

Seedlings 🌱 : “When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?” (Psalm 11:3)



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**

**Glows 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!'"**



***When the foundations are being destroyed, what
can the righteous do? (Psalm 11:3).***

Lord, please give us the wisdom to see the damage being done to our democracy by those who would mislead, deflect, disrupt for the sake of disruption and power, and deny the humanity of others.

Give us the courage to learn, witness, to speak up and out, to protect the right of all to vote and be heard.

Help us to connect to our fellow citizens and commit to their well-being.

Lord, help us renew and nurture our country's ideal of liberty and justice for all.

Help us Lord to resist tyranny in all of its forms. Amen

And as we engage, defend, and rebuild may we trust in your mercy and justice, and follow your paths, committing our efforts to your wisdom and guidance (see Proverbs 3:5-6; 16:3).

---Author Unknown

Eternal Father, Strong to Save



***Eternal Father strong to save
Whose arm has bound the restless wave
Who bids the mighty ocean deep***

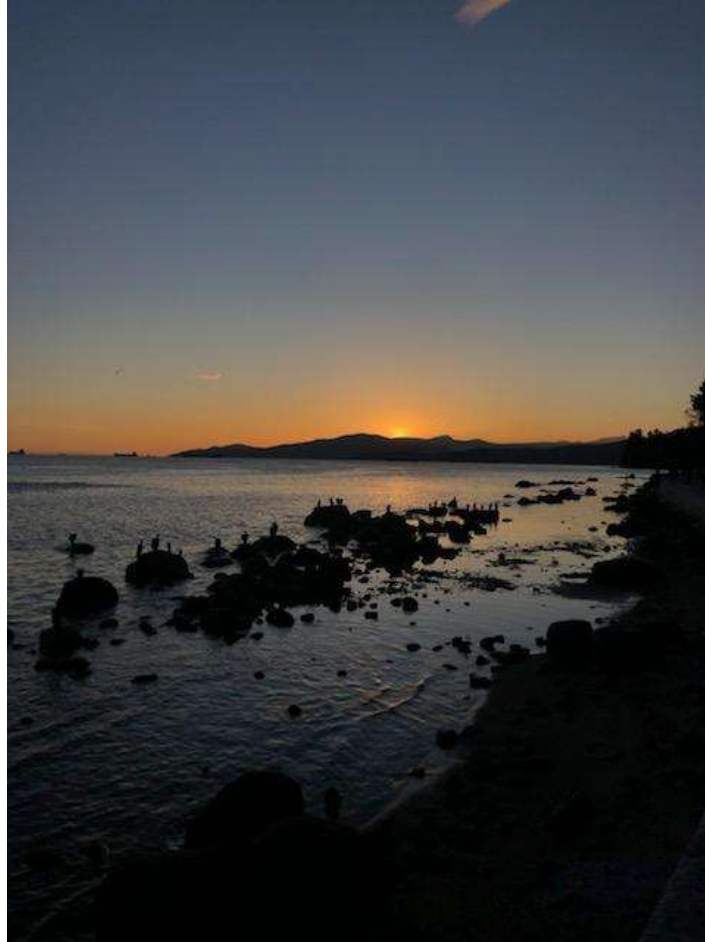
*Its own appointed limits keep
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in Peril on the sea.*

(You may listen at the above link or [HERE](#) .)

**Walk with us!
in the Riverside Independence Day Parade...**



***...stepping off at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday morning at
entry post #23 near Delaplaine west of Nutall
en route to Guthrie Park in downtown Riverside.
Please be at this location by 8:30 a.m. or meet in the
church parking lot at 8:20 a.m.
Also please invite your friends, families and neighbors!***



Summer Solstice Reminds Us of God's Grace to All

submitted by Carrie Watkiss, Council President
You may read [HERE](#) .

Outdoor Worship, Summer and Autumn 2024



Wild flower meadows north of the Brookfield Zoo.

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 14th



**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost,
August 4th
with the Wilson Family
ELCA Sponsored Missionaries in
Tokyo
followed by a Luncheon**



*In 2010, Andrew and Sarah Wilson embarked on a
fascinating project*

to retrace Martin Luther's steps when the famous Friar undertook his only trip to Rome on foot in 1510 or 1511. That year was the 500th anniversary of Luther's journey to Rome.

