

The Churchman

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We are called together by the Holy Spirit around Word and Sacraments to glorify God the Father, creator of all things, through our Lord Jesus Christ. We trust God to nurture lives of faith and hope, as we serve and give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world.

Congratulations, Graduates!

Our congratulations to the following individuals on their accomplishments, and Godspeed to them for their future endeavors.



Lord God of our ancestors, we thank you for what you have done and will continue to do with our daughters and sons. Walk with them in life, and keep the evil one from obstructing their path. You see all; you know where the water is deep. Keep them from danger. Order their steps and guide their feet while they run the race of faith. Amen.

Sarah Gavac, daughter of Paul and Pat Gavac, and granddaughter of Anne Gavac, graduated from the University of Wisconsin in Madison with a Doctoral Degree. Sarah has accepted an assistant professorship of graduate studies at Arizona State University.

Jonathon Paul Meyers graduated from "The" Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering. Jonathan is the son of MaryJo and Scott Meyers, brother of Amanda, and the grandson of the late Joseph and late Marie Vandlik.

Isabella Silvia Myers graduated from Lyons Township High School on May 31st. She is the daughter of Tom and Lavinia Myers, sister to Ben and Sebastian, and granddaughter of Dot Myers. Isabella will be attending St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota this fall, planning to major in biology and intending to pursue a medical career.

On May 15th, **John Rouck** graduated from St. Louis University with a Doctor of Medicine Degree. He is currently serving his residency at Columbia University in New York City. John is the son of Liz and Mark Rouck, brother of Lauren, the grandson of the late Betty and late Robert Kany, and the nephew of Dr. Robert Kany.

Lauren Elizabeth Rouck graduated on May 16th from the University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Accounting and Finance. She is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, a business honor society. Lauren will be studying for the CPA and working full-time in the tax department of PricewaterhouseCoopers. Lauren is the daughter of Liz and Mark Rouck, sister of John, the granddaughter of the late Betty and late Robert Kany, and the niece of Dr. Robert Kany.

Catherine Sherwood graduated this spring from Marquette University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree. Her sister **Ellen Sherwood** graduated from Prospect Heights High School and will be attending the University of Iowa. Brother **Kevin Sherwood** will be a senior at Marquette. All are grandchildren of Mildred and the late Emil Mendel.

Claire Watkiss, daughter of Paul and Carrie Watkiss, and sister to Sara, graduated on May 21st from Hinsdale Central High School *cum laude*. She will begin her studies in entrepreneurship later this summer at the University of Mississippi.

Also graduating this spring from grammar school was **Aidan Altavilla**, son of Keith Altavilla and Rosemarie Balk.

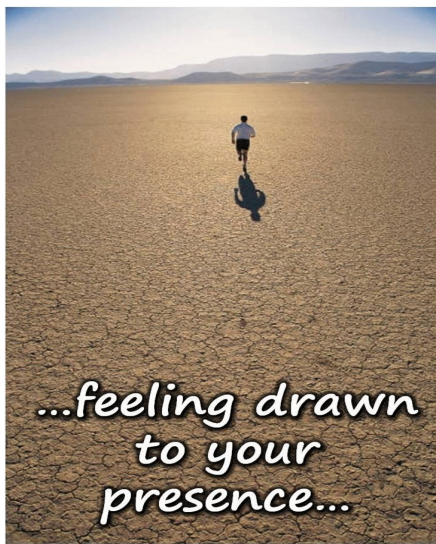


We give thanks for our centenarians!

Anne Gavac who turned 100 years of age
on Wednesday, July 1st.

