

Seedlings 🌱 : "To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything God has given us..."



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*O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.
As we experience the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun
remind us to take time to rest.*

*May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your
creation.*

*May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give
us the breath of life.*

*May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been
given and the bounty we are to share with others.*

*May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death
is temporary and life is eternal.*

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.



Holiday Concert Season Begins this Weekend!



"Henry Mancini Lives"

*Songs from one of the greatest film composers of all time,
in jazz arrangements by Tom Muellner.*

This Saturday evening, November 11th, 7:30 p.m.
Saints Peter and Paul Lutheran Church
250 Woodside Road, Riverside
at the corner of
31st and Desplaines.

*****Terry Sullivan Quintet*****

**Terry on vocals, with Tommy on piano,
bassist Scott Mason, drummer Jon Deitemyer,
and Bill Overton on reeds**

**together with some of the most accomplished jazz instrumentalists
in the region.**

Tickets: jazz.brownpapertickets.com

or at the door (cash only);

members of the congregation

***will be admitted for a modest donation in any
amount by self-identifying at the door.***

Free and plentiful parking!

Musicians include saxophonist **BILL OVERTON**, who has performed during his career with Rosemary Clooney, The Temptations, and many others; percussionist **JON DEITEMYER**, who has performed and recorded with Renee Fleming and Patricia Barber; and bassist **SCOTT MASON**, who performed with Bob Hope, The Fifth Dimension, The Lettermen, and even Aretha Franklin and at the 1996 Democratic Convention. The November 11th concert is a rare chance to hear these performers up close and close to home.

MICHAEL TEOLIS SINGERS PRESENTS



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Saturday, December 2, 2023 • 7:30pm

First United Methodist Church • 324 N. Oak Park Avenue • Oak Park, IL 60302
Handicap Accessible

Online tickets at www.MTSingers.org
\$22 Adult
\$17 Seniors / Students

Tickets at the door
\$25 Adult
\$20 Seniors / Students



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Sts. Peter and Paul members David Richards and Beverly Tarbox perform with The Michael Teolis Singers.

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LUX CANTORUM

Chicago's premier sacred choral ensemble
Lux Cantorum Chicago presents:

Manifest Love

*A testament to the power of spiritual love.
Bringing solace, hope, and warmth to the season.*

Sunday, December 3, 2023
4:00pm

Saints Peter & Paul Lutheran Church
250 Woodside Dr. Riverside IL

 

Lux Cantorum Chicago will present its holiday concert entitled “Manifest Love” at Sts. Peter and Paul on Sunday afternoon, December 3rd, at 4

p.m., followed by a seasonal reception in the dining hall. For more information and ticket purchases, please visit luxcantorum.org. Performances will also be held on Friday, December 1st at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Lakeview, Chicago, and on December 9th at Pilgrim Congregational Church in Oak Park. Sts. Peter and Paul members Brandon Michaels and Pastor Dennis sing with *Lux Cantorum*.



Loess Hills of Western Iowa
Photo credit: Daryle Lauritsen.

*When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.*

*Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves (Psalm 126).*



**A Liturgy of the Word with Prayers of
Thanksgiving
Thanksgiving Day at 10:15 a.m.**



New Harmony, Indiana. Photo by Jane Lauritsen



To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us - and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him. Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference (Thomas Merton).



“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for

yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”



*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](#).**

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viewing at a later date.**



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