

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Walking Together: Hearing God's Word

As we at Jehovah Lutheran walk on our path of outreach, we are exploring the flow of our worship of the Triune God in the Divine Service. So far, we have looked at Confession and Absolution and at making the sign of the cross. This week, we begin to look at the Service of the Word.

The Service of the Word is not just one thing that is said or takes place in worship, like the kyrie, the gloria, or the offering. The Service of the Word is, rather, one of two major divisions in the liturgy of the Divine Service: the Service of the Word and the Service of the Sacrament.

The Service of the Word is the part of the Divine Service in which our Lord Jesus Christ comes to us to speak to us, instruct us with His Law, and to give us the saving promise of His Gospel. Yet, the Service of the Word is not merely one-way. It is, in fact, a dialog, a conversation between God and His people. In the Service of the Word, our Triune God comes to us and we come to Him. He speaks to us, and we speak to Him. He tells us how He has acted in history and how He has revealed Himself in Jesus Christ. He tells us that we belong to Him forever as His people in Christ, that He loves us, that He has saved us, that He has taken away our sins and overcome our death. We respond to Him with thanks, praise, worship, and prayer. Having been addressed by this most loving, forgiving, and life-giving God, we tell Him that we love and trust Him. We thank Him for His goodness to us and His salvation in spoken word and in song. We come to Him in prayer, casting our cares upon Him, for He has promised to hear us.

In the Service of the Word, the Triune God opens His mouth to us, and He also opens to us His ear. He speaks to us, and He listens to us. In the Service of the Word, the Triune God shows up for us.

Each Sunday, we gather together in the sanctuary of Jehovah Lutheran to meet with our God who shows up for us. If you have not been to Divine Service recently, I invite you to join us. More importantly though, our Triune God invites you to join with Him, to hear Him and to speak with Him. He is here for you!

Your Pastor,
Joshua Miller

*Give ear, and hear my voice;
give attention, and hear my speech.
Isaiah 28:23*



Living by Faith: What's in a Name?

In our Sunday morning class, *Living by Faith*, we are currently looking at the Second Commandment and its meaning in our Christian lives. We begin our look at the Second Commandment last Sunday, and we will continue it this coming Sunday.

The Second Commandment teaches us that we should not misuse God's name. Often, we think of this commandment only in regard to swearing. There is, however, so much more to the proper and improper uses of God's name than profanity. To misuse God's name means to use God's name to deceive someone or to get our own way or our own agenda accomplished by attaching God's name to it. The proper use of God's name is to consider it holy and to use it to make promises we intend to keep, to worship God, to pray to Him, and to bless other people. I invite you to join us in *Living by Faith* this coming Sunday at 11:00am as we talk about what it means to honor God's name.

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To prepare for this week's discussion, please read pages 26 - 31 in the Large Catechism.



WALKING TOGETHER: OUR ROADMAP AT JEHOVAH LUTHERAN

Join us as we walk the path of our three-year outreach roadmap at Jehovah! The first year, we are focusing on getting in contact with all of our members, revitalizing our education programing, and discovering how God encounters us in the Divine Service of worship.

For more information about *Walking Together*, please contact Pastor Miller or a member of the board of Lay Ministry.



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JEHOVAH SERVICE AND EDUCATION SCHEDULE



9:30 AM Divine Service **Sundays in the Sanctuary**

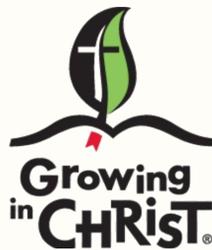
Invite a friend and join us
for a year of connecting and Walking Together

Living by Faith

11:00AM on Sundays.
Ages 14 - 100+

Join us in person in the lounge.

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



Growing in Faith

Ages Birth - 13 years

Gather with us weekly in the nursery after the Divine Service.

Parents are welcome to stay with their children.



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PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

2-3pm Wednesdays

in Drews Memorial Chapel.

In the event the chapel is occupied for other purposes, please proceed to the sanctuary.

REPARING FOR WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The prophet continues the theme of restoration with a solemn call to dispersed Israel, gathering from the ends of the earth the blind and the lame, "because I am Israel's father."

Hebrews 7:23-28

We have a great high priest, one who differs from the temple priests of old, one who is holy, blameless, set apart from sinners. He sacrificed for the sins of the people, "once for all when he offered himself".

Mark 10:46-52

The story of blind Bartimaeus stands in contrast to the disciples who have just asked for seats of glory with Jesus. He "sees" Jesus true identity and finds mercy.

*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

*See what kind of love the Father has given to us,
that we should be called children of God;
and so we are.*

1 John 3:1a



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
Marge Maule
Jeannie Edwards (cousin of Pastor Miller)
Joyce and Susan Boettcher (stepmother and cousin of Elizabeth Wegner)
Sue Schutte (mother of Principal Jay Schutte from King of Kings Lutheran, on hospice)
Frank Loffler (friend of Gary Reed)
Robert Russell (Great Uncle of Pastor Miller)
Ramone and his family



*Let my prayer
rise before you as incense.
Psalm 141:2a*

Those suffering or recovering from COVID-19 (including and for wise use of the vaccines).

