

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Here We Have Gathered" A.S. Carpenter, *Old 124th*

1. Here we have gath - ered, gath - ered side by side;
3. Life has its bat - tles, sor - rows, and re - gret:

cir - cle of kin - ship, come and step in - side.
but in the shad - ows, let us not for - get:

May all who seek here find a kind - ly word;
We who now gath - er know each oth - er's pain;

May all who speak here feel they have been heard.
kind - ness can heal us: as we give, we gain.

Sing now to - geth - er this, our hearts' own song.
Sing now in friend - ship this, our hearts' own song.

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-14

Lector: *A reading from the book of Exodus*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month will be the first month; it will be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole Israelite community: On the tenth day of this month they must take a lamb for each household, a lamb per house. If a household is too small for a lamb, it should share one with a neighbor nearby. You should divide the lamb in proportion to the number of people who will be eating it. Your lamb should be a flawless year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You should keep close watch over it until the fourteenth day of this month. At twilight on that day, the whole assembled Israelite community should slaughter their lambs. They should take some of the blood and smear it on the two doorposts and on the beam over the door of the houses in which they are eating. That same night they should eat the meat roasted over the fire. They should eat it along with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Don’t eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over fire with its head, legs, and internal organs. Don’t let any of it remain until morning, and burn any of it left over in the morning. This is how you should eat it. You should be dressed, with your sandals on your feet and your walking stick in your hand. You should eat the meal in a hurry. It is the Passover of the Lord. I’ll pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I’ll strike down every oldest child in the land of Egypt, both humans and animals. I’ll impose judgments on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be your sign on the houses where you live. Whenever I see the blood, I’ll pass over you. No plague will destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

“This day will be a day of remembering for you. You will observe it as a festival to the Lord. You will observe it in every generation as a regulation for all time.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 149

We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

¹Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful!

²**Let Israel celebrate its maker;
let Zion's children rejoice in their king!**

³Let them praise God's name with dance;
let them sing God's praise with the drum and lyre!

⁴**Because the Lord is pleased with his people,
God will beautify the poor with saving help.**

⁵Let the faithful celebrate with glory;
let them shout for joy on their beds.

⁶**Let the high praises of God be in their mouths
and a double-edged sword in their hands,**

⁷ to get revenge against the nations
and punishment on the peoples,

⁸ **binding their rulers in chains
and their officials in iron shackles,**

⁹ achieving the justice
written against them.
That will be an honor for all God's faithful people.

Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

Lector: A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Don't be in debt to anyone, except for the obligation to love each other. Whoever loves another person has fulfilled the Law. The commandments, *Don't commit adultery, don't murder, don't steal, don't desire what others have*, and any other commandments, are all summed up in one word: *You must love your neighbor as yourself*. Love doesn't do anything wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is what fulfills the Law.

As you do all this, you know what time it is. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your sleep. Now our salvation is nearer than when we first had faith. The night is almost over, and the day is near. So let's get rid of the actions that belong to the darkness and put on the weapons of light. Let's behave appropriately as people who live in the day, not in partying and getting drunk, not in sleeping around and obscene behavior, not in fighting and obsession. Instead, dress yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ, and don't plan to indulge your selfish desires.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE HYMN: "Gather In Your Name" Lori True

When two or more gath - er in Your Name,
and see Your pre - sence in each face,
we trea-sure the gift of this sa - cred meal,
blessed and poured out for all in this place.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and correct them when you are alone together. If they listen to you, then you've won over your brother or sister. But if they won't listen, take with you one or two others so that *every word may be established by the mouth of two or three witnesses*. But if they still won't pay attention, report it to the church. If they won't pay attention even to the church, treat them as you would a Gentile and tax collector. I assure you that whatever you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. And whatever you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven. Again I assure you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, then my Father who is in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

SANCTUS: “Holy, Holy, Holy” *Mass for the Healing of the World, Trevor Thomson*

(Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly) Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly (Lord_ God of hosts.)_ Lord God of hosts,
 (Heav - en and earth)_ Hea-ven and earth (are full_ of your glo - ry.) are full_ of your glo - ry. (Ho-
 san na in the high - est!)_ Ho-san-na in the high-est! Ho-san-na in the high-est!
 (Blessed is he who comes) Blessed is he who comes, (in the name of the Lord,) in the name of the Lord, (Ho
 san-na in the high-est!)_ Ho-san na in the high est! Ho-san-na in the high est!

FRACTION HYMN: “Lamb of God” *Mass for the Healing of the World, Trevor Thomson*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins_ of the
 world,_ have_ mer - cy on us. *Repeat*
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins_ of the
 world,_ grant_ us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Ubi Caritas" Taizé, Jacques Berthier

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.

Holy Happenings at St. David's

Week of September 06, 2026

Upcoming Events

- Sept 4th - No School - LCPS Holiday
- Sept 6th - Worship Service 10:00 am
- Sept 6th - 30 Good Minutes 11:00 am
- Sept 6th - Families @ 4 Service 4:00 pm
- Sept 7th - Labor Day - Church Office Closed
- Sept 8th & 9th - First Day of Preschool 8:30 am
- Sept 9th - Centering Prayer 12:00 pm
- Sept 10th - Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm
- Sept. 12th - Men's Fellowship 9:00 am

St. David's Fall Potluck!

Come and celebrate fall at St. David's on September 20th after service. Hamburgers & Hotdogs will be provided as well as cake and ice cream. We appreciate any contributions to the feast! To sign up or if you prefer to make a cash donation to cover the cost of the burgers & hotdogs, please contact Kim (office@sdlife.org) at the church office or Margot (mculhane@sdlife.org)

Sunday Session: Youth Music Hang

A relaxed, drop-in space for teens ages 12 - 18 to play, sing, and create together - no experience needed. Bring an instrument, a friend, or just yourself and jump into a mix of sacred and secular tunes with other music lovers. We'll meet on the **third Sunday of the month, beginning September 20th from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm.** Questions or want to get involved? Contact Ginny at music@sdlife.org.

Families at 4 Worship Service

Family friendly worship is important. Children are part of our community and are welcome at all the services at St. David's. Beginning in September, you and your family are invited to a monthly interactive family worship service beginning **TODAY at 4pm**. There will be music and movement, liturgy and lessons, storytelling, and songs, fellowship, food and fun. Questions? Please contact Rev. Maureen mcarey@sdlife.org

2026 Family Service Schedule:

September 6th - Blessing of the Backpacks
October 4th - Blessing of the Animals
November 1st - All Saints
December 6th - School Christmas Tree Lighting

St. David's Preschool - 2026 - 2027 Registration OPEN!

All registrations will be done online. Visit our website at www.stdavidspreschool.org to access forms, tuition information, and important dates. Tours are available by appointment, schedule yours today and discover the warm, nurturing environment we offer for your child's early education!

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Prayer List

Pray for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We pray for the deceased, and our clergy, vestry, ministries, church staff, school staff, parents, and children. Loving God, we pray for all those who continue to be affected by civil unrest and natural disasters in the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.