

# Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 26, 2025

9:30 a.m.

"And Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'" — Luke 4:20a, 21

## 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: [spdlc.org](http://spdlc.org).

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

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Visit [facebook.com/spdlc](https://facebook.com/spdlc) for additional online resources.

There are also many video resources from the church on our YouTube channels. Search "St. Philip the Deacon" on YouTube to find past events, sermons and podcasts.

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## Prelude

*Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*, BWV 662

J.S. Bach

## Welcome

Please stand

## Opening Hymn

*Hark, the Glad Sound!*

Red Hymnal #239

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

## Today's Worship

### Participants

#### Musicians

Celina Kobetitsch, organ  
Charlotte Bartholomew, flute  
Woody Woodward, soloist  
Sanctuary Choir

#### Reader

Everett Gregor  
Clark Gregor

#### Altar Guild

Beth Shoen

#### Altar Flowers Given by

Rex & Cheryl Rugland, in  
honor of their 54th  
anniversary

## Invocation, Confession, Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**Amen**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**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**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord; you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

*Please be seated*

### Lesson

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

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

### Anthem

*First Snow*

Ola Gjeillo  
adapt. Woody Woodward

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

*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**

Norah Long, Children's Ministry

*Please stand*

**Hymn of the Day**    *The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended*    Red Hymnal #569



1 The day you gave us, Lord, has end - ed;  
2 We thank you that your church, un - sleep - ing  
3 As to each con - ti - nent and is - land  
4 The sun, here hav - ing set, is wak - ing  
5 So be it, Lord; your realm shall nev - er,



the dark - ness falls at your be - hest.  
while earth rolls on - ward in - to light,  
the dawn leads on an - oth - er day,  
your chil - dren un - der west - ern skies,  
like earth's proud em - pires, pass a - way;



To you our morn - ing hymns as - cend - ed;  
through all the world its watch is keep - ing,  
the voice of prayer is nev - er si - lent,  
and hour by hour, as day is break - ing,  
but stand and grow and rule for - ev - er,



your praise shall hal - low now our rest.  
and nev - er rests by day or night.  
nor dies the strain of praise a - way.  
fresh hymns of thank - ful praise a - rise.  
till all your crea - tures own your sway.

**Homily**

Pastor Tim Westermeyer

**Reception of New Members**

**Offering**

*Christ Be Our Light*

B. Farrell arr. Joel Raney

*Your offerings can be left in the offering plates at the entrance to the sanctuary, mailed to the church, given electronically at [spdcl.org/give](http://spdcl.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.*

*Please stand*

**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.**

**We Remember  
in Prayer ...**

Mike Windsor  
Lorna Anderson  
Amy Moon  
Jane Suhr  
Bob Engelstad  
Ron Armstrong  
Julie Otto  
Roxie Hamilton  
Mike Allen

*Those Grieving*

Becky Weiland and Connie Fust & families, mourning the death of their mother, Lila Schmidt

*Those Rejoicing*

Dennis & Catherine Martenson, celebrating the birth of their great-grandson, Luke Coleman Thedinger, born on Jan. 19. Parents are Hannah & Clayton Thedinger.

**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@spdcl.org](mailto:prayers@spdcl.org).*

## Next Week's Scriptures

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

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Luke 4:21-30

## New Member Class

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

**Monday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m.**

Register at [spdlc.org/register](http://spdlc.org/register) or contact Cindy Carlson at 763-475-7115. Childcare is available. New Members will be received on Sunday, March 2.

*Please be seated*

## 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.*

## 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**

## Benediction

### Closing Hymn

*O Zion, Haste!*

Red Hymnal #668



1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is light;  
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
and died on earth that we might live a - bove.  
through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.



Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Prelude in D Major, BuxWV 139*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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*“Jesus does not give recipes that show the way to God  
as other teachers of religion do. He is himself the way.”  
—Karl Barth*

## Your Gifts Make a Difference

### Update from the Finance Office:

2024 Year-End Giving Statements were mailed out this week. Your faithful support of St. Philip the Deacon over the last twelve months once again allowed us to fulfill our mission—to *Reach Out, Proclaim, Inspire*. On behalf of everyone who is blessed by the ministry of this congregation, we extend our gratitude and appreciation. Contact Moe Hagestuen, Finance Administrator, with questions at [finance@spdlc.org](mailto:finance@spdlc.org) or 763-475-7124. Remember: Your gifts make a difference. Thank you.

## Did You Know

The following individuals are being received into membership at St. Philip the Deacon today during our 9:30 service. We are delighted to have them join us as partners in the Gospel! Please help welcome them into our family of faith!

Emily Beard & Noah Key  
Beverly Carlsen  
Nancy Kleiber  
Tom & Emily Lucas (Maverick)  
Nancy McCoy  
Darryn & Emily McGarvey (Alexander & Leah)  
Robert Murphy  
John & Barbara Nellerroe  
Dale & Joni Phillips  
Ethan & Lisa Scott (Chloe & Camden)  
Daniel & Jillian Switts (Margaux & Calvin)  
Norrie Thomas

## 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

## Program Staff

**Cindy Carlson**

Congregational Life

**Joan Harper**

Hospitality

**Jen Galley**

Adult Education

**Renee Putnam**

Engagement & Service

**Beth Dudycha**

Digital Hospitality

**Susan Path**

Parish Nurse

**Kathy Hagedorn**

Early Childhood

**Norah Long**

Children's & Music Ministry

**Trish Arndt**

Children's Ministry

**Amanda Berger**

Spiritual Growth

**Olsen Pancoast**

High School & Young Adult

**Charlie Olson**

Middle School

## Musicians

**Sam Grace**

Director of Music Ministry

**Celina Kobetitsch**

Organist

**Steve Griffiths**

Associate Organist

**JoBeth Ranfranz**

Bell Choir Director

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## This Week at St. Philip the Deacon

### SUNDAY, January 26

8:15 a.m. **Worship**

9:30a.m. **Worship**

Sunday School/Sunday Friends

10:45 a.m. **Worship with**

**Holy Communion**

Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Alpha

### MONDAY, January 27

9:45 a.m. Holy Grounds

11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga

11:30 a.m. Healing Prayer

6:30 p.m. Abide

### TUESDAY, January 28

8 a.m. Men's Discussion Group

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 p.m. Kids Choir Dinner

6:30 p.m. AA Group

7 p.m. House United (Zoom)

7 p.m. SPD Ringers

### WEDNESDAY, January 29

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

9:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship

9:30 a.m. SPD Bible Study

1 p.m.

Caregivers Support Group

5:15 p.m.

SPD Singers

5:30 p.m.

Pizza and Play

6:30 p.m.

Confirmation

7 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir

7:30 p.m.

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### THURSDAY, January 30

9 a.m. YogaFaith

9:30 a.m. Moms in Prayer

11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga

Winter Fishing Retreat departs

### SATURDAY, February 1

5 p.m. **Worship with**  
**Holy Communion**

### SUNDAY, February 2

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

10:45 a.m. Alpha

Cribbage, Cards & Chili

3 p.m.

† *Livestreamed*