The couple hiked across half of Germany, through parts of Austria and Switzerland, over the Alps, and finally across northern Italy to Rome, in a walking tour that covered one thousand miles.

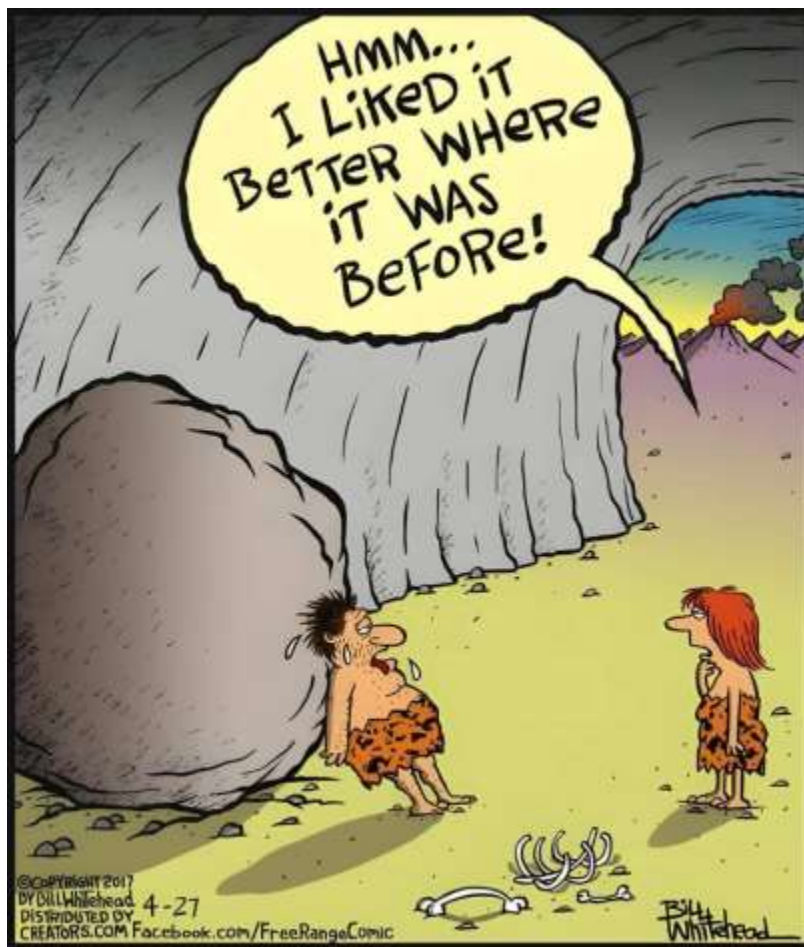
Their remarkable effort inspired the book, Here I Walk, by Andrew with an afterword by Sarah.



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**The Twentieth Sunday after
Pentecost, October 6th
with the Blessing of Animals
in Commemoration of St. Francis of
Assisi, October 4th**



If you are unable (or even if you *are* able)
to regularly attend public, in-person worship at Sts. Peter and
Paul...

and continue to love and care for
[the congregation and its many ministries,](#)

*here's a convenient, easy and user-friendly way to make offerings through **Zelle**. You can even schedule regular weekly, monthly, special, offerings etc. by following the instructions below.*



Go to your online banking website or phone app, go to the Zelle interface, and add Sts. Peter and Paul as a recipient via our e-mail address:

donations@stspeterandpaulriverside.org . From there you may send any amount of money with a note as to what it is for. The money will automatically be accepted into our account. We will get a notification at that email address that you have done so. Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Why the Giving in Your Church is Decreasing

"Pretty Scary": 7 Things to Know About Religion's Decline and Charitable Giving



"AND I'M AFRAID I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK FOR AN INCREASE IN CONGREGATION TITHING!"

Less God, Less Giving



When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.”

So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He

looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.



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"Seedling" E-News are posted at the
website.***



*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.**



www.stspeterandpaulriverside.org
Church office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. -
Noon