

Seedlings 🌱 : "O stay your soul and leave my heart its song, O stay your hand, the journey may be long."



Omnia Sol **(Let Your Heart Be Staid)**

by Z. Randall Stroope (b. 1953)

You are welcome to listen [HERE](#) or at the above link.

*Somewhere far from nowhere, I grew both strong and tall,
Longing to become, but not knowing the path at all.
But the footprint of the winter melted to fields of spring;
One last embrace before I crossed the threshold
To life we sing!*

*O stay your soul and leave my heart its song,
O stay your hand, the journey may be long.
And when we part, and sorrow can't be sway'd,
Remember when and let your heart be staid.**

*Omnia sol temperat, absens in remota.
(The sun warms everything, even when I am far away.)
Ama me fideleter, fidem meam nota.
(Love me faithfully, and know that I am faithful.)*

*Weave the dance and raise the chorus, grieve no more.
Through the strength of Orion, find refuge from the shore.
Let courage be your oar, let passion be your sail.
Wisdom and Truth will guide your deep heart's yearning,
Through all travail.*



Begin Thanksgiving Day with Thanks
A Liturgy of the Word with Prayers of
Thanksgiving at 10:15 a.m.



Thanksgiving offerings received at worship
on the morning of November 28th
and by way of the designated offering envelopes for
Thanksgiving will be given to
[The Greater Chicago Food Depository](#) .



Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery... Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today... (Deuteronomy 8:11-14, 17-18).

Thanksgiving Seasonal Bake Sale



***Fill your Thanksgiving Day tables
with homemade bakery!***

Here on Sunday, November 24th

in the dining hall, following worship.

More details to follow, but plan to drop off your baked goods

on Saturday or Sunday mornings.



[Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*](#)

Begin reviewing, reading, renewing and remembering
maybe for the first time [HERE](#) or at the above link.



The deplorable, miserable conditions which I recently observed when visiting the parishes have constrained and pressed me to put this catechism of Christian doctrine into this brief, plain, and simple form. How pitiable, so help me God, were the things I saw: the common man, especially in the villages, knows practically nothing of Christian doctrine, and many of the pastors are almost entirely incompetent and unable to teach. Yet all the people are supposed to be Christians, have been baptized, and receive the Holy Sacrament even though they do not know the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, or the Ten Commandments and live like poor animals of the barnyard and pigpen. What these people have mastered, however, is the fine art of tearing all Christian liberty to shreds (from Luther's Preface to the Small Catechism).



The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

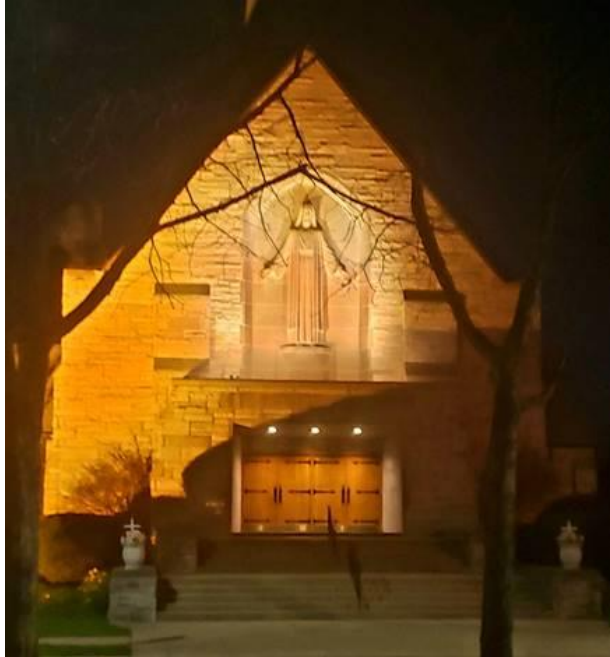
***Let's keep this sanctuary... a sanctuary:
Warm and welcoming,
safe and sound.***



Offerings to the building and maintenance appeal will be used to repair the heating system, replace smoke detectors or system in the sanctuary, and complete tuckpointing, masonry and repairs to the west and south faces and the bell tower,



The Congregation Council hopes to have more detailed descriptions and cost estimates for you as we approach the season of giving thanks and end-of-the-year donations.



But why not start today?

**You may do so using any of the following options for making your thank-offerings for the well-being of this house of worship:
offering envelopes, postal mail (memorials and honorariums invited and welcomed), or Zelle electronic payments:**

donations@stspeterandpaulriverside.org .



The wild geese do not intend to cast their reflection; the water has no mind to receive their image.

— Zenrin poem

There are moments that simply happen through no conscious intention or will on anyone's part. The image of an old woman with a peaceful face, the smell of smoke rising from a chimney on a chilly night, the knowing look of recognition from a friend as we make a comment, the special feeling of a touch. These are spiritual moments because they reach a deeper part of our being. They are like a sliver in time set aside, which nourishes our souls and adds serenity to our lives.

We grow when we learn to notice these kinds of moments. In our willfulness, we have often missed them before because we simply were not open to anything we weren't already looking for. This world is so much larger than the human mind. In recovery, we can take time to admire the beauty reflected around us.

Today, I will let the rest of life intrude on my mind. I will let myself be nourished by what comes along.

Quoted from the app Touchstones.

Find recovery resources at www.hazeldenbettyford.org.



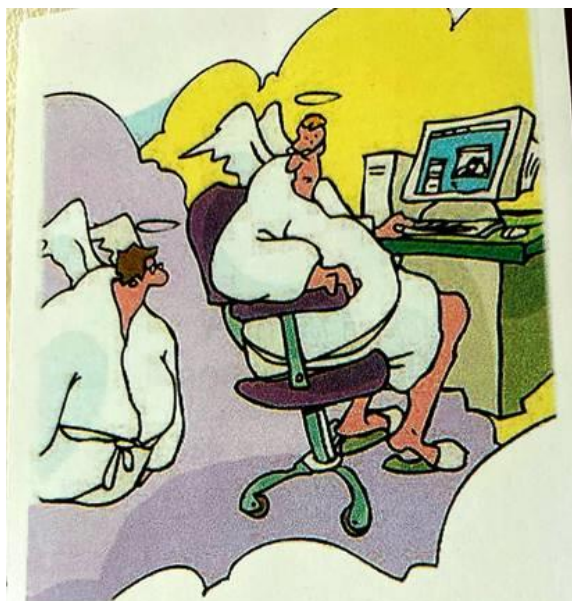
Lux Cantorum Chicago returns in concert
at Sts. Peter and Paul
Sunday, December 8th, 4 p.m.



*"Glory" | December 6, 8, & 14,
2024*

We express awe and adulation by commemorating seasonal events from diverse communities. "Glory" honors togetherness and universal aspirations for peace, love, and hope.

***For more concert information and ticket purchases,
click the image above or [HERE](#).***



And quit telling me to get a life. You know perfectly well it's too late for that.

Please note:

For urgent pastoral care and *important* administrative matters, please contact Pastor Dennis at his mobile phone number.

The landline at the parsonage is no longer in service. ☒

If you need this contact information, please reply to this message.

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***Please forward this e-newsletter
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.**



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