

Seedlings ☙ : Mission and Meal Sunday, August 4th: Welcoming the Wilson and Unruh Families



*God of love and life, restore us to your peace,
renew us through your power,
and teach us to love all that you have created
and to care for the earth as your gift and our home.
God, our Creator of heaven and earth,
how blessed we are to be surrounded by the beauty of
your creation.
We lift our prayer of gratitude as we see the stars of
heaven,
and the beauty of the sunset.*

*We are amazed by the seas and waterways and all that
are in them.*

*We are enchanted by the flowers and trees which are
clothed by you.*

*We are awed by all the animals you created.
For the beauty of the earth,
the mountains and valleys, the sun and the moon—
we give you praise.*

Outdoor Worship this Sunday, August 4th



Wild flower meadows north of the Brookfield Zoo.

**Welcoming Andrew and Sarah
Hinlicky Wilson
ELCA Sponsored Missionaries in
Tokyo,
featuring music by a congregational
string ensemble
and the Sts. Peter and Paul Choir.♪♪**



Andrew and Sarah and Zeke

The Wilsons work alongside the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tokyo. Andrew serves as Professor of Church History at Japan Lutheran College and Seminary and Sarah is associate pastor at Tokyo Lutheran Church. We are glad and grateful to share the ministry of the

Wilson's in Japan. Please join us at a potluck luncheon to welcome our guests and other friends following the service on Sunday. A special offering envelope designated for "Mission" will be included in the service bulletin for support of our sponsored missionaries in Japan and Tanzania.

**A potluck luncheon will follow
worship.
Please plan to bring a side dish or
dessert to share! □**

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On Sunday we also welcome Bob and Priscilla Unruh with their grandson Thad who recently graduated from the 8th grade in Abilene, Kansas. The Unruh's are traveling in the Chicago region this week to celebrate Thad's graduation, see the sites, and visit the places

where Thad's grandfather and son of this congregation, the late Rev. Frank Pekarek, grew up, went to school, and attended church.



*The Rev. Franklin Pekarek
Raised in Cicero and at Sts. Peter and Paul.
Spent much of his ordained ministry among
congregations in Kansas.
Brother to Betty Cillo of Temple, Texas
and uncle to Don Cillo.*



I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of

your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

*But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,
'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;*

he gave gifts to his people.'

(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.



[Embracing the Olympic Truce: A Prayer for the Paris Olympics](#)

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or [HERE](#).



**You may also listen to
John Williams'
Summon the Heroes
composed for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta
by clicking [HERE](#) .**



Midsummer harvest from the gardens near the church facility.

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to others who may be interested!
And previous issues of
"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.**



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