



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Connecting with God; Connecting with Others; Connecting others with God

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Kemal Ataturk was the founding father of the Republic of Turkey from 1923-1938. He had many goals for modernizing the nation. One of his goals was to eliminate the Old Turkish script in favor of a Western notation. Major changes to language, literature and culture were also instituted. One of the more interesting changes was to simplify language. For example, Old Turkish had many terms for the color GREEN. Ataturk declared all shades of green would simply be called GREEN. In an instant the colors of lime green, Kelly green, forest green, and many other greens were banned from the language. Yes, the language was simpler but at what a price.

As I look out over the garden and look at the many shades of green, I am struck by the great diversity of the created world. Pinks and reds, purples and lavenders, yellow, orange each contribute to the beauty of the world. Leave one color out and the world is poorer for it. So, it is with humanity! Each person brings something magical to the time and place in which we live. Let us give thanks for the gift of diversity.