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

*God bless and keep them in His steadfast
love and care.*



On Thursday, June 25th, the Congregation Council at Sts. Peter and Paul unanimously approved a plan for re-engaging the congregation in public worship. The target date for commencing public worship is **Sunday, July 19th, at the usual 10:15 a.m. hour.** The service will be held in the sanctuary and abbreviated in several ways in order to reduce risk. We encourage you not to feel obligated to attend public worship, especially if you are at-risk or could transmit the corona virus to another at-risk person(s). Arrangements are being made to live-stream these worship services for individuals and households who will not be able—or are reluctant—to return to in-person worship during the foreseeable future. We are grateful to the many persons who made contributions to this plan, and we pray for the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit as we begin to emerge and move forward. These are not rules or regulations to be enforced; however, we do expect that individuals and households will be willing to set aside some personal liberties for a while in order to benefit the whole, particularly worshipers who may be at higher risk. Of course, much of this seems very strange—even rather weird in some instances. Please keep in mind that this is for a season, albeit a season for which we do not know the duration. And I hope that we will consider these to be acts of charity and love for each other, the well-being of the church, and especially for our elders in the faith who very much desire to gather in safety and confidence among the communion of saints.—*djl*

Images of the Season for Summer

Summertime. Perhaps you can hardly say the word without hearing, somewhere in the back of your mind, an earthy soprano voice singing the words from George Gershwin's opera, *Porgy and Bess*, "Summertime, and the livin' is easy." That's what summer is about—taking it easy. Schools close down, factories slow production, offices work with skeleton staffs. It's time for vacation, time to relax, ease up, sleep in, chill out. It is vacation time, whatever that may mean. For some it's travel—mountains or shore, down the road or over the sea. For some it's a hammock in the backyard. It may be catching up with the weeds in the garden or the novels you've been meaning to read. It may be swimming lessons or soccer camp or hot dogs on the grill or just sitting in the sun.

Most of all, summertime is about living. It's about having time, time for yourself, time to do what's important. Vacation doesn't require travel or equipment or expense. It only requires a sense of priorities. What's important to you? What makes you who you are? The answers to those questions will tell you how to make yourself new, how to renew yourself. And another word for that is re-creation—recreation. Vacation is about renewal, whatever that means for you.

For the church summer often means vacation, too, in the traditional sense. It can be a time of low attendance, low activity, low energy. Often it means that summer is when nothing much happens. It is simply a holding pattern, waiting until September when the real business of living will resume. But if vacation is indeed about living, then the same should be true for the church. Summer is for re-creation here, too.

Summer worship should provide an opportunity for renewal, but that does not necessarily mean that it should be easy-going or unchallenging. Our theological understanding of Sunday is that it is not only a day of rest but also, and indeed primarily, a day of worship. During the summer as throughout the year we come to church not to escape from the world but to enter into relationship with it more fully. Our worship should be asking the same questions about priorities that shape what we do with our vacation time. What matters most to us as Christians? What makes us who we are? How do we live in a way that gives us joy and fulfillment?

All of us need re-creation. Summer worship is a chance to discover what that means. Traditionally the readings for the Sundays after Pentecost have focused on the nature of faith and the Christian life. While that might seem demanding for a summer Sunday, it is in fact exactly what summer is about: living.

Social scientists and economists tell us that the pattern of vacationing for U.S. workers has changed in recent years. The customary two weeks away in mid-summer is less and less common, replaced by more frequent but briefer breaks spread throughout the year. But whether we are on vacation or not, the longer days and warmer weather continue to make summer a season that is slower and more relaxed. The images of renewal and recreation remain appropriate for worship in these summer months, but those images also point to the need to carry them into the other seasons as well. One of the tasks of the church, carried out in worship and in learning, is to equip the saints for ministry. Just as vacation sends us back to our daily tasks re-energized, so worship sends us out to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the prisoner, and speak God's word of love.

Summertime. It's about relaxing, growing, believing, serving. Mostly, it's about living.

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Meditation for the Day, July 7th

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.*

That Discomfort You're Feeling Is Grief

by Scott Berinato

Some of the HBR edit staff met virtually the other day. We talked about the content we're commissioning in this harrowing time of a pandemic and how we can help people. But we also talked about how we were feeling. One colleague mentioned that what she felt was grief. Heads nodded.

If we can name it, perhaps we can manage it. We turned to David Kessler for ideas on how to do that. Kessler is the world's foremost expert on grief. Kessler shared his thoughts on why it's important to acknowledge the grief you may be feeling, how to manage it, and how he believes we will find meaning in it.

