

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 23, 2026

9:30 a.m.

“Who do you say that I am?”

– Matthew 16:15b

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.

Video archives of past services and sermons can be found at spdcl.org/videoarchive. Audio archives of past sermons can be found at spdcl.org/sermons.

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Prelude

“Allegretto” from Sonata No. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

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!

Today's Worship

Participants

Musicians

Celina Kobetitsch, organ

SPD Quartet

Debi Kilde

Susan Ramlet

Laurent Kuehnl

Woody Woodward

Reader

9:30 Lois Helvick

Altar Guild

Jean Stoermer

Altar Flowers Given by

Brian & Melissa House, in
celebration of our 30th
wedding anniversary

Invocation, Confession, Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love. **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

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**

Hymn of Praise

Red Hymnal page 159

**All glory be to God on high, and peace to earth be given! Let angels sing, let all
reply; goodwill breaks forth from heaven! Lord God Almighty, heaven's king,
we worship you, our thanks we sing, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, creation's author, O Lamb of God, your
death alone takes sin away forever. Stretch out your arms to ev'ry land, and,
as you reign at God's right hand, receive our prayer; have mercy.**

**To you alone, O God, we cry, the Holy One we name you; for you alone are God
most high, one living God we claim you: we worship you, Lord Jesus Christ,
with God the Spirit ever blest, in God the Father's glory. Amen**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

Please be seated

Lesson

Romans 12:1-8

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

Psalm

Psalm 138

Celina Kobetitsch

Congregation sings refrain as directed

Refrain

Your stead-fast love en-dures for ev-er; do not a-ban-don the works of your hands.

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

Matthew 16:13-20

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

Pastor Makayla Dahleen

Please stand

Hymn of the Day

Built on a Rock

Red Hymnal #652



- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
- 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
- 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
- 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
- 5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing—call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

Please be seated

Homily

Pastor Makayla Dahleen

We Remember in Prayer ...

Mike Windsor
Jack Osberg
Jane Johnson
Roger Elias
Lynn Carlson
Steven Wangstad
Jim Willis
Arnie Nelson
Carol Anderson
Connie Wheeler
Barbara Rustad
Steve Griffiths
Tom Moen
Karen Landro
Jim Lambrecht

Those Rejoicing

Emma & Dylan Matter, as they celebrate the baptism of their son, Tate Bradley Matter

Terence McCormick & Caroline Oldershaw, celebrating the birth of their granddaughter, Clover Mei McCormick, born on July 29. Parents are Sean McCormick & Kate Bouteiller.

John & Linda Picek, celebrating the birth of their grandson, Jamie Sword Farnen, born on Aug. 10. Parents are Kylie Picek & Jack Farnen.

Leah & Justin Hager, celebrating the birth of their daughter, Isla Grace Hager, born on Aug. 16. Grandparents are Beth & John Jacob.

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:

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalms 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

New Member Class

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

Monday, Sept. 21 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, Sept. 27.

Holy Baptism

Tate Bradley Matter

Red Hymnal page 229

People of God, do you promise to support Tate and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **We do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Let us welcome the newly baptized. **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Offering

"Tu es Petrus" from *Quatre Motets*

Maurice Duruflé

Tu es Petrus
et super hanc petram
aedificabo Ecclesiam meam.

You are Peter,
And upon this rock
I will build my Church.

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

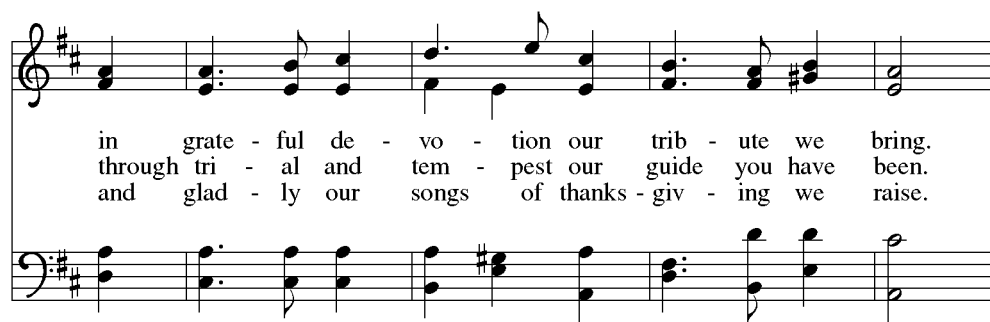
Closing Hymn

We Praise You, O God

Red Hymnal #870



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Allegro maestoso e vivace” from *Sonata No. 4* Felix Mendelssohn

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Worship Schedule

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

Sunday School resumes on
Sunday, September 13.

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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Spiritual Growth
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This Week at St. Philip the Deacon

SUNDAY, August 23

8:15 a.m. Worship
9:30[†] a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Worship with
Holy Communion

MONDAY, August 24

11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
11:30 a.m. Healing Prayer Group

TUESDAY, August 25

8 a.m. Men's Discussion Group
6:30 p.m. AA Group

WEDNESDAY, August 26

1 p.m. Caregivers Support Group
6 p.m. Lawn Bowling

THURSDAY, August 27

9 a.m. Yoga
11 a.m. Funeral for Karen Heitz
1 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

SATURDAY, August 29

5 p.m. Worship with
Holy Communion

SUNDAY, August 30

8:15 a.m. Worship
9:30[†] a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Worship with
Holy Communion

[†] Livestreamed

"Is Jesus merely 'the' Messiah? Or is he yours?"

—Debie Thomas

Your Gifts Make a Difference

Thank you for your donations of school supplies for our sister community of Messiah Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Your donation of backpacks, notebooks, pencils, markers, prayers, and more, equipped 50 families to start the school year well prepared. In addition to supplies for Messiah, supplies are distributed to local schools through the longstanding relationships SPD has with area social workers. These gifts will be especially beneficial to children who are currently unhoused or new to the school district. Each of our community partners express profound gratitude for your generosity—one community linking arms with another positively impacts the lives of these families. Remember: Your gifts make a difference. Thank you!

Did You Know

Looking for ways to connect with God and others? Check out these adult class offerings! You can sign up for these courses and more at spdlc.org/register. Questions? Email Jen Galley at jgalley@spdlc.org.

Intro to the Old Testament: A two-hour introduction to the Old Testament, led by Dr. Cameron B.R. Howard, Associate Professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary Saturday, 9/19, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Practicing the Presence of God: Through discussion, reflection, and practical application, we will cultivate a greater attentiveness to God's presence in the ordinary moments of daily life. Mondays, 9/21 and 9/29, 6:30 p.m.

Water from a Deep Well: Explore the deep legacy of faith and Christian practice that is a well-spring for our lives with God today. Mondays, October 5-26, 6:30 p.m.

Holy Grounds: Deepen your relationship with God through prayer practices and conversation. Mondays at 9:45 a.m. (Drop in—no registration needed).