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# **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

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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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# 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



# 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!"

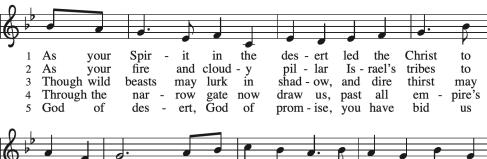
# Children's Message

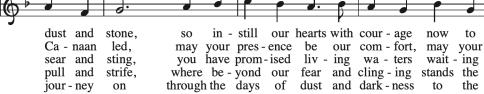
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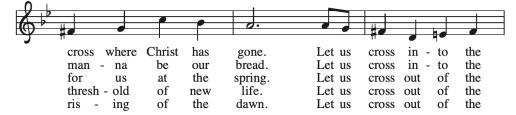
Please stand

# **Hymn of the Day**

As Your Spirit in the Desert









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 & Álexandra 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 greatgrandfather, 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 Psalm 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



### **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<sup>+</sup> & 10:45<sup>+</sup>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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**Charlie Olson** 

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**JoBeth Ranfranz** 

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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

First Communion Workshop 6 p.m.

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 Tuesday Story Time** 5 p.m. 5:35 p.m. **Chancel Choir Tuesday Story Time** 5:35 p.m.

6:30 p.m. AA Group SPD Ringers 7 p.m. Church Council 7 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, March 12

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

Bible Study Fellowship 9:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. SPD Bible Study

**Caregivers Support Group** 1 p.m.

SPD Singers 5:15 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper 7<sup>†</sup> 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 Chair Yoga 11:30 a.m. Naomi Circle 6:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, March 15

**Worship** with 5 p.m.

**Holy Communion** 

6 p.m. Youth Nerf Night

### 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