HBR: People are feeling any number of things right now. Is it right to call some of what they're feeling grief?

Kessler: Yes, and we're feeling a number of different griefs. We feel the world has changed and it has. We know this is temporary, but it doesn't feel that way, and we realize things will be different. Just as going to the airport is forever different from how it was before 9/11, things will change and this is the point at which they changed. The loss of normalcy; the fear of economic toll; the loss of connection. This is hitting us and we're grieving. Collectively. We are not used to this kind of collective grief in the air.

You said we're feeling more than one kind of grief?

Yes, we're also feeling anticipatory grief. Anticipatory grief is that feeling we get about what the future holds when we're uncertain. Usually it centers on death. We feel it when someone gets a dire diagnosis or when we have the normal thought that we'll lose a parent someday. Anticipatory grief is also more broadly imagined futures. There is a storm coming. There's something bad out there. With a virus, this kind of grief is so confusing for people. Our primitive mind knows something bad is happening, but you can't see it. This breaks our sense of safety. We're feeling that loss of safety. I don't think we've collectively lost our sense of general safety like this. Individually or as smaller groups, people have felt this. But all together, this is new. We are grieving on a micro and a macro level.

What can individuals do to manage all this grief?

Understanding the stages of grief is a start. But whenever I talk about the stages of grief, I have to remind people that the stages aren't linear and may not happen in this order. It's not a map but it provides some scaffolding for this unknown world. There's denial, which we say a lot of early on: *This virus won't affect us*. There's anger: *You're making me stay home and taking away my activities*. There's bargaining: *Okay, if I social distance for two weeks everything will be better, right?* There's sadness: *I don't know when this will end*. And finally there's acceptance. *This is happening: I have to figure out how to proceed*.

Acceptance, as you might imagine, is where the power lies. We find control in acceptance. *I can wash my hands. I can keep a safe distance. I can learn how to work virtually*.

When we're feeling grief there's that physical pain. And the racing mind. Are there techniques to deal with that to make it less intense?

Let's go back to anticipatory grief. Unhealthy anticipatory grief is really anxiety, and that's the feeling you're talking about. Our mind begins to show us images. My parents getting sick. We see the worst scenarios.

That's our minds being protective. Our goal is not to ignore those images or to try to make them go away—your mind won't let you do that and it can be painful to try and force it. The goal is to **find balance in the things you're thinking**. If you feel the worst image taking shape, make yourself think of the best image. We all get a little sick and the world continues. Not everyone I love dies. Maybe no one does because we're all taking the right steps. Neither scenario should be ignored but neither should dominate either.

Anticipatory grief is the mind going to the future and imagining the worst. To calm yourself, you want to **come into the present**. This will be familiar advice to anyone who has meditated or practiced mindfulness but people are always surprised at how prosaic this can be. You can name five things in the room. There's a computer, a chair, a picture of the dog, an old rug, and a coffee mug. It's that simple. Breathe. Realize that in the present moment, nothing you've anticipated has happened. In this moment, you're okay. You have food. You are not sick. Use your senses and think about what they feel. The desk is hard. The blanket is soft. I can feel the breath coming into my nose. This really will work to dampen some of that pain.

You can also think about how to **let go of what you can't control**. What your neighbor is doing is out of your control. What is in your control is staying six feet away from them and washing your hands. Focus on that.

Finally, it's a good time to **stock up on compassion**. Everyone will have different levels of fear and grief and it manifests in different ways. A coworker got very snippy with me the other day and I thought, *That's not like this person; that's how they're dealing with this. I'm seeing their fear and anxiety*. So be patient. Think about who someone usually is and not who they seem to be in this moment.

One particularly troubling aspect of this pandemic is the open-endedness of it.

This is a temporary state. It helps to say it. I worked for 10 years in the hospital system. I've been trained for situations like this. I've also studied the 1918 flu pandemic. The precautions we're taking are the right ones. History tells us that. This is survivable. We will survive. This is a time to overprotect but not overreact.

