

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 18, 2025

9:30 a.m.

"Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created."

– Psalm 148:5

## Welcome!

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## Prelude

*In dir ist Freude*, BWV 615

J.S. Bach

## Welcome

Please stand

## Opening Hymn

*In Thee Is Gladness*

Red Hymnal #867



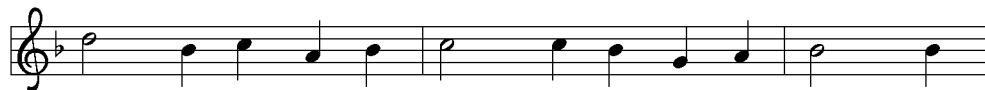
1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my  
2 Je-sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the  
death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can



true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou  
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his



break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cure-ly  
glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es



and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are  
in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for



pin-ing to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,  
glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav-ing; naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!  
and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

## Today's Worship Participants

### Musicians

Celina Kobetitsch, organ and  
conductor  
SPD Quartet  
Debi Kilde  
Susan Ramlet  
Laurent Kuehnl  
Woody Woodward  
Sanctuary Choir  
Samuel Grace, piano

### Reader

Bryan O'Neil

### Altar Guild

Kris Bransford  
Nicole St. John  
Beth Shoen

### Altar Flowers Given by

David & Norma Porter, in  
honor of their 34th wedding  
anniversary

Kevin & Nicole St. John, in  
celebration of their  
anniversary

### Notes on the Notes

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the Schantz organ, today's hymns and organ voluntaries are actually some of the selections which were sung and played 20 years ago at the organ dedication service. Listen to how today's opening hymn uses the same chorale tune on which the prelude is based. If you have questions about how the organ works or want to take a peek inside and get to know this instrument better, join Celina at noon today for a special demonstration of the organ.

## Invocation, Confession, Forgiveness

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and 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

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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

Psalm 148

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

## Anthem

*Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal*

arr. Neil Harmon

## The Holy Gospel

John 13:31-35

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

Pastor Makayla Dahleen

Please stand

## Hymn of the Day

Now Thank We All Our God

Red Hymnal #840

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv-en,  
who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re-joic-es;  
with ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spir-it blest, who reign in high-est heav-en,  
who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per-plexed,  
the one e-ter-nal God, whom earth and heav'n a-dore;  
with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all harm, in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev-er-more.

## Homily

Pastor Makayla Dahleen

## We Remember in Prayer ...

Mike Windsor  
Mike Windsor  
Jane Suhr  
Roxie Hamilton  
Keith Benson  
Tony Kauch  
Skylar Arroyo Hernandez  
Steven Wangstad  
Lois Finanger  
Lynn Carlson  
Orpha Roig

## Those Grieving

Carol Berndt & family,  
mourning the death of her  
husband, Dale Berndt

Shali & Emma Baldry,  
mourning the death of  
mother and grandmother,  
Carol Meyer

Orpha Roig & family,  
mourning the death of her  
husband, Juan Roig

## Those Rejoicing

John & Jackie Riddell, as they  
celebrate the baptism of  
their son, Mark Raymond  
Riddell

Amy & Craig Burstein,  
celebrating the birth of their  
granddaughter, Stella Abigail  
Burstein, born on Nov. 13,  
2024. Parents are Michael &  
Carleen Burstein.

## 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@spdnc.org](mailto:prayers@spdnc.org).

## Next Week's Scriptures

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

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

## New Member Class

Our next new member class will be offered in late summer. In the meantime, if you would like to learn more about this faith community and our mission and ministry, please contact Pastor Tim Westermeyer at [twestermeyer@spdlc.org](mailto:twestermeyer@spdlc.org) or Cindy Carlson at [ccarlson@spdlc.org](mailto:ccarlson@spdlc.org).

## Offering

Sanctus

Carlos Simon

*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](http://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 #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.**

*Please be seated*

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

*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 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

## Closing Hymn

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Red Hymnal #851



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -  
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -  
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and  
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most  
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as  
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship  
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness  
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us  
joice who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:  
moved us to a more pro - found  
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!  
sing, for whom he won the fight:  
give us faith to sing al - ways:

## Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

"Final" from *Symphony No. 1*

Louis Vierne

*“Alleluia! We shout for gladness, triumph o’er sadness, love him and  
praise him and still shall raise him glad hymns forever: Alleluia!”*  
—Johann Lindemann

## Your Gifts Make a Difference

May 14, 2025, marked the 20<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Schantz organ at St. Philip the Deacon. We give thanks to everyone who made contributions towards the initial construction and installation of this wonderful instrument, and also to those who have continued to support its maintenance and upkeep for the past two decades. Thanks to these investments, this fine instrument not only beautifully supports our weekly worship, but also attracts high-level organists to our space, both locally and internationally. In 2025, the SPD summer organ series will feature organists coming from as far as South Korea, and in the fall, the Herald Music Series will feature a renowned international organist from Germany. As Martin Luther wrote, “music is a fair and glorious gift of God,” and we are grateful for all of the ways your generosity allows us to celebrate this important part of our life together. Remember: Your gifts make a difference. Thank you.

## Did You Know

### New Members Received

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!

Rita Dauka  
Rich & Jeanette Engelstad  
Duane & Kathy Fell  
Kristi Griffiths  
Laura Kennedy  
David & Jane Mayer  
Taylor & Hali Nepper (Miles & Stella)  
Terry Roberts  
Jim & Bonnie Roed  
Susan Severson

### Worship Schedule

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

Sunday School resumes in the fall.

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

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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, May 18

8:15 a.m.

**Worship**

9:30a.m.

**Worship**

10:45 a.m.

**Worship with  
Holy Communion**

3 p.m.

Herald Music: SPD Sanctuary Choir,  
Meetinghouse Church Chorale,  
Artaria String Quartet

### MONDAY, May 19

9 a.m.

A Day of Quiet

11:30 a.m.

Chair Yoga

5:15 p.m.

Bus to Twins Game

7 p.m.

Hope Circle

### TUESDAY, May 20

8 a.m.

Men's Discussion Group

9:30 a.m.

Summer Women's Circle Meeting

1 p.m.

Thrive Cancer Support Group

1 p.m.

Mary Martha Circle

6:30 p.m.

AA Group

6:30 p.m.

Walk with Benedict

6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Party

### WEDNESDAY, May 21

6:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study and Fellowship

9 a.m.

Elizabeth Circle

9 a.m.

SPD Bible Study

9:30 a.m.

Simply Serve : Mission Nursing Home

11 a.m.

Miriam Circle

1 p.m.

Caregivers Support Group

6:30 p.m.

Joy Circle

### THURSDAY, May 22

9 a.m.

Yoga

9:30 a.m.

Simply Serve : Mission Nursing Home

1 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Guild

### SATURDAY, May 24

5 p.m.

**Worship with  
Holy Communion**

### SUNDAY, May 25

8:15 a.m.

**Worship**

9:30a.m.

**Worship**

10:45 a.m.

**Worship with  
Holy Communion**

<sup>†</sup> *Livestreamed*