

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 6, 2026

8:15 and 9:30 a.m.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

– Matthew 18:20

Welcome!

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about St. Philip the Deacon and its ministries, please stop by one of the Hospitality Desks, located near Fellowship Hall (upper level) and the east church entrance (lower level), visit our website: spdlc.org, or call the church at 763-475-7100.

PROFESSIONAL CHILDCARE

Childcare is available at this service. The Childcare Center is located on the lower level near the East entrance. Families may use the Childcare Center for the needs of young children (such as diapering or nursing).

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.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX:

- Large print worship bulletins
- Williams Sound System hearing devices
- Reading glasses
- Children's worship bulletins & Rainbow Activity Bags
- Coloring pages/crayons

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PRELUDE

Toccata seconda

Girolamo Frescobaldi

WELCOME

Please stand

OPENING HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Red Hymnal #864

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,

we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power 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

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**

TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Musicians

Celina Kobetsch, organ
Norah Long, soloist
Samuel Grace, piano

Acolyte

9:30 Maggie Danielson

Readers

8:15 Karin Beckstrand

9:30 Anders Danielson
Ann Schulte

Communion Servers

8:15 Caren & Donovan Nash

9:30 Ann Schulte
Connie Swaggert

Altar Guild

Kris Bransford
Beth Shoen

Altar Flowers Given by

The Stranghoener Family, in celebration of our wedding anniversaries

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

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

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

NOTES ON THE NOTES

Today's prelude and postlude take us back nearly 400 years to the early days of Baroque organ music. Frescobaldi's Toccata seconda is full of surprises, moving freely between fast, flowing passages and more thoughtful moments, as though the organist is discovering the music as they go. This piece could have been played on a small organ or a harpsichord. Aguilera de Heredia's Ensalada has an equally playful spirit. "Ensalada" means "salad," an appropriate name for a piece that mixes together many different musical ideas. In the Aguilera, listen for a particularly fun organ trick: rapid notes in the lowest part of the pedal create a sound reminiscent of a drum or other percussion instrument.

Please be seated

LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

Bible page 1034

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

Matthew 18:15-20

Bible page 895

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 (9:30)

Pastor Makayla Dahleen

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY *God, When Human Bonds Are Broken*

Red Hymnal #603

1 God, when hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill
2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in-to our world of stress,
3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re-lease
4 Send us, God of new be-gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in-to life.
5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,

to re-store the hope of heal-ing, give us grace and make us still,
for the sake of Christ for-giv-ing all the fail-ures we con-fess,
from the pain of ear-lier liv-ing; set us free and grant us peace.
Use us as a means of bless-ing; make us stron-ger, give us faith,
give us love to go on learn-ing: God, en-cour-age and re-new!

HOMILY

Pastor Makayla Dahleen

Please remain 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.

OFFERING

Covenant Prayer

Karen Marrolli

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

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen

Please know that all are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You may receive Holy Communion in one of two ways. First, you may choose to come forward to receive by intinction, receiving a wafer in your hand and dipping it into the chalice of wine or juice. The gluten free chalice is located near where the pastors sit. Or second, you may pick up individually wrapped elements at the usher stand in the Narthex and receive while remaining in your pew.

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

Bread of Heaven

Karen Marrolli

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

CLOSING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Red Hymnal #543

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Obra de Octavo Tono Alto "Ensalada" Sebastian Aguilera de Heredia

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WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER . . .

Mike Windsor

Jack Osberg

Jane Johnson

Roger Elias

Lynn Carlson

Steven Wangstad

Jim Willis

Carol Anderson

Connie Wheeler

Barbara Rustad

Tom Moen

Karen Landro

Jim Lambrecht

Phylliss Mosby

Those Grieving

Patti Richardson & family,
mourning the death of her
mother, Bev Lippka

Gladys Utoft & family,
mourning the death of her
husband, Chuck Utoft

Joel Christopherson & family,
mourning the death of his
sister, Carol Stock

Those Rejoicing

Valerie & KirkRyan McFarland,
as they celebrate the baptism
of their son, Aidan James
McFarland

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@spdrc.org.*

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

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Patterson

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THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP THE DEACON

SUNDAY, September 6

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

MONDAY, September 7—Labor Day

Office Closed

TUESDAY, September 8

- 8 a.m.** Men's Discussion Group
- 1 p.m.** The Conversation
- 5 p.m.** Dynamic Deacons
- 5:35 p.m.** Chancel Choir
- 6:30 p.m.** Tuesday AA Group
- 7 p.m.** SPD Ringers
- 7 p.m.** Church Council

WEDNESDAY, September 9

- 6:30 a.m.** Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m.** SPD Wed. Bible Study
- 1 p.m.** Caregivers Support Group

- 6 p.m.** Sanctuary Choir Dinner and
Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m.** 6th Grade Orientation

THURSDAY, September 10

- 9 a.m.** Yoga
- 11:30 a.m.** Chair Yoga
- 3 p.m.** Funeral for Karen Christopherson
- 6:30 p.m.** Naomi's Circle

SATURDAY, September 12

- 10 a.m.** Funeral for Fran Brown
- 5 p.m.** Worship with
Holy Communion

SUNDAY, September 13

- 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

"Peace is not the absence of conflict, but the ability to cope with it."
— Mahatma Gandhi

YOUR GIFTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We celebrate with the 3-year-old children as they received The Beginner Bible this past Wednesday. The gifts of this faith community help to fulfill the promises made by their parents at baptism. Thank you for your generosity in giving these children God's Word. Your gifts make a difference in the lives of our children at St. Philip the Deacon.

If your preschool or kindergarten child has not received The Beginner Bible, please contact Kathy Hagedorn at khagedorn@spdlc.org. We would love to gift this book to them.

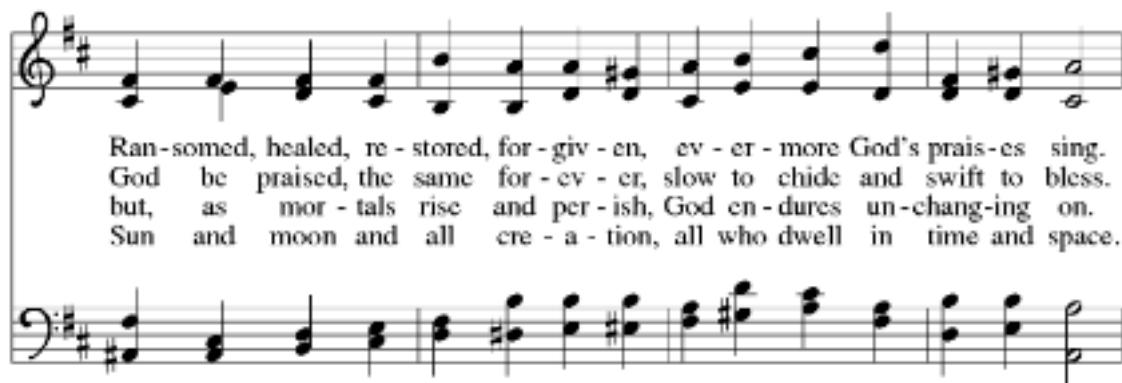
DID YOU KNOW

As the program year begins this week, we have more opportunities for busy parents to enrich their own faith life. The childcare center will be open during our Monday night classes at 6:30 p.m. this fall. Another new opportunity is the Virtual Bible Study for Parents at 8 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Join the Group through the SPD Hub at spdlc.org/explore-groups. You'll find us under Fellowship Opportunities!

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
 God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en-dures un-chang-ing on.
 Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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