcl.org.

Please visit spdcl.org/livestream for worship resources, including bulletins, materials for children, links to our Family Faith Creek (Sunday School) online programming, and Confirmation worship notes.

Video archives of past services and sermons can be found at spdcl.org/videoarchive. Audio archives of past sermons can be found at spdcl.org/sermons.

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Prelude

Chorale Settings on 'A Mighty Fortress'

Martin Luther
trans. David Baldwin

Welcome

Please stand

Opening Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Red Hymnal #504



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Today's Worship

Participants

Musicians

David Cherwien, guest organist
Stone Arch Brass
Sanctuary Choir

Readers

Irene Galla
Ted Fust

Communion Servers

Curt & Carol Eslinger

Altar Guild

Diane Beyer
Carla Helming
Beth Shoen

Altar Flowers Given by

Amanda, Mark & Charlotte Berger, in memory of Amanda's mom, Deb Weitzel

Sandy & Kevynn Phelps, in memory of husband & father, Daryl Phelps

Invocation, Confession, Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,

we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit 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.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. . . **Amen**

Lesson

Romans 3:19-28

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

The Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

After the announcement, the people stand and say, "Glory to you, O Lord."

At the conclusion, the people say, "Praise to you, O Christ!"

Please be seated

Children's Message

Kathy Hagedorn, Children's Ministry

Hymn of the Day *No Longer Carved in Hardened Stone*



1 No long-er carved in hard-ened stone God's teach-ing shall be writ-ten,
2 "Be still and know that I am God," God's voice in - vites and calls us;
3 Where we have missed the mark, God waits and, pa - tient, leaves us nev - er;
4 May we a - bide with-in God's word, all fear and doubt re - leas - ing,



but in our hearts God shall be known as we to truth are
and we are freed, though rough and flawed, from lures that would en -
with o - pen arms and lov - ing grace, God hopes in us for -
and live Christ's life of ser - vant - hood, in trust and hope in -



bid - den: Christ calls us not to guilt and shame, but life a -
thrall us, for Christ the Word of God a - bides with - in our
ev - er; to right re - la - tion Christ com - pels— with God, with
creas - ing. Christ is the life, the truth, the way, and in this



bun - dant in God's name, and all our sin for - giv - en.
hearts, our shield and guide, be - stow - ing peace and so - lace.
neigh - bor, and with self: our god - ly life to - geth - er.
truth we are set free, for life and love un - ceas - ing.

Homily

Pastor Tim Westermeyer

Prayers of the People . . . God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

The names mentioned in the prayers represent a much longer list. If you have made a prayer request and do not hear the name mentioned here please know that the Healing Prayer Group prays daily for each and every person brought to our attention.

Offering

Rejoice! The Lord Your God is With You

Tom Trenney

Your offerings can be left in the offering plates at the entrance to the sanctuary, mailed to the church, given electronically at spdlc.org/give, or by scanning the QR code located on the back of the bulletin. Thank you for your generous support of God's mission and ministry at St. Philip the Deacon. Remember: Your gifts make a difference.

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

Blessed are you, O God,

source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

**We Remember
in Prayer . . .**

Mike Windsor
Finn Wagner
Tony Benthin
Lorna Anderson
Rhonda Berg
Janet Clarke
Gloria Luedtke
Kathy Kulich
John Nelson

Those Grieving

Janet Clarke & family,
mourning the death of her
mother, Edith Beard

Eunice Sortland & family,
mourning the death of her
husband, Allan Sortland

Jim & Tari Kellogg & family,
mourning the death of their
daughter, Dana Kellogg

Those Rejoicing

Ashley & Samuel Dittberner,
as they celebrate the baptism
of their daughter, Demi May
Dittberner

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)

*To make a prayer request,
send an email to
prayers@spdlc.org.*

Next Week's Scriptures

To prepare for worship next week, please read the following scripture passages:

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 24

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

New Member Class

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

**Thursday, Jan. 16
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, Jan. 26.

Please know that all are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." We will bless the bread and wine in the Sanctuary. After the Lord's Prayer, the pastor will say, "the body and blood of Christ are given and shed for you." At that time, we invite you to serve yourself or share bread and wine (or juice) at home with one another.

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

Reception of Communion

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.

Communion Music *Chorale Settings on 'A Mighty Fortress'*

Martin Luther
trans. David Baldwin

Post Communion Blessing

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

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

Closing Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Red Hymnal #632



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Fugue-Finale” from *Partita on ‘St. Anne’*

Paul Manz

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*“Christ is the life, the truth, the way,
and in this truth we are set free,
for life and love unceasing.”
—Susan Palo Cherwien*

Worship Schedule

Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 8:15,9:30+
& 10:45+a.m.

+Sunday School meets.

Childcare is available at all
Sunday services.

**Join us in Fellowship Hall
for refreshments following
8:15 & 9:30 a.m. services.**

Pastors

Tim Westermeyer
Senior Pastor
Mark Schmid
Executive Pastor
Valerie Strand Patterson
Adult Ministry Pastor
Makayla Dahleen
Pastor of Family Life

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This Week at St. Philip the Deacon

SUNDAY, October 27

8:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
9:30a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday School/Sunday Friends
10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday School

MONDAY, October 28

9:45 a.m. Holy Grounds
11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
11:30 a.m. Healing Prayer
5:30 p.m. Dinner for My Story Class
6:30 p.m. My Story
6:30 p.m. YogaFaith (Zoom)
7 p.m. Hope Circle

TUESDAY, October 29

8 a.m. Men's Discussion Group
10 a.m. Matter of Balance
5 p.m. Dynamic Deacons
5 p.m. Tuesday Story Time
5:35 p.m. Chancel Choir
5:35 p.m. Tuesday Story Time
6:15 p.m. Reader/Acolyte Training
6:30 p.m. AA Group
7 p.m. House United
7 p.m. SPD Rings

WEDNESDAY, October 30

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study and Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship
9:30 a.m. SPD Bible Study

11:30 a.m. Lectio Divina (Zoom)
1 p.m. Caregivers Support Group
5:15 p.m. SPD Singers
5:30 p.m. Pizza and Play
6:30 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. 9th Grade Confirmation
7:30 p.m. Koin

THURSDAY, October 31

9 a.m. YogaFaith
9:30 a.m. Moms in Prayer
11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga

SATURDAY, November 2

9 a.m. Mom's Retreat
5 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, November 3

8:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
9:30a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday School/Sunday Friends
10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday School
3 p.m. Augsburg Centennial Singers

† Livestreamed

Your Gifts Make a Difference

As new banners around the church remind us: *You Belong at the Table*. One of the important ways we build community is by sitting around a table with one another. This fall, we have been able to warmly invite people around the table at events like: the Jamboree; monthly dinners for the children's choir families; the Fall Festival; and the Monday evening dinners in October. These meals have been open for all to attend without charge thanks to the generosity of the congregation. Thank you for helping us expand our opportunities to gather around the table, and to build community and connection. Remember: Your gifts make a difference.

Did You Know

Did you know that we're looking for kids to assist with worship? All children, grade 3 and up, are invited to light candles or read in worship services. For students interested in serving our faith community in these ways, we hold a brief training session. Two dates are approaching for these sessions. The first will be held on Tuesday night, October 29 at 6:15 p.m., and the second will be held on Sunday morning, November 10 at 11:45 a.m. Register to attend at spdlc.org/register. Questions can be directed to Trish Arndt at tarndt@spdlc.org.