

Seedlings ✨ : Soli Deo Gloria! To God Alone Be Glory!



Thresholds

For a New Beginning

**In out-of-the-way places of the heart,
Where your thoughts never think to wander,
This beginning has been quietly forming,
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.
For a long time it has watched your desire,
Feeling the emptiness growing inside you,
Noticing how you willed yourself on,
Still unable to leave what you had outgrown.
It watched you play with the seduction of safety
And the gray promises that sameness whispered,**

Heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent,
Wondered would you always live like this.
Then the delight, when your courage kindled,
And out you stepped onto new ground,
Your eyes young again with energy and dream
A path of plenitude opening before you.
Though your destination is not yet clear
You can trust the promise of this opening;
Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning
That is at one with your life's desire.
Awaken your spirit to adventure;
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;
Soon you will be home in a new rhythm,
For your soul senses the world that awaits you.

– John O'Donohue

To Bless the Space Between Us

**Farewell and Godspeed to the Lauritsen's
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
between the Ascension of Our Lord and
Pentecost Day
June 1st, 2025**



Liturgy of Holy Communion, 10:15 a.m.
Bishop Wilma S. Kucharek, presiding and preaching.
Visiting clergy who are able to attend the Liturgy are invited to vest (white).

Liturgy followed by a celebratory luncheon.
Main course provided.
Please bring side dishes to share!

Regrets not expected or necessary.





Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ
you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock.
You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them,
and you call them to various avenues of service.
We give you thanks for the ministry of **Dennis** among the people of God in this place.

You watch over our going out and our coming in:
bless this time of ending and beginning.
You surround your people in every time and place:
keep us close in your love.
You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial:
prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together;
heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us.
Help **Dennis and Jane and their family** and all of us
to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us.

As they have been a blessing to us,
so now send them forth to be a blessing to others;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

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At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."



Julien Dupré, 1851-1910

God of all creation, pour out your blessing on all mothers and those who provide motherly care. You have made them in your image and given them children to love and care for in your name. Bless them with a heart like your heart: loving and kind, comforting and strong, nurturing and grace-filled. As they participate in your ongoing creativity, give them discernment to help their children discover their unique gifts. As they teach their children, grant them wisdom to know what is truly valuable. As they strive to share your unconditional love, give them long-suffering patience and a lively sense of humor. As they model your mercy, help them extend the forgiveness they themselves freely receive from you. In all circumstances fortify their faith, that they may love you above all. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen (From sundaysandseasons.com. Copyright © 2021 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.)



*O God, Eternal and Good Shepherd, who governs your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless love a pastor and pope for your Church who will please you
by his holiness and show us watchful care.
Look with favor, we pray, on Leo XIV, Robert Francis Prevost, and grant that he,
whom you have made Peter's successor,
may be for your people a visible source and foundation of unity in faith and of
communion. Amen*

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who may be interested.
The Seedlings Newsletter
is posted at the congregational 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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Noon**
