

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 19, 2026

9:30 a.m.

"They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'"

– Luke 24:32

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.

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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

"Adagio" from *Symphony No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor

Welcome

Please stand

Opening Hymn

The Day of Resurrection

Red Hymnal #361

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Today's Worship

Participants

Musicians

Celina Kobetitsch, organ
SPD Singers
Sanctuary Choir

Acolytes

Ron & Janet Schutz
Philip & Antonia Hope
Ada & Charlie Hope

Readers

Anders Danielson
Bryan O'Neil

Altar Guild

Vicki Gruber
Beth Shoen

Altar Flowers

Would you like to sponsor altar flowers? Your commemoration will be printed here and on the opening slide of the livestream. Thank you!

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.**

Hymn of Praise

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

Red Hymnal #373



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

Please be seated

Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

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

Anthem

A Festive Alleluia

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

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

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

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

Norah Long, Children's Ministry

Please stand

Hymn of the Day

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers



1 Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers, Christ has ris - en
2 Christ has ris - en for the peo - ple whom he died to
3 Christ has ris - en to com - pan - ion for - mer friends who
4 Christ has ris - en and for - ev - er lives to chal - lenge



where hope died, as he said and as he prom - ised,
love and save; Christ has ris - en for the wom - en
fear the night, sens - ing loss and lim - i - ta - tion
and to change all whose lives are messed or man - gled,



as we doubt - ed and de - nied. Let the moon em -
bring - ing flow'rs to grace his grave. Christ has ris - en
where their faith had once burned bright. They be - moan what
all who find re - li - gion strange. Christ is ris - en,



brace the bless - ing; let the sun sus - tain the cheer; let the
for dis - ci - ples, hud - dled in an up - stairs room. He whose
is no long - er, they ex - pect no hope - ful sign till Christ
Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been: ev - i -



world con - firm the ru - mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
word in - spired cre - a - tion can't be si - lenced by the tomb.
ends their con - ver - sa - tion, break - ing bread and shar - ing wine.
dence of trans - for - ma - tion in which God is known and seen.

We Remember in Prayer . . .

Mike Windsor
Kathy Adam
Jack Osberg
Karen Kleinstuber
Jane Johnson
Greg Path
Roger Elias
Donna Sankey
Lynn Carlson
Lynne Bachschneider
Gary Olson
Mark Utter
Pam Sikkila
Joan Solie

Those Grieving

Diane Moody & family,
mourning the death of her
mother, Carol Kenison

Those Rejoicing

Linda & John Picek,
celebrating the birth of their
grandson, Robert Stephen
Ignaczak, born on April 7.
Parents are Alyssa & Eddie
Ignaczak.

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:

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

New Member Class

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

Tuesday, May 5 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 17.

Please be seated

Homily

Pastor Valerie Strand Patterson

Offering

Stay with Us

Egil Hovland

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.

Please be seated

Prayers of the People . . . Merciful God, 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.

Please stand

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

Now the Green Blade Rises

Red Hymnal #379



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Fantasy on "Noël Nouvelet"

Celina Kobetitsch

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"I believe that although the two disciples did not recognize Jesus on the road to Emmaus, Jesus recognized them. He saw them as if they were the only two people in the world."

—Frederick Buechner

Your Gifts Make a Difference

Bridging Night is coming up on April 22nd! This is an opportunity for 5th Graders to come to Confirmation to see what it looks like, and what to expect for next year when they start Confirmation. Our 8th Graders will also get an opportunity to learn about next steps that lead up to being Confirmed, and have a chance to participate in Koin, our High School ministry. 6th and 7th grade Confirmation students still have Confirmation during this time.

Thanks to the many adults and youth who help behind the scenes in Sunday school, confirmation, middle school, high school and off-site ministry during the program year. You may not see them sharing their faith and interacting with the children and youth, but their dedication, commitment and faithful support and shaping the lives of the younger generations in our faith community. Remember: Your gifts make a difference. Thank you!

Did You Know

MPLS (imPulse), a choral ensemble founded and conducted by SPD Director of Music Samuel Grace, presents "Sing Me a Story" this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. A musical event for all ages, the ensemble will perform a collection of new and well-loved children's literature set to music, along with live projections. Free-will offering. This is the final event of the 2025-2026 Herald Music Series. We hope to see you there!

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

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Joan Harper

Hospitality

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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, April 19

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

9:30[†] a.m. **Worship**

Sunday School/Sunday Friends

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

Sunday School

3 p.m. Herald Music Concert: MPLS (imPulse)

MONDAY, April 20

9:45 a.m. Holy Grounds

11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga

6:30 p.m. Bible Study: Acts

7 p.m. Hope Circle

TUESDAY, April 21

8 a.m. Men's Discussion Group

1 p.m. Thrive Cancer Support Group

1 p.m. Mary Martha Circle

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

WEDNESDAY, April 22

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.

Bridging Night

6:30 p.m.

Confirmation

7 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir

7:30 p.m.

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THURSDAY, April 23

9 a.m. Yoga

9:30 a.m. Moms in Prayer

11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga

1 p.m. Prayer Shawl Guild

7 p.m. Pathfinders

FRIDAY, April 24

6:30 p.m. Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work

SATURDAY, April 25

8:30 a.m. Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work

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

SUNDAY, April 26

Boundary Waters Trip Fundraiser

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*