

Seedlings 🌱 : Rest Stop on the Road  
Called Lent: "Consider the Birds..."



*Wild turkeys feeding during early spring in the Loess Hills of western Iowa.*

# "Hope Is the Thing with Feathers"

Composed by Christopher Tin,  
performed by VOCES8 and the Royal Philharmonic  
Orchestra, Barnaby Smith, conductor.

You may listen by clicking [HERE](#) .

*[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well (Luke 12:22-31).*

**Live streaming tonight**  
**and the remaining Thursdays in Lent**  
**by clicking [HERE](#).**



**Lenten Vespers, Holden Setting  
is sung every Thursday evening at 7:15  
p.m.  
during the weeks in Lent  
([streaming now offered](#))  
preceded by a supper of soup and bread  
beginning at 6:30 p.m.**





**If you are unable to attend worship on Sunday mornings, please consider this option for weekly, public prayer during the Holy Season of Lent: quietly restful and meditatively beautiful.**

**Devotional readings from  
*To Bless the Space Between Us: A  
Book of Blessings*  
by John O'Donohue**

*First Week, February 22nd*  
“Thresholds”  
*Second Week, February 29th*  
“Beginnings”  
*Third Week, March 7th*  
“Desires”  
*Fourth Week, March 14th*  
“Homecomings”  
*Fifth Week, March 21st*  
“States of the Heart”



**Palm Sunday, March 24th, 10:15 a.m.**



## **Festive Palm Sunday "Coffee and..."**



**Please plan to bring bakery items, finger foods, appetizers, eggs or other Easter foods to share at the Palm Sunday Coffee Hour on March 24th.**



Coming in Eastertide...

**The Ramona A. Suffern Mission Dinner**  
to support local, domestic and global missions.





**Good Shepherd Sunday** April 21, 2024

This special day offers the opportunity to open our hearts and our arms to welcome all into the fold.

*"One of the most powerful experiences in a life of compassion is the expansion of our hearts into a world-embracing space of healing from which no one is excluded."*

— Henri J. M. Nouwen,  
Compassion: A Reflection on the Christian Life

 Lutheran Social Services of Illinois 

The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
and Good Shepherd Sunday, April 21st, at 12 noon.

 Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

Reserve the date on your calendars and look  
for information to come.

Seed money for this event will be provided by



**Lux Cantorum Chicago in Concert  
here on Sunday, May 5th, 4 p.m.**





## **“Sacred Classics”**

**coming May 3, 5 and 11, 2024.**

**"These extraordinary compositions, crafted by the greatest masters of the genre, have stood the test of time as they transport listeners to a realm where the sacred and sublime converge."**



**Terry Sullivan Jazz Ensemble  
returns in concert  
Saturday, April 27th, 7:30 p.m., here.  
featuring works by  
Leonard Bernstein**



***From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live (Numbers 21:4-9).***



**"Life can only be understood  
backwards;  
but it must be lived forwards"**  
---Soren Kierkegaard, 19th century Danish  
Lutheran pastor, theologian  
and existentialist philosopher.





**"Come, Wander with Me"**  
You may listen by clicking [HERE](#) .

**Songwriters: Unai Lazcano Muro, Guillermo  
Astrain Guerrer,  
Igor Escudero Lopetegui , and Ekhi Lopetegui De  
La Guerra.**

**Come Wander lyrics © Bmg Eleven Spain,  
Mushroom Pillow.**



### *In Memoriam*

## **February 2024: A Month of Centuries**

**Passages this month:**

**Anna Gavac, 103 years old and 7 months**

**Mary Sordel, 97 years old and 10 months**

**Gertrude Tarbox, 100 years old and 4 days**

***Rest eternal, grant them, O Lord, and let light  
perpetual shine upon them.***

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Lauritsen.*

*And in memory of Roy and Marie Lauritsen, married on  
March 7th, 1942.*

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on the website of the congregation.  
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***For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water...  
(Isaiah 35:6b-7a).***



**Join us every Sunday at 10:15 a.m.**  
**For continuing live streaming of the  
liturgy  
please click [HERE](#).**

**Recordings of the services are uploaded to the same site for  
viewing at a later date.**



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**Church office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. -  
Noon**

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