

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 3, 2026

9:30 a.m.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father except through me."

—John 14:6

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: spdcl.org.

Please visit spdcl.org/livestream for worship resources, including bulletins, materials for children, links to our Family Faith Creek (Sunday School) online programming, and Confirmation worship notes.

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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

Soliloquy

David Conte

Welcome

Please stand

Opening Hymn

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Red Hymnal #645



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

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.

Today's Worship

Participants

Musicians

Celina Kobetitsch, organ
Steve Griffiths, organ
SPD Vocal Ensemble
Sanctuary Choir

Acolytes

Tom & Lynn Vettel
Adam & Anne Hegedus
Emma & Kate Hegedus

Reader

Jacob Dahleen

Communion Servers

Curt & Carol Eslinger
Michael Ellis

Altar Guild

Anne Oswald
Jean Stoermer
Cathy Wilson

Altar Flowers Given by

Moms in Prayer, in
celebration of and in
gratitude for our children
and families

Nancy Nechas-Lasche & Gary
Lasche, in celebration of our
5th wedding anniversary

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 Is Alive! Let Christians Sing
(Verses 1-3, 5)

Red Hymnal #389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

Please be seated

Lesson

Acts 7:55-60

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

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Red Hymnal page 151

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

The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

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

Kathy Hagedorn, Early Childhood Ministry

Hymn of the Day

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Red Hymnal #816



1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a
2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a
3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes his guest.
part; such a heart as joys in love.

Homily

Pastor Makayla Dahleen

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.

Offering

O Lord God

Pavel Chesnokov

Your offerings can be left in the offering plates at the entrance to the sanctuary, mailed to the church, given electronically at spdcl.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

Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

We Remember in Prayer . . .

Mike Windsor
Jack Osberg
Jane Johnson
Greg Path
Roger Elias
Donna Sankey
Lynn Carlson
Lynne Bachschneider
Gary Olson
Mark Utter
Pam Sikkila
Cindie Menken
Robert Engebretsen

Those Grieving

Virginia Netwal & family,
mourning the death of her
mother, Janice Netwal

Those Rejoicing

Julie & Sal Khan, celebrating
the birth of their
granddaughter, Collins Kay
Jamrog, born on April 10.
Parents are Kjirsten & David
Jamrog. Great-grandparents
are Jeff & Nancy Berg.

Sarah & Matt Hauge, as they
celebrate the baptism of
their son, Camden James
Hauge

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@spdcl.org.

Next Week's Scriptures

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

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

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 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

Pater Noster (Our Father)

Igor Stravinsky

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

Postlude

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

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*“We do know that no man can be saved except through Christ;
we do not know that only those who know Him can be saved through Him.”*
— C.S. Lewis

Your Gifts Make a Difference

Lutheran World Relief Fabric Kits

Thank you for your support as we create fabric kits that will be used to teach sewing skills and then help graduates start their own businesses. Your donations of fabric and thread (or funds – Angel Fund/Fabric Kits) are greatly appreciated. We will assemble the kits on July 16 from 2-4 p.m., which will help people in vulnerable regions become self-sufficient, care for their families, and have a more secure future. See the Partners in the Gospel for all the details. Remember: Your gifts make a difference! Thank you.

Did You Know

Did you know that we have raised bed gardens? The “Giving Garden” is planted and maintained by members of SPD. On a rotating schedule, these volunteers water, tend to, and harvest the gardens—and then deliver the food to Interfaith so their clients can enjoy fresh produce! If you'd like to be a part of this team, send Trisha Arndt an email at tarndt@spdnc.org. Thank you!

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

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Jen Galley

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Renee Putnam

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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

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High School & Young Adult

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This Week at St. Philip the Deacon

SUNDAY, May 3

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

MONDAY, May 4

- 11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study: Acts

TUESDAY, May 5

- 8 a.m. Men's Discussion Group
- 1 p.m. Thrive Cancer Support Group
- 3 p.m. Spirit Beads Open Studio
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Joy Circle
- 6:30 p.m. New Member Class
- 7 p.m. SPD Ringers

WEDNESDAY, May 6

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study and 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. Confirmation
- 7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Koin

THURSDAY, May 7

- 9 a.m. Spring Chair Yoga Retreat
- 9 a.m. Yoga
- 2 p.m. Funeral for Barbara Nellerhoe
- 6 p.m. Naomi's Table
- 7 p.m. Sanctuary of Survivors

FRIDAY, May 8

- 9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle

SATURDAY, May 9

- 9 a.m. SPD Ploggers
- 5 p.m.** **Worship with Holy Communion**

SUNDAY, May 10

- 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*