And, I believe we will find meaning in it. I've been honored that Elisabeth Kübler-Ross's family has given me permission to add a sixth stage to grief: Meaning. I had talked to Elisabeth quite a bit about what came after acceptance. I did not want to stop at acceptance when I experienced some personal grief. I wanted meaning in those darkest hours. And I do believe we find light in those times. Even now people are realizing they can connect through technology. They are not as remote as they thought. They are realizing they can use their phones for long conversations. They're appreciating walks. I believe we will continue to find meaning now and when this is over.

What do you say to someone who's read all this and is still feeling overwhelmed with grief?

Keep trying. There is something powerful about naming this as grief. It helps us feel what's inside of us. So many have told me in the past week, "I'm telling my coworkers I'm having a hard time," or "I cried last night." When you name it, you feel it and it moves through you. Emotions need motion. It's important we acknowledge what we go through. One unfortunate byproduct of the self-help movement is we're the first generation to have feelings about our feelings. We tell ourselves things like, *I feel sad, but I shouldn't feel that; other people have it worse*. We can—we should—stop at the first feeling. *I feel sad. Let me*

go for five minutes to feel sad. Your work is to feel your sadness and fear and anger whether or not someone else is feeling something. Fighting it doesn't help because your body is producing the feeling. If we allow the feelings to happen, they'll happen in an orderly way, and it empowers us. Then we're not victims.

In an orderly way?

Yes. Sometimes we try not to feel what we're feeling because we have this image of a "gang of feelings." If I feel sad and let that in, it'll never go away. The gang of bad feelings will overrun me. The truth is a feeling moves through us. We feel it and it goes and then we go to the next feeling. There's no gang out to get us. It's absurd to think we shouldn't feel grief right now. Let yourself feel the grief and keep going.

*Contributed by Pastor Marge Vander Wagen,
pastor at St. Peter and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Blue Island.*



Lunches for the BEDS Shelter residents prepared by Atticus, church neighbor and boy scout, and Jane Lauritsen, in May for his service project at the local scout troop in Riverside.

Memorials and Honorariums

♣ For the Church ♣

In loving memory of beloved mother +Arlene Gana+ on the anniversary of her death by remembering daughter Adrienne Gana and sister Audrey Bucz and her family.

Saundra and Peter Spilotro, in memory of +Betty Kany+.

John and Joanne Slahor Family, in memory of brother-in-law +Donald Babyar+.

Audrey Ducay, in memory of +Jerry Gaydusek+.

Audrey Ducay, in memory of +Betty Kany+.

Audrey Ducay, in memory of +Robert Nowak+.

Audrey Ducay, in memory of +Donald Babyar+.

Luddy Kovalsky, in memory of +Steve Michael+.

Luddy Kovalsky, in memory of +Larry Bakalich+.

Luddy Kovalsky, in memory of +Robert Nowak+.

Audrey Ducay

Wally Kessler, Barbara Kessler, Kenneth and Elizabeth Kessler and sons, in memory of +Mildred Kessler+, +Allen Kessler+, and +Dale and +Katherine Kessler+ (for parking lot repairs).

Luddy Kovalsky, in memory of +Jan Hapgood+.

Luddy Kovalsky, in memory of +Jerry Gaydusek+.

Luddy Kovalsky, in memory of +Betty Kany+.

Ronald Krueger, in memory of mother +Theresa Krueger+.

Richard and Ruth Hurbanis, in memory of brother-in-law +Hans Jacobs+.

In loving memory of +Samuel Gavac+ by remembering wife Anne Gavac and family.

Paul and Pat Gavac, in celebration of daughter Sarah's graduation from the University of Wisconsin, Madison with a Doctoral Degree and accepting an assistant professorship of graduate studies with Arizona State University.

In celebration of 100 years, a very happy and blessed birthday greeting to our mother and grandmother Anne Gavac with love from Paul, Pat and Sarah Gavac.

