

Bread for the Journey: June 25, 2020
Part 20: "In This Place: No Partiality"



*Streams in the Desert
(Isaiah 43:19)*



The Kindness of Jesus ~ His Cup of Cold Water

Pauca Verba, Latin for "A Few Words"

*And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple,
truly I tell you that person will not lose his (her) reward
(Matthew 10:12).*

[Order for House Worship on The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, June 28th.](#)
Includes Scripture Readings for this Sunday.

Please Listen...

[Still with Thee](#)

Composed by Elaine Hagenberg.

[A Reading from Jeremiah 28:5-9](#)

Narrated by Max McLean.



[A Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 10:40-42.](#)
Narrated by Max McLean.

[Speaking to Brother Wolf](#)

A video recorded sermon for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, June 28th, 2020 by Dennis J. Lauritsen, pastor at Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church, Riverside, Illinois. Be sure to click the link above for the video recording. You may also be interested in the following website: [Taming the Wolf Institute](#).

Please listen... Don't miss this one!

[Song of the Wanderer](#)

By Dan Forrest, quoting Old Hundredth; text by Johanna Anderson; Thomas Ken Music from Beckenhorst Press.

The barren land around me lies,
My flame is burning low;
Cold and pale the winter skies,
And I am far from home.

With my light that burns so dim,
Am I visible to Him?
Does He hear the fragile song
Of creatures here below?

He wakes the lark and bids her fly
To greet the coming spring,
Wakes our hearts and bids us rise,
Then gives our spirits wing.

He speaks and winter melts away,
Hears us when we come to pray,
Turns our nighttime into day –
Our Light, our Life, our King.

Glorious joy of summer sun,
The gentle healing rain,
Banishing our tears and sighs,
With beauty for our pain.

Earth and sky, lay glory by –
Christ, the Lord, is drawing nigh!
All creation bow to Him
From whom all blessings flow!

Blows the wind, and soon will come
The autumn of the year,
With its golden light of love
Still shining ever clear.

From the rising of the sun,
To the place where day is done,
Peace on earth has now begun
To cast away our fear;
To cast away our fear.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

In this Place... A Virtual Tour of the Stained Glass at Sts. Peter and Paul



[Please listen to the Gospel of Mark, chapter 1](#)
Narrated by Max McLean.

[In this Place... No Partiality](#)

*By Dennis J. Lauritsen, pastor at Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church,
Riverside, Illinois.*

Be sure to click on the link above for an audio recording.



*We give thanks for our centenarians!
Anne Gavac who will be 100 years of age
on Wednesday, July 1st.*

*Marie Kamp who turned 100 years of age
on Saturday, February 29th.*

*You are invited and encouraged to remember Anne and Marie
(if you haven't done so already) with your greeting cards!
God bless and keep them in His steadfast love and care.*



*A very strong proof of this destruction of death and its conquest
by the cross is supplied by a present fact, namely this. All the
disciples of Christ despise death; they take the offensive against
it and, instead of fearing it, by the sign of the cross and by faith
in Christ trample on it as on something dead (St. Athanasius,
fourth century).*

Fathers' Day Momentos!

[You Are My Sunshine](#)

Sung by Olivia Lauritsen on Maplewood Road in Riverside.

Four On Six

Bellas Artes Institute for Jazz Studies.

*Institute for Jazz Studies Student Combo, Four On Six, Wes Montgomery,
June 11, 2020.*

*Combo directed by Matt Peterson; video by Kevin Brown; and our own
Bryan Galdun on bass.*

For a Father

*To help you remember and celebrate all the fathering presences in your life
here's a blessing "For a Father", from John O'Donohue's To Bless The
Space Between Us.*

The longer we live,
The more of your presence
We find, laid down,
Weave upon weave
Within our lives.

The quiet constancy of your gentleness
Drew no attention to itself,
Yet filled our home
With a climate of kindness
Where each mind felt free
To seek its own direction.

As the fields of distance
Opened inside childhood,
Your presence was a sheltering tree
Where our fledgling hearts could rest.

The earth seemed to trust your hands
As they tilled the soil, put in the seed,
Gathered together the lonely stones.
Something in you loved to inquire
In the neighborhood of air,
Searching its transparent rooms
For the fallen glances of God.

The warmth and wonder of your prayer

Opened our eyes to glimpse
The subtle ones who
Are eternally there.

Whenever, silently, in off moments,
The beauty of the whole thing overcame you,
You would gaze quietly out upon us,
The look from your eyes
Like a kiss alighting on skin.

There are many things
We could have said,
But words never wanted
To name them;
And perhaps a world
That is quietly sensed
Across the air
In another's heart
Becomes the inner companion
To one's own unknown.

Please listen and sing...

[This Is My Father's World](#)

Arranged by Elaine Hagenberg; text by Maltbie Babcock; published with Hinshaw Music.



Meditation for the Day, June 22nd

Painful as the present time may be, you will one day see the reason for it. You will see that it was not only testing, but also a preparation for the life-work which you are to do. Have faith that your prayers and aspirations will someday be answered. Answered in a way that perhaps seems painful to you but is the only right way. Selfishness and pride often make us want things that are not good for us. They need to be burned out of our natures. We must be rid of the blocks which are holding us back, before we can expect our prayers to be answered.

Prayer for the Day

I pray that I may be willing to go through a time of testing. I pray that I may trust God for the outcome.

*Quoted from the app Twenty-Four Hours a Day.
Find recovery resources at Hazelden.*

All 20 segments of the "Bread for the Journey" Series are or will be posted at the congregational website. Access these by clicking [HERE](#).



The steering group for re-engaging the congregation in public worship has now completed a draft of ***guidelines and expectations for returning safely to in-person worship*** at Sts. Peter and Paul which will be presented to the Congregation Council on Thursday evening this week. When the Council has approved this plan and a date has been set to resume public worship, we will be requesting and expecting your assistance with implementing it.---djl

See primary considerations documents by clicking on the links below:

 [ELCA Considerations for Returning to In person ...](#)

 [Church Guidance.pdf](#)

[Give Me Jesus](#)

Performed by The Wartburg Choir; Lee Nelson, conductor; from the album Endless Light, 2013, Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa.



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A Ray of Light in Our Darkness:

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

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