

Seedlings☞: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”



**Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your
voice each day,
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming
among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of
your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen
---Henri J.M. Nouwen**



New Mexico on Thanksgiving Eve



Holiday Concert Season Continues...

Handel's Messiah

Sunday
December 10
4:00 p.m.

Chorus and Chamber Orchestra
Professional Soloists

Conductor: Dr. Sally Sloane,
Minister of Music

Wassail Bowl Reception



Neapolitan Creche, Art Institute of Chicago
Mid 18th Century

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LUX CANTORUM

Chicago's premier sacred choral ensemble
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Manifest Love

*A testament to the power of spiritual love.
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Saturday, December 9, 2023

7:30pm

**Pilgrim Congregational Church
460 Lake St. Oak Park, IL**



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**Virtual Performance Access
via Online Ticket**



For more information and ticket purchases, please visit luxcantorum.org. The third and final live performance will be this Saturday evening, December 9th, 7:30 p.m. at Pilgrim Congregational Church, 460 Lake Street in Oak Park. A few complimentary tickets are still available from Pastor Dennis upon request.



Thank you so very much to those who offered food, decorations, and service for the reception here last Sunday evening following the concert performance as well as those who were able to receive this gift of the season!

The Second Sunday of Advent:

A recently discovered memo indicates that Mark's editor was really concerned about page count. 😊



The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

*“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”*

*John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness
of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside
and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him,
and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing
their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with
a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and
wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more*

powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit” (Mark 1:1-8).



***Thank you for participating in our food collection
to benefit
the Riverside Township Food Pantry
and to the coordinators Fred Kuzel, Jane
Lauritsen and Karen Rouleau.***

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day



**Fourth Sunday of Advent
and Christmas Eve
10:15 a.m., Liturgy of Holy
Communion
with Children's Presentation
7:15 p.m., Liturgy of Holy
Communion
with Candlelight**



**Christmas Day
at Ascension Lutheran Church
400 Nuttall Road in Riverside
10:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols
with Holy Communion
*No liturgy here on Christmas Day.***



If you would like to order a poinsettia to help decorate the chancel of the sanctuary for the Christmas liturgies, a sign-up page is available on the bulletin board at the lower west entrance to the dining hall or you may contact the church office to place your order at 1.708.442.5250 or office@stspeterandpaulriverside.org . The cost per plant is \$17 and the deadline for payment and sign-up is Monday, December 18th. Church office hours are Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. - noon.



*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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Noon**