Vera Borysek, in praise to God for Anne Gavac's 100th birthday.

Paul Kubecka, in loving memory of beloved mother and father +Zuzanna+ and +John Kubecka+.

Anita Horak, in celebration of Anne Gavac's 100th birthday.



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5/31	\$ 844.00

Thank you from Diakonia of the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovakia

Birthdays and Anniversaries

JULY

July 1: Anne Gavac	July 14: Janet Broussard
July 4: Carl Busch III	July 15: Richard Hurbanis
July 5: Joanne Sefara	July 17: John Kostelny
July 6: Karyn Bute	July 18: Timothy Dlhý
July 8: Paul Gavac	Megan Drahos
July 9: Lee Drahos	July 22: Elizabeth Cudecki
Robert Kubik	July 26: Bode Smith
July 11: Hannah Decosola	July 30: Keith Altavilla
July 13: Amanda Meyers	

Anniversaries

July 7, 1979: John and Linda McShane
July 11, 2015: Thomas and Kathryn Murray
July 19, 1986: Dennis and Jane Lauritsen
July 20, 1996: Daniel and Tracy Babiar
July 20, 2019: David and Jessica Barajas
July 25, 1997: Timothy and Pamela Dlhý

AUGUST

Aug. 1: James D'Alexander	Aug. 17: Annette Kozik
Milton Podzamsky	Aug. 18: Nicole Smith
Aug. 2: Darina Durkovic	Aug. 22: George Valek
Aug. 3: Milan Oklepek	Aug. 23: Garry Horak, Jr.
Aug. 5: Sofia Co بردا	Aug. 24: Adrienne Mikulka
Aug. 10: Kristine Boike	Aug. 25: Daniel Mikulka
George Hodul	Aug. 26: Carole Pollitz
Bradley Ruska	Aug. 28: Matthew Decosola
Joseph Ruiz	Steven Deshazer
Aug. 12: Larry Crachy	Brandon Michaels
Donna Tuider	Aug. 29: Matthew Decosola
Aug. 13: Vlado Vercimak	
Aug. 16: Adrienne Gana	
Paul Kubecka	
Daniel Tornil	

Anniversaries

August 2, 1975: Robert and Donna Tuider
August 15, 1997: Donald and Elaine Haase
August 22, 1987: Dominick and Diane Ritacco
August 27, 1994: Daniel and Adrienne Mikulka

The congregation acknowledges with abundant gratitude a major gift of \$10,000 given by Wally Kessler, Barbara Kessler, Kenneth and Elizabeth Kessler and sons, in memory of +Mildred Kessler+, +Allen Kessler+, and +Dale+ and +Katherine Kessler+ designated for the repair and resurfacing of the church parking lots. Many thanks to the Kessler Family!

****Please take note of the changes to the worship server schedule for July through September.****

JULY WORSHIP SERVERS

July 19th:

Greeters:	Larry Crachy and Karen Kubik
Acolyte:	Ben Myers
Assisting Minister:	Brandon Michaels
Lector:	Jane Lauritsen
Usher:	Walter Cudecki

July 26th:

Greeters:	Charles Matthies and Fred Kuzel
Acolyte:	Bryan Galdun
Assisting Minister:	Carrie Watkiss
Lector:	George Valek
Usher:	Janet Broussard

Sacristan and Altar Care:

Fred Kuzel and John and Janet Broussard

AUGUST WORSHIP SERVERS

August 2nd:

Greeters:	Larry Crachy and Karen Kubik
Acolyte:	Bryan Galdun
Assisting Minister:	Vicki Michaels
Lector:	Paul Watkiss
Usher:	Charles Matthies

August 9th:

Greeters:	Carole Pollitz and Carl Busch
Acolyte:	Sebastian Myers
Assisting Minister:	Tom Myers
Lector:	Robert Melnyk
Ushers:	Walter Cudecki

August 16th:

Greeters:	Sandy Garvey and Karyn Bute
Acolyte:	Abby Tarbox
Assisting Minister:	Tom Michaels
Lector:	J. T. Tarbox
Usher:	John Kostelny

