

# Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 17, 2024  
9:30 a.m.

"For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

– Jeremiah 31:34b

## Welcome!

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Visit [facebook.com/spdcl](https://facebook.com/spdcl) for additional online resources.

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

*Out of the Depths I Cry to You*

J.S. Bach

## Welcome

Please stand

## Opening Hymn

*Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

Red Hymnal #326

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;  
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.  
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,  
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

## Today's Worship

### Participants

#### Musicians

Kraig Windschitl, organ  
J. Christopher Marshall,  
bassoon  
Laurent Kuehnl, cantor  
Sanctuary Choir

#### Readers

Irene Galla  
Bryan O'Neil

#### Altar Guild

Diane & Roger Beyer  
Kris Bransford  
Elaine Granquist  
Anne Oswald  
Cathy Wilson

## Invocation, Confession, Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us throughout these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Holy God, we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen**

God, you so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that all may receive life. People of God, hear the good news: This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**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.**

## Lenten Kyrie

*Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved*


Red Hymnal #602

Leader




1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on us.  
2 O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer - cy up - on us.

All



Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev - 'ry  
Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save from sting of  
O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid the chil - dren



e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; up - on your cross - for -  
death and grasp of grave; your scars be - fore the  
that your word has made. Now make us grow and



sak - en Son our death is laid, and peace is won.  
Fa - ther move his heart to mer - cy at such love.  
help us pray; bring joy and com - fort, come to stay.

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

*Please be seated*

## Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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

## The Holy Gospel

John 12:20-33

*After the announcement, the people stand and say, “Glory to you, O Lord.”*

*At the conclusion, the people say, “Praise to you, O Christ!”*

## Children’s Message

Trish Arndt, Children’s Ministry

*Please stand*

### Hymn of the Day

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

*Refrain*



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of  
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing  
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

*Refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

*Please be seated*

## Homily

Pastor Cheryl Mathison

## Offering

“I. Agnus Dei” from Agnus Dei

Egil Hovland

*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](http://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.*

## We Remember in Prayer ...

Tony Benthin  
Mark Utter  
Mike Windsor  
Joel Johnson  
Judy Hovda  
Joyce Jackson  
Jose Zylka  
George Johnson  
Gloria Johnson  
Jim Anderson

### Those Grieving

Sarah Johansen & family,  
mourning the death of her  
mother, Patricia Kay “Pat”  
Overly

Keith & Leanna Erickson,  
mourning the death of their  
son, Russell Lindquist

### Those Rejoicing

Jessica & Zachary Hirsch,  
celebrating the baptism of  
their son, Jaxon Hirsch

Jeff & Patrice Erickson,  
celebrating the birth of their  
granddaughter, Nell Kushino  
Standbrook. Parents are  
Emily & Peter Standbrook.  
Great-grandmother is Norma  
Erickson.

### 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](mailto:prayers@spdcl.org).*

### Next Week's Scriptures

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

#### Processional Gospel

Mark 11:1-11

#### Holy Week Meditation

##### Readings

Mark 11:15-19, 12:28-34

Luke 20:45-48, 21:1-4

Matthew 26:1-4, 6-13, 14-16

### 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](http://spdlc.org/register) or contact Cindy Carlson at 763-475-7115. Childcare is available. New Members will be received on Sunday, April 21.

*Please stand*

### Offertory

Red Hymnal #811

**On my heart imprint your image, blessed Jesus, king of grace,  
That life's troubles nor its pleasures ever may your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be: "Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation, all my glory and salvation!"**

### 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.*

### 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

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*  
(Stanzas 1 and 3)

Red Hymnal #545



- 1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
- 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri-umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum-mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav-'ling through this wil-der-ness.  
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

*Out of the Depths I Cry to You*

Max Drischner

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*“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because  
God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.”*  
— C.S. Lewis

## Your Gifts Make a Difference

Last Tuesday, ten volunteers from St. Philip the Deacon worked at the Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity Panel Plant in Northeast Minneapolis. The panel plant is set up inside a large warehouse to build the framing panels for new homes. The plant has three platform tables, each large enough to hold one entire wall section in a kind of assembly line. After learning the names of various pieces (King stud, Jack stud, Cripple stud, Header, etc.), SPD volunteers utilized precut lumber and assembled exterior and interior wall sections—including framing in doors and windows. Each panel was then numbered and stacked accordingly. Panels from our build will be used this summer on one of five new Habitat for Humanity home construction sites. To everyone who helped with this meaningful and important project, thank you. Remember: Your gifts make a difference.

