

Bread for the Journey: May 24, 2020  
Part 14: In Memoriam



*At the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C.*

**Eternal God, we give thanks for all those who have shown the greatest love by laying down their lives for others. We especially thank you for those in our military throughout history who have sacrificed their lives for their fellow citizens and for us who came after. As we remember their service, keep us mindful of all those for whom this day is a burden, and send your spirit of comfort to them. Be present with all the women and men who are serving in the military today. Let them live for the peace known only from you. Help us to be worthy of their legacy, and keep us mindful of their service, that in all things we may live our lives in praise and thanksgiving to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please listen...*

["You Do Not Walk Alone"](#)

*by Elaine Hagenberg*

***From Tom Sisulek, Riverside Memorial Day Program Director,  
on Memorial Day 2020:***

As the Director for the Riverside Memorial Day Program since 2009, I have created and assembled a beautiful and patriotic highlights video from programs of previous years. The talented Riverside TV editing crew, primarily Jason Valley, did a fantastic job of finding the many special memories which I had carefully selected from years 2012 thru 2019.

This is a very special story about “The Riverside 54” soldiers from the Village of Riverside who were “Killed In Action” during WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Also featured are Riverside’s “Honored Veterans” since 2012—their actual voices and videos, many of whom have already crossed over into heaven. You might want a box of tissue nearby while remembering these many Riverside Veterans and Lions Club Members. Since we recently have been conditioned to watching TV movies of several hours in length, this 2020 highlights video is actually 2 hours, 7 minutes. You may watch the entire video from start to finish or watch hour one then hour two if you need an emotional, patriotic break.

I have been creating many athletic and educational programs during the past five decades of teaching and coaching. This highlights video might be the very best yet! The “2020 Highlights Video” will be released and posted by Riverside TV tomorrow morning, Monday, May 25th, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. for viewing or may be viewed at any time or any day in the future.

“The Riverside 54” Soldiers left on a “Troop Train” from the Riverside Train Station many years ago. They fought and died for our freedoms! Many of “The Riverside 54” are actually buried in U. S. Military Cemeteries on foreign soil...

...Remember to visit Riverside’s “Gold Star Memorial” flagpole site in Guthrie Park. Everyone of “The Riverside 54” names are on the bronze plaques... The boulders will not be sinking into the dirt any longer since the concrete footings are now under each boulder. No longer will any of “The Riverside 54” names be buried under the dirt.

Have a wonderful Memorial Day! Thanks,  
Coach Tom Sisulak

*Please view...*

[Riverside Memorial Day Program 2020](#)

*Then listen and sing...*

["Eternal Father, Strong to Save": The Navy Hymn for Sailors and Marines...](#)

and...

[The Naval Academy Glee Club, Tribute to Pearl Harbor...](#)

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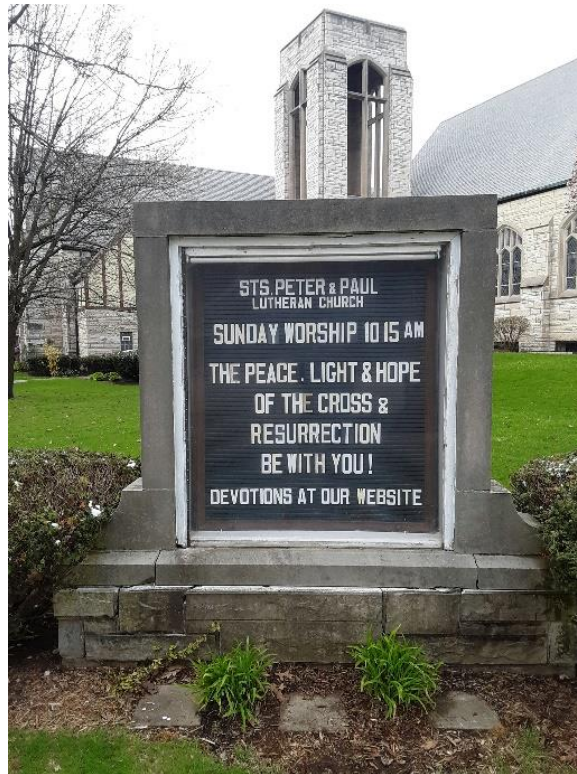
["Mansions of the Lord"](#)

West Point Band and West Point Glee Club perform "Mansions of the Lord"  
from the film

*We Were Soldiers*, composed by Nick Glennie-Smith.



*Ingemann Danish Lutheran Cemetery, Monona County, Iowa.*



**Saints Peter and Paul Logo** *Design by Paul Gavac.*

*A Ray of Light in Our Darkness:*

**[Sts. Peter and Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Riverside](#)**

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**“Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. O Christ, hear us. In mercy hear us. God, the Father in heaven, have mercy on us. God, the Son, redeemer of the world, have mercy on us. God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us. Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us. Be gracious to us. Spare us, good Lord...” (from the opening verses of The Litany, *Lutheran Book of Worship*, pages 168ff).**

*Please consider praying (and singing) [The Litany](#) in your homes during the evening hours.*