

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 28, 2024

9:30 a.m.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

– Psalm 111:10a

Welcome!

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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

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Marilyn Biery

Welcome

Please stand

Opening Hymn

O God Beyond All Praising

Red Hymnal #880

1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,
and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;
for we can on-ly won-der at the ev-'ry gift you send,
but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,
at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still;
we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,
to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,
we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

Today's Worship

Participants

Musicians

Kraig Windschitl, organ

Julie Johnson, flute

Sam Grace, piano

SPD Quartet

Debi Kilde

Susan Ramlet

Laurent Kuehnl

Woody Woodward

Sanctuary Choir

Gospel Reader

Twyla Weiland

Altar Guild

Kris Bransford

Kerry Maahs

Anne Oswald

Robyn Ruark

Jean Stoermer

Invocation, Confession, Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen**

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life,

you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy and neglect the needs of our neighbors. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen

Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In † Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God. **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 and Hymn of Praise

Red Hymnal page 147

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**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord; you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

Please be seated

Lesson

Psalm 111

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

Anthem

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

arr. Rebecca Bonam

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

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

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

Please be seated
Children's Message


Trisha Ragner, Children's Ministry

Please stand
Hymn of the Day


There is a Balm in Gilead

Red Hymnal #614


Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Please be seated
Homily

Pastor Tim Westermeyer

Reception of New Members

**We Remember
in Prayer ...**

Tony Benthin
Bill Peterson
Mark Utter
Mike Windsor
Jose Zylka
Joel Johnson
Elaine Granquist
Brett Swenson
Barb Christensen
Marjorie Peabody
Henry Dehne
Bruce Willis

Those Grieving

Ken Peterson & family,
mourning the death of his
wife, Lonnie Peterson.

Mal Moore & family,
mourning the death of his
son-in-law, Edward Herndon.

Those Rejoicing

Christopher & Kalsey Beach
celebrating the baptism of
their son, Caden Larson
Beach.

Keith Danielson Jr. & Madison
Danielson celebrating the
baptism of their daughter,
Parker Rose Danielson.

Colin & Jenna Olson
celebrating the birth of their
son, Louie James Olson.
Grandparents are Joel &
Kathleen Olson.

Connor & Annie Aasen
celebrating the birth of their
daughter, Brooke Elise Aasen.
Grandparents are Stuart &
Kathy Aasen.

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:

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 14:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

New Member Class

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

Monday, April 15 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, April 21.

Holy Baptism

Caden Larson Beach

Red Hymnal page 229

People of God, do you promise to support Caden 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.**

Please be seated

Offering

Abide in Us, O Bread of Life

arr. David Cherwien

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.

Prayers of the People . . . God of grace, 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.

The Lord's Prayer

The people pray:


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 . . . Amen


Closing Hymn

Jesus Loves Me!

Red Hymnal #595

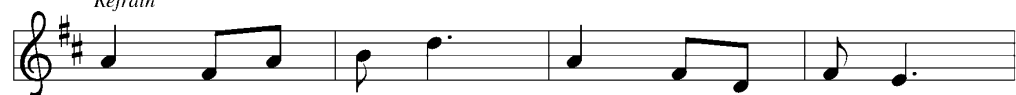


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;




lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Dismissal
Go in peace. You are God’s beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Toccata on Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Piet Post

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

+Faith Creek 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
Cheryl Mathison
Teaching Pastor

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This Week at St. Philip the Deacon

SUNDAY, January 28

8:15 a.m. Worship
9:30⁺ a.m. Worship
Faith Creek/Faith Creek Friends
10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
Faith Creek
4:00 p.m. Herald Music Series Presents
The St. Olaf Band

MONDAY, January 29

11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
6 p.m. Bible Art Journaling
6:30 p.m. Men's Study: Bonhoeffer
6:30 p.m. YogaFaith (Zoom)

TUESDAY, January 30

8 a.m. Men's Discussion Group
5 p.m. Tuesday Story Time
5 p.m. Dynamic Deacons
5:35 p.m. Tuesday Story Time
5:35 p.m. Chancel Choir
6:30 p.m. AA Group
7 p.m. SPD Ringers
7 p.m. Taste & See Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, January 31

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

THURSDAY, February 1

9 a.m. YogaFaith
9:30 a.m. Moms in Prayer
11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
12 Noon Prayer Shawl Guild
7 p.m. Sanctuary of Survivors

FRIDAY, February 2

9:30 a.m. Hymn Meditations

SATURDAY, February 3

5 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, February 4

8:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
9:30⁺ a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
Faith Creek/Faith Creek Friends
10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
Faith Creek

⁺ Livestreamed

*"Faith does not eliminate questions. But faith knows where to take them."
—Elisabeth Elliot*

Your Gifts Make a Difference

The 36 members of the Prayer Shawl Guild help to bring comfort, love and peace to our congregation and community members through lovingly fashioned prayer shawls, prayer squares and hats. Over the past year, they gathered monthly to prayerfully create 54 prayer shawls and 37 Baptismal Blankets. They also made hundreds of hats for this year's 3,000 Acts of Kindness. We are grateful to all of these faithful volunteers, and also the financial gifts that help to supply them with yarn. Remember: Your gifts make a difference!

Did You Know

New Members Received

The following individuals will be received into membership at St. Philip the Deacon today during our 9:30 service. We are delighted to have them join us as partners in the Gospel! Please help welcome them into our family of faith!

Janeen Burrow
David & Barb Danielson
Adam & Ann Marie Grocholski (Maya, Sophia & Elise)
Joan Wigginton