

First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 9, 2025

9:30 a.m.

"The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders."
— Deuteronomy 26:8

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.

Please visit 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.

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

Visit 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

Variations on "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" Celina Kobetitsch

Welcome

Please stand

Opening Hymn

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

Red Hymnal #769

1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your

hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -

side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our

God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Today's Worship

Participants

Musicians

Celina Kobetitsch, organ
SPD Quartet
Debi Kilde
Susan Ramlet
Laurent Kuehnl
Woody Woodward
Sanctuary Choir

Reader

Naomi Davidson

Altar Guild

Kris Bransford
Beth Shoen
Jean Stoermer

Notes on the Notes

Today's prelude and postlude were originally written as an assignment for a German master's degree exam. The assignment was to write a partita on the selected hymn tune. A partita is essentially a set of variations on a melody. German organists have improvised and composed partitas for hundreds of years. This partita is inspired by a variety of German composers and time periods, from Pachelbel to Bach to Mendelssohn. Listen for how the melody appears throughout the different variations, and then how it appears again as the opening hymn. It is also worth noting that Sunday, March 9 is Woman Composer Sunday, when churches throughout the world are encouraged to include music by female composers.

Invocation, Confession, Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the hospitality you grant to all people. We fail to forgive, even though you have set us free again and again. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

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.**

Lenten Kyrie

Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

Red Hymnal #602



1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on us.
2 O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer - cy up - on us.



All

Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev - 'ry
Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save from sting of
O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid the chil - dren



e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; up - on your cross - for -
death and grasp of grave; your scars be - fore the
that your word has made. Now make us grow and



sak - en Son our death is laid, and peace is won.
Fa - ther move his heart to mer - cy at such love.
help us pray; bring joy and com - fort, come to stay.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

Please be seated

Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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

Anthem

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

The Holy Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

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

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

Children's Message

Kathy Hagedorn, Children's Ministry

Please stand

Hymn of the Day

As Your Spirit in the Desert



1 As your Spir - it in the des - ert led the Christ to
2 As your fire and cloud - y pil - lar Is - rael's tribes to
3 Though wild beasts may lurk in shad - ow, and dire thirst may
4 Through the nar - row gate now draw us, past all em - pire's
5 God of des - ert, God of prom - ise, you have bid us



dust and stone, so in - still our hearts with cour - age now to
Ca - naan led, may your pres - ence be our com - fort, may your
sear and sting, you have prom - ised liv - ing wa - ters wait - ing
pull and strife, where be - yond our fear and cling - ing stands the
jour - ney on through the days of dust and dark - ness to the



cross where Christ has gone. Let us cross in - to the
man - na be our bread. Let us cross in - to the
for us at the spring. Let us cross out of the
thresh - old of new life. Let us cross out of the
ris - ing of the dawn. Let us cross out of the



wil - der - ness so to walk where Christ has gone.
wil - der - ness with God's man - na as our bread.
wil - der - ness to the wa - ters of the spring.
wil - der - ness to the thresh - old of new life.
wil - der - ness to the ris - ing of the dawn.

Please be seated

Homily

Pastor Makayla Dahleen

Offering

Create in Me

Eurydice Osterman

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.

Please stand

Offertory

Red Hymnal #811

On my heart imprint your image, blessed Jesus, king of grace,
That life's troubles nor its pleasures ever may your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: "Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation, all my glory and salvation!"

We Remember in Prayer ...

Mike Windsor
Lorna Anderson
Amy Moon
Jane Suhr
Bob Engelstad
Julie Otto
Roxie Hamilton
Mike Allen
Kathleen Schumacher
Keith Benson

Those Grieving

Chuck Leonard & family,
mourning the death of his
sister, Bette Revior

Nancy Bixby & family,
mourning the death of her
mother, Sonja Diehl

Those Rejoicing

Grant & Alexandra Wolter, as
they celebrate the baptism of
their daughter, Apolline
Evelyn Wolter

Celebrating the birth of Nora
June Davidson, born on Feb.
22. Parents Erin & Dan
Davidson; grandparents Bruce
& Polly Davidson; and great-
grandfather, Ron Davidson

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:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

New Member Class

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

Monday, April 28 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, May 4.

Prayers of the People . . . God, in your mercy, receive 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

The people pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Benediction . . . Amen

Closing Hymn

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

Red Hymnal #326

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Variation IX on "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" Celina Kobetitsch

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*"Hands are for holding, not hurting."
— Parents as Teachers Program*

Your Gifts Make a Difference

Our Wednesday Lenten offering this year will go toward an organization called THEE Alliance Forgiving Medical Debt, which exists to forgive medical debt for families. Through this alliance, faith communities throughout Minnesota and the Upper Midwest are able to purchase discounted medical debt for pennies on the dollar. As a result, crushing medical debts for families are totally forgiven, tax free, allowing them to restore their credit and have hope for the future. For every \$1 given, \$100 of medical debt is forgiven. Since 2020, the 30 church faith communities of THEE Alliance have impacted more than 108,000 families and forgiven more than \$108 Million in medical debt. Remember: Your gifts make a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

Did You Know

Summer Events

Check out our schedule of summer events and programs for all ages! You'll find plenty to keep you engaged with the St. Philip the Deacon faith community this summer. Visit our website at spdlc.org/summer2025 to learn more and download a PDF of our summer brochure.

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

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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

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This Week at St. Philip the Deacon

SUNDAY, March 9

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

MONDAY, March 10

9:45 a.m. Holy Grounds
11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
11:30 a.m. Healing Prayer
6 p.m. First Communion Workshop
6:30 p.m. Abide
6:30 p.m. Surprised by Hope

TUESDAY, March 11

8 a.m. Men's Discussion Group
10 a.m. Matter of Balance
1 p.m. The Conversation
5 p.m. Dynamic Deacons
5 p.m. Tuesday Story Time
5:35 p.m. Chancel Choir
5:35 p.m. Tuesday Story Time
6:30 p.m. AA Group
7 p.m. SPD Ringers
7 p.m. Church Council

WEDNESDAY, March 12

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. Lenten Soup Supper
7⁺ p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship
7:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
7:45 p.m. Koin

THURSDAY, March 13

9 a.m. YogaFaith
9:30 a.m. Moms in Prayer
11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
6:30 p.m. Naomi Circle

SATURDAY, March 15

5 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
Youth Nerf Night
6 p.m.

SUNDAY, March 16

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

⁺ Livestreamed