August 23rd:

Greeters:	Paul and Carrie Watkiss
Acolyte:	Aidan Altavilla
Assisting Minister:	John Broussard
Lector:	Keith Altavilla
Usher:	Janet Broussard

August 30th:

Greeters:	Carole Pollitz and Carl Busch
Acolyte:	Sebastian Myers
Assisting Minister:	Charles Matthies
Lector:	Shirley Kostelny
Usher:	John Kostelny

Sacristan and Altar Care:

Ruth Bakalich

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERVERS

September 6th:

Greeters: Tom and Vicki Michaels
Acolyte: Ben Myers
Assisting Minister: Brandon Michaels
Lector: Joanne Sefara
Usher: Rafael Martinez

September 13th:

Greeters: Phillip and Linda Painter
Acolyte: Abby Tarbox
Assisting Minister: Carrie Watkiss
Lector: Beverly Tarbox
Usher: Walter Cudecki

September 20th:

Greeters: Donald and Elaine Haase
Acolyte: Aidan Altavilla
Assisting Minister: Vicki Michaels
Lector: Kristine Boike
Usher: Johnathan Haase

September 27th:

Greeters: John and Shirley Kostelny
Acolyte: Sebastian Myers
Assisting Minister: Tom Myers
Lector: John Kostelny
Usher: Janet Broussard

Sacristan and Altar Care:

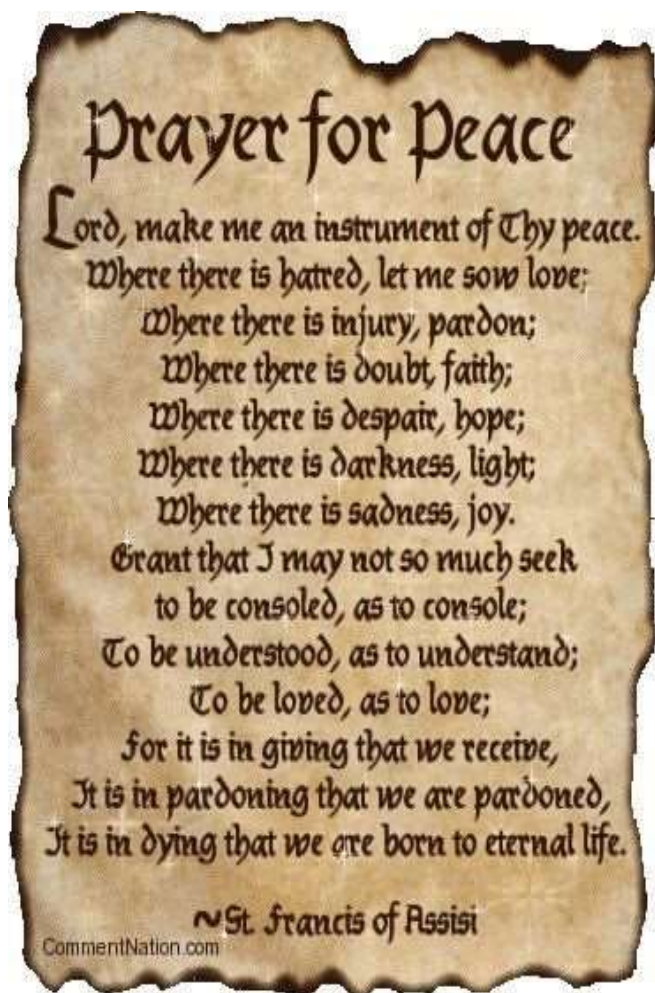
Edward and Joanne Sefara

If you cannot participate on your assigned date, please contact one of the other participants to switch dates and/or replace you. In addition, please contact the church office with the update so the bulletin is correct.

Also, if you are not planning to attend worship services for the time being due to COVID-19 virus concerns, please find a replacement as noted above and contact the church office so the bulletin is correct and your name can be removed from the scheduling list during this time.



Sunset on The Mother of Exiles



For Our Day...

