



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Gathered to be Sent: “Awe Came upon Every Soul”

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul... And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-43, 47b (ESV)

As we continue to study the gathering and outreach of the first Church in the book of Acts, this week we look at “awe came upon every soul.” The earliest gathering of believers, was marked by a sense of awe, as those who called upon the name of Jesus came together, devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching of the Gospel, worship, and prayer. Awe is a sense of wonder and thanksgiving that God's children have when they ponder the works that He has done for them.

There are many things that our Lord has done that should instill in us a sense of awe. Our Lord God has created this world and all of its intricate and wonderful parts. He has made galaxy upon galaxy of stars. He has fashioned planets and moons. He has made so many habitats, biomes, and species on our planet Earth. He has formed canyons, forests, and oceans; and He has filled them with all manner of species. When we look at His creation with the eyes of faith, we cannot but help to be awed.

Even more awe-inspiring is what God has done in the Incarnation of Christ. In our Lord Jesus Christ, the Creator God became one of us. He became fully human. Jesus, true God and true human, was born of the Virgin Mary, lived a human life, suffered on the cross, died, and was buried. That is truly a matter for awe. God became human, suffered, and died.

That is not the end of it, either. He rose to life again, defeating death forever! God died and rose again never to die again. That is even more awe inspiring! But none of these things, as awesome as they are, are the most awesome thing that God has done. As Martin Luther said in a Christmas sermon, the most wonderful thing, the thing that is the most awe-inspiring of God's works, is that God has done this all **for you**.

Our Lord created **you**. Before you were ever born, God knew **you**, loved **you**, and chose **you** in Christ to belong to Him by grace. Jesus true God and true human was born **for you**. He died **for you**. He rose again **for you**. In Holy Baptism, Jesus made **you** God's own child. In Absolution, Jesus forgives **you** all of your sins. In His Word, Jesus speaks His gracious comfort **to you**. In His Sacrament of the Altar Jesus comes personally **to you** and gives **you** His own body and blood and the assurance that nothing can ever separate **you** from Him.

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The most wonderful, the most awesome, the most awe-inspiring thing of all, is that God in Christ Jesus has done all of this **for you**.

How should you respond?

Like the first Christians: with awe.

Luther describes the believer's attitude of awe well in the *Small Catechism*, where he says: "For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true."

I pray that our Lord awe you with His love for you.

In Christ,

Your Pastor, Joshua Miller

¹ Martin Luther, *Martin Luther's Christmas Book*, ed. Roland Bainton (Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1997), 15-16.

Divine Service – 9:30AM each Sunday

Live service in the sanctuary

No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study this Sunday, July 11.

Please join us for a reception celebrating the three young men joining as communicants and all new members we have received since last year.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Amos 7:7-15

The Lord gives Amos a word of judgment on Israel and King Jeroboam.

The priest Amaziah forbids Amos to prophesy,
but Amos says he can only follow the Lord's call to "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Ephesians 1:3-14

"In Christ" God has chosen us, made us his children,
redeemed us and revealed to us the mystery of his eternal plan --
that we might live to the praise of his glory.

Mark 6:14-29

Under duress from his wife, Herodias, King Herod had ordered John the Baptist to be beheaded. Now hearing of Jesus' work and teaching, Herod thinks that John has come back from the dead.



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No Class This Sunday, July 11

The Word of the Lord Grew:
Outreach in the Earliest Church

Jehovah Lutheran Church
Adult Bible Class



11:00AM on Sundays.

Join us in person in the lounge.

Contact Pastor Miller with questions
at 612-600-3514 or pastorjoshuamiller@gmail.com.



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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Donna Ostenson Kiefert
Bernice Demulling
Rita Galston
Paul Finegan
George Mendoza
Sandy Quenzer
Tom Kelly
Tim Robinson
Patrick Carey
Wesley Pagel
Shirley Starner, and her son-in-law Greg Beaudoin
Jim Kinsel
Lynne Baerthel and her family
John Watson (recovering from surgery for blood clots)
John "Jack" Hedenstrom (brother of Sue and brother-in-law of Al Puder)
Jeannie Edwards (cousin of Pastor Miller)
Susan Boettcher
Ken Frigstad
George Hild, Sr. (father of George Hild)
Scott McMurray
Jenna Schmidt (daughter of Perry Schmidt)
Nicole Pierce (friend of the Millers from Emmaus Lutheran)
Ramone and his family

Linda Wood (thanksgiving for full remission of cancer)

Those suffering or recovering from COVID-19 and for speedy and equitable distributions of the vaccines.

For strength to speak out for and protect the lives of the unborn our God has created.

For President Biden and Vice President Harris as they serve our nation.

For Governor Walz and all in leadership in our state.

For our Synodical President Matthew Harrison and our District President Lucas Woodford as they lead us, and our Circuit Visitor, Steven Bielenberg.

For our congregation, its Pastor, and its lay leaders as we move forward together in outreach.

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*Let my prayer
rise before you as incense.*

Psalm 141:2a

*Pray
without
ceasing*



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Special Weekly Prayers:

As we pray for each member and family in our congregation by name, this week we pray for Aleta Hill.

*Note, we are currently praying for two members or families from Jehovah Lutheran each week. The order for these prayers is alphabetical. In addition to our public prayers, our Pastor and board of Lay Ministry are praying individually for these members and families each week. Special prayer requests are encouraged any time and may be given to Pastor via phone or email.

*Be joyful always; pray continually;
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

JEHOVAH'S WEEKLY FRIENDLY FRIDAY CALL-IN CHAT



Join us at **11:10am each Friday**. All you need is your phone.
Dial: 978-990-5000. If you are using a land line please dial 1 and then the number.
When prompted enter the JELC code:

796345#

After the beep just say hello and your name. We will have a short devotion, a topic for discussion, and prayer.

Join us on Fridays at 11:10am.

*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,
as indeed you are doing.*
1 Thessalonians 5:11



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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



5:00 to 7:00pm on Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Jehovah Lutheran Church Parking Lot

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

The Administration Resources Board (ARB) is looking for volunteers to help with Jehovah's annual National Night Out (NNO) outreach event that will be held from 5pm to 7pm on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, on the church property. Here are your opportunities to help Jehovah reach out and serve our community:

- Help set up for the event in the church parking lot;
- Help by donating gently used clothing for all ages, small household items, linens, etc.
- Help sort and set out the clothing and small household items that have been donated for the giveaway;
- Help by donating purchased and packaged food items to be given away as prizes during the raffles throughout the event;
- Help for the loyal Kolar, Wynn and Fishback families and others who take on the food service;
- Help as popcorn makers;
- Help planning a few things for kids to enjoy;
- Help staffing food service, raffle, giveaway and kids area during the event;
- Help with take down and clean up after the event ends at 7:00pm.
- Spirit Freed is planning to provide music during the event. We could accommodate another group as we have done in the past. Contact us if you know of a group that might be interested in playing that evening.

To volunteer or if you have a new idea to add to the fun, please contact Marge Avoles at 651-398-8204 or at margeavoles@comcast.net, or talk with any of the other ARB members: Katy Fishback, Mark Kolar, Karl Miesen, Bruce Wegner, and Dan Wynn.

Peace I leave with you,



my peace I give to you.

John 14:27



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