

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 7, 2025

9:30 a.m.

"The calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them."

— Isaiah 11:6b

Welcome!

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Prelude

Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 579

J.S. Bach

Welcome

Please stand

Opening Hymn

Prepare the Royal Highway

Red Hymnal #264



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Invocation, Confession, Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure. **Amen**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Long-expected God,

we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We become impatient while waiting, and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. † You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior. **Amen**

Today's Worship

Participants

Musicians

Celina Kobetitsch, organ
Megan Werner, oboe
SPD Vocal Ensemble
Sanctuary Choir (9:30)

Acolytes

Kate & Jason Cavanaugh
Allison & Julia Cavanaugh
Jacob Dahleen

Reader

Bruce Warner

Communion Servers

Kris Bransford
Karen & Joel Christopherson
Michael Ellis

Altar Guild

Beth Shoen
Mary Steinbicker
Jean Stoermer

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

Red Hymnal page 156

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**

A Prayer for Advent

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Red Hymnal #257, Verse 2

As the Advent candle is lit, the people sing:

O come, O Wisdom, from on high, embracing all things far and nigh:
In strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

Please be seated

Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

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

Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Mark Mummert

Congregation sings refrain as indicated



- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;
- ² that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;
- ³ that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness. **Refrain**
- ⁴ Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
- ⁶ Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.
- ⁷ In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the
moon shall be no more. **Refrain**
- ¹⁸ Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!
- ¹⁹ And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your
glory. Amen. Amen. **Refrain**

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Red Hymnal page 151

Alleluia. Lord, to who shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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

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

Please be seated

Children's Message

Trish Arndt, Children's Ministry

Please stand

Hymn of the Day

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry Red Hymnal #249
(Verses: 1 & 5–All, 2–Soprano/Alto, 3–Tenor/Bass, 4–Choir Only)



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Homily

Pastor Makayla Dahleen

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

There's a Voice in the Wilderness arr. Anne Krentz Organ

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 #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

Nourishing God,
you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. Amen

We Remember in Prayer . . .

Mike Windsor
Tony Kauch
Kathy Adam
Jack Osberg
Karen Kleinstuber
Tess Soholt
Jane Johnson
Elaine Peterson
Suzanne Nelson
Carol Grabow
Frank Bunch

Those Grieving

Julie McSweeney & family,
mourning the death of her
mother, Dorie Miller

Those Rejoicing

Ron & Janet Schutz,
celebrating the birth of their
granddaughter, Olivia Grace
Schutz, born on Nov. 15.
Parents are Erik & Erin Schutz.

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

Next week is our traditional service of Lessons and Carols. To prepare for worship, please read the following scripture passages:

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19
Genesis 22:15-18
Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a, 6-9
Luke 1:26-35, 38
Luke 2:1-7
Luke 2:8-16
Matthew 2:1-12
John 1:1-14

New Member Class

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

Monday, Jan. 26 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, Feb. 1.

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

A Spotless Rose

Herbert Howells

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

Dismissal

Go in peace. Keep awake. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Tempo moderato" from *Sonata No. 4 'Magnificat'* Josef Rheinberger

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*“Through water God touches a weak and vulnerable crown of the creation and says, ‘Yes!’”
—Daniel Erlander*

Your Gifts Make a Difference

Thanks to you, all residents of Our Saviour’s, Anishinabe, Mission Lodge, Smith Lodge, Hart House, Mission Heights, Mission Nursing Home, LSS Group Homes, and Home Free families have been sponsored with gifts and prayers. The moms and children at Home Free Shelter will all receive an abundance of gifts. And four hundred families received groceries for a Thanksgiving meal.

We are well on our way to meeting the \$25,000 matching grant for holiday meals and food shelf support. We are hoping for another \$5,000 to serve 400 families for Christmas.

Your gifts make a difference to our vulnerable neighbors in this holy season. Thank you.

Did You Know

The Memory & Caring Trees

You are invited to honor someone you miss and mourn during the holiday season by adding their name to our Memory Trees in the Sanctuary or the Columbarium. Write their name/s on an ornament (next to the tree in the Sanctuary) or a ribbon (on the Columbarium bench and chapel entry) and place it on the tree. Four-legged family member names are also welcome.

In addition to the Memory Trees, we also have a Caring Tree located in the Narthex. This tree displays ornaments with the names of members of our church who are not able to be with us physically for worship. The ornaments are a way to remember them during the Advent and Christmas season, and we invite you to keep them in your prayers.

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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This Week at St. Philip the Deacon

SUNDAY, December 7

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, December 8

7 a.m.

3,000 Acts of Kindness

9:30 a.m.

Bible Art Journaling

11:30 a.m.

Chair Yoga

11:30 a.m.

Healing Prayer Group

6:30 p.m.

Holy Grounds

TUESDAY, December 9

8 a.m.

Men's Discussion Group

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.

Church Council

7 p.m.

SPD Ringers

WEDNESDAY, December 10

6:30 a.m.

Men's Fellowship Group

9:30 a.m.

SPD Bible Study

9:30 a.m.

Bible Study Fellowship

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 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir

7:30 p.m.

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THURSDAY, December 11

9 a.m.

Yoga

9:30 a.m.

Moms in Prayer

11:30 a.m.

Chair Yoga

6 p.m.

Naomi Circle

FRIDAY, December 12

6 p.m.

Kids Drop-off Night

SATURDAY, December 13

5 p.m.

**Lessons and Carols with
Holy Communion**

SUNDAY, December 14

8:15 a.m.

Lessons and Carols

9:30[†] a.m.

Lessons and Carols

Sunday School/Sunday Friends

10:45 a.m.

**Lessons and Carols with
Holy Communion**

Sunday School

3 p.m.

Cantus Christmas Concert

[†] *Livestreamed*