Following the assassination of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in April, 1968, and before his own assassination in June of the same year, Robert F. Kennedy quoted his favorite poet Aeschylus: "In our sleep, pain which cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart, until, in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom through the awful grace of God." He then added, "Let us dedicate ourselves to what the Greeks wrote so many years ago: to tame the savageness of man and make gentle the life of this world."

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Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church

Expectations for Attending Public, In-Person Worship Services during COVID-19 Beginning Sunday, July 19th, 2020, at 10:15 a.m.

Before Deciding to Attend Worship:

- 1) We ask that you refrain from attending worship if you:
 - Are not feeling well.
 - Have been exposed to COVID-19.
 - Have a compromised immune system.
 - Are at high risk of exposing others.
- 2) When attending worship, be sure to bring a mask/facial guard.

Upon Arrival:

- 1) Put on your mask/facial guard prior to entering the building at the Woodside entrance (front).
- 2) Follow the signs to the worship space, avoiding restricted areas.
- 3) Stand at a social distance from others while waiting for a (non-invasive, touchless) temperature check.
- 4) Sanitize your hands with the sanitizer provided.
- 5) Leave your offering in the provided baskets at the entrances (there will be no collection during the service).
- 6) Proceed to your desired seating pew, refraining from touching surfaces as much as possible.
- 7) Sit at a social distance from others. Households are encouraged to be seated together.

During Worship:

- 1) Keep mask/facial guard on at all times, except for consuming the consecrated bread and wine after you have returned to your seat.
- 2) Worship folders (including music) will be provided and pre-placed in the pews.
- 3) Please do not change seats during service.
- 4) Refrain from singing, full-voice congregational responses, and praying out loud; instead, use a soft voice.
- 5) Share the Peace verbally in a soft voice with a reverent bow (or other non-contact gesture) and only with those in your immediate vicinity.

During Holy Communion:

- 1) Do not leave your seat until directed by the ushers.
- 2) Stand at a social distance from others while waiting in line (distribution will be continuous).
- 3) Receive the Communion wafer from the dispenser.
- 4) Allow the assisting minister to provide a few drops of wine on the wafer from a dispenser.
- 5) Follow the directions of the ushers to return to your seat.
- 6) Please wait until returning to your seat to consume the wafer and wine.

At the Conclusion of Worship:

- 1) Keep a social distance from others while exiting the worship space.
- 2) Follow the signs from the worship space, avoiding restricted areas.
- 3) Do not congregate with others inside the building; however, you may congregate outside while keeping social distance.

Please refer to the “Plan for Re-engaging in Public Worship,” adopted by the Congregation Council on June 25th, 2020, for additional details on what to expect when returning to in-person, public worship.

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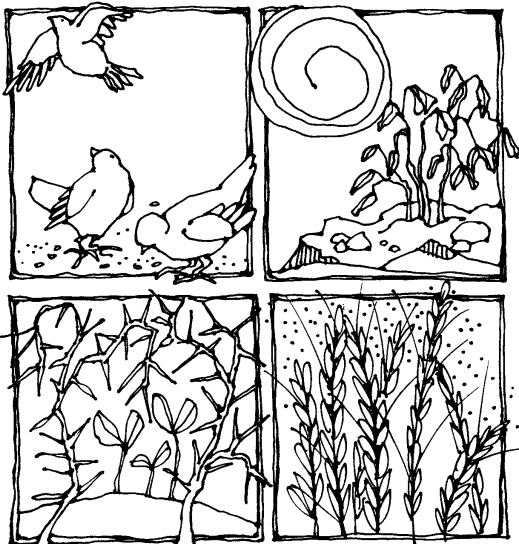
The New Colossus

by Emma Lazarus, 1883

Lazarus' ancestors were among the first Jewish emigrants to the United States from Portugal, arriving long before the American Revolution.

"Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glowes world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame,
'Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!' cries she
With silent lips. 'Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!'"

M A T T H E W 13 : 3



A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW...



Clematis plant at the parsonage entrance in June.



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).