Safety and good health for all students, teachers and staff at schools, including those from this congregation.

For strength to speak out for and protect the lives of the unborn our God has created and compassionate care of all that He has made. For the compassionate support of all mothers of young children who are in need.

For the refugees who have fled for refuge from Afghanistan to North America.

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, our District President Lucas Woodford as they lead us, and for our Circuit Visitor, Steven Bielenberg.

For our congregation, as we follow our outreach roadmap, *Walking Together*.

For the Mekane Yesus congregation as they call a new pastor.

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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 the Nelson family.

*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.



JEHOVAH'S WEEKLY FRIENDLY FRIDAY CALL-IN CHAT



Join us on Fridays at 11:10am.

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.

*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,
as indeed you are doing.*

1 Thessalonians 5:11



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In compliance with the recommendations of the U.S. Center for Disease Control and the Minnesota Department of Health, face masks must be worn inside the facilities of Jehovah Lutheran Church anytime you are with another person who is not in your immediate household. This includes worship services, all board meetings, Bible studies, working, and volunteering. A facemask must completely cover the mouth and nose. If you do not have a facemask, we are happy to give you one.

Please help us continue to keep our facilities open, our worship services in-person, and our neighbors safe.



QUARTERLY STATEMENTS

Quarterly Contribution Statements were mailed on October 19th. If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Dalager at dalagerericssonm@gmail.com.

3 VOLUNTEERS SO FAR - MORE NEEDED TO SORT THROUGH DONATED ITEMS

Jehovah congregation members and friends have been donating clothing and household items to be given away for free during the National Night Out (NNO) event held annually in early August. These items have been collecting in the Crib Room inside the Nursery since Fall 2019 and through 2020 and 2021 when we did not host an NNO due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We plan to go through all of those bags and boxes to sort and organize the donated clothing and items to identify what is there, to see if there may be some items that could be used by those in need right now, as well as to be ready for NNO and other giveaway events in the coming year.

We plan to move all of the items out of the Crib Room to a larger room on the lower level of the church so we have enough space to sort and categorize and so we aren't pressed to get it all done and cleaned up in one day. If you are interested in helping out with this project, please contact Marge Avoles at margeavoles@comcast.net or at 651-398-8204. Once we have a list of volunteers we will offer some different days and times for people to meet at the church to work.

Members and friends should feel free to continue to donate items and put them in the Crib Room.



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TRUNK OR TREAT

This Saturday, October 23
2pm - 4pm



Join the fun on Saturday, October 23 for Trunk or Treat
Decorate your vehicle's trunk
and fill it with new packages of individually wrapped candies and/or small toys.
We'll also give away a beverage and literature about Jehovah and Growing in Faith.
Wear a costume if you wish. No devils, please.

See you there!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

We need 8-10 people or couples or families to volunteer to dress up their car trunks and perhaps themselves and hand-out unopened candy or small toys. We will also have some children's Bible books as well as information on church and Sunday school on hand to distribute. We also need 3-4 volunteers to help set-up and take-down and 2-4 volunteers (they could also help with set-up and take-down) to work a table with the church and Sunday school information. If you are interested in helping (even if you have indicated so before), please email Pastor Miller with your name(s) and what role(s) in which you can help Thank you!



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School Supply Kit for Children of Refugees

- 3 Folders with Pockets
- 3 Wide Ruled Notebooks
- #2 Pencils
- 1 Eraser
- 1 Scissors
- 1 Glue Stick
- 1 Pencil/Crayon Sharpener (We always needs lots of these!)
- 1 Box of Crayons
- 1 Pencil Bag
- 1 Backpack (Place all supplies inside)



You can purchase backpacks in bulk at Backpacks USA for only \$3.00 each <https://www.backpacksusa.com/collections/wholesale-2-5-bulk-backpacks/products/copy-of-17-kids-wholesale-backpacks-7-assorted-colors-wholesale-case-of-24-bookbags>

If you are moved to make a monetary gift, please donate to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services by clicking on the “donate now” button here:

https://www.lirs.org/?gclid=CjwKCAjwhaaKBhBcEiwA8acsHFJ-WRYwGPSMT-hcD4-wLalO26CGI-uGfbNuGfVA2BBOfgKmiz3G5BoC-ecQAvD_BwE

In the same way, let your
light shine
before others,
so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

FREEDOM STORE REQUEST

Damascus Way is opening a new house in Shakopee for 45 returning Christians. They will need the following items. Can you help? Contact Jim Seeman with any questions at seemann@csp.edu Many thanks!

Toaster
Plates, Bowls, Cups
Kitchen Utensils

Pots and Pans
Kitchen Towels
Wash Rags

Shower Curtains
Bath Towels
Face Cloths



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