## Did You Know

As announced earlier this week, Pastor Cheryl Mathison, our Teaching Pastor, will be retiring this spring. Her final Sunday in worship will be Sunday, May 12. During Pastor Mathison’s 21-year call to St. Philip the Deacon, she has—among many other things—taught countless classes on the Bible and theology, regularly instructed our families and youth on the sacraments, and led five different travel groups to the Holy Land, Germany and Greece. For more than two decades at St. Philip the Deacon she has been a gifted teacher, worship leader and preacher, a trusted colleague, and a caring pastor. We give thanks for her good and faithful service. We invite you to put two dates on your calendar related to our celebration of Pastor Mathison’s retirement: Thursday, May 2, from 5 to 7 p.m., when we will hold an open house reception in her honor at Wayzata Country Club; and the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, May 11 and 12, when we will thank her during our worship services, and when she will preach her final sermon at St. Philip the Deacon. Please keep her and the church in your prayers during this time of transition.

## Worship Schedule

Saturday	5 p.m.
Sunday	8:15, 9:30 <sup>+</sup> & 10:45 <sup>+</sup> a.m.

<sup>+</sup>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

## Program Staff

**Cindy Carlson**

Congregational Life

**Joan Harper**

Hospitality

**Beth Dudycha**

Digital Hospitality

**Susan Path**

Parish Nurse

**Molly Lange**

Early Childhood Ministry

**Kathy Hagedorn**

Children's Ministry

**Trish Arndt**

Children's Ministry

**Amanda Berger**

Inspire Magazine &

Middle School Ministry

**Olsen Pancoast**

High School &

Young Adult Ministry

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**Kraig Windschitl**

Organist/Handbells

**Norah Long**

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## This Week at St. Philip the Deacon

### SUNDAY, March 17

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

**9:30<sup>†</sup> a.m. Worship**

Faith Creek/Faith Creek Friends

10:30 a.m. Digital Café (Zoom)

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

**Holy Communion**

Faith Creek

### MONDAY, March 18

9:45 a.m. Holy Grounds

11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga

3 p.m. Spirit Beads

6:30 p.m. YogaFaith (Zoom)

7 p.m. Hope Circle

### TUESDAY, March 19

8 a.m. Men's Discussion Group

1 p.m. Thrive Cancer Support Group

1 p.m. Mary Martha Circle

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

6:30 p.m. SPD Book Club

7 p.m. SPD Ringers

### WEDNESDAY, March 20

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study & Fellowship

9:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship

9:30 a.m. SPD Bible Study

10 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

1 p.m.

5:15 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

6 p.m.

**7<sup>†</sup> p.m.**

7:45 p.m.

Elizabeth Circle

Miriam Circle

Caregivers Support Group

SPD Singers

Lenten Soup Supper

Verse 5

**Midweek Lenten Worship**

Sanctuary Choir

### THURSDAY, March 21

9 a.m. YogaFaith

9:30 a.m. Moms in Prayer

11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga

7 p.m.

7 p.m.

Sanctuary of Survivors

Naomi Circle

### FRIDAY, March 22

10 a.m. Bible Art Journaling Open Studio

### SATURDAY, March 23

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

### SUNDAY, March 24—Palm Sunday

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

**9:30<sup>†</sup> a.m. Worship**

Faith Creek/Faith Creek Friends

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

Faith Creek

3 p.m.

Cantus Vocal Ensemble Concert

<sup>†</sup> *Livestreamed*