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The wonder of light and sound by Rev. Jeff Harter

Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare His praise? Psalm 106:2

God's creation is amazing and beautiful! We praise God for his glorious, complex, and balanced earth, solar system, and universe.

As I consider God's creation, I at times am most amazed at two of God's creations: light and sound. On the first day God created light. That is amazing enough! Even more amazing is that God created light to be divided into different wave lengths. By doing so, God created color! We marvel at the many colors in God's creation. When we see the rainbow we sing out with joy as we recall its meaning: God keeps his promises!

At some point in His creation process God created sound. He created sound to be divided into different frequencies. We use these frequencies to tune our radios and TVs to specific broadcasting stations. Different frequencies give us clues about a person's mood and intent as they speak to us. They give us warnings of danger as we hear the shriek of a siren or the honk of a horn. And these different frequencies give us music!

Some people may think that light and sound are less significant than some of the other things God created. I disagree. We may take them for granted. But how dull would our world be without color and music! They both greatly enhance our lives. They enable people to express themselves through art, entertainment, and worship. They lift our spirits. They enable us to articulate, celebrate, and share our faith.

The manner in which God created light and sound reminds us that He is interested not only in our welfare. He is also interested in our comfort and happiness. Light and sound remind us that God notices the things in life that we might think he would consider insignificant or trivial. He who sees the sparrow fall and counts the hairs on our head wants us to cherish and celebrate the full life we have in Jesus. As we consider the blessings of light and sound, we praise God with Carl Gustaf Boberg: "Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!"

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Central Illinois District LC-MS 60th Regular Convention Elections

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Nominations Committee 2025 CID Convention

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Nominations Committee 2023 LCMS Convention

Lay (1) – Matt Putnam

CID Convention information, Workbook, and Proceedings have been published on the District's website. (<http://www.cidlcms.org/events-2022-district-convention.html>).

Junior High Youth Gathering Save the Date: November 12th, 2022

Theme: Created for Community

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church (1 Bachrach Ct. Decatur, IL)

Cost: \$20.00 per person The fee will cover the activities, lunch, service project, and event T-shirt. The activities include worship, laser tag, inflatables, game time, and a service project.

Time: Registration will start at 9:30 am. The Gathering will be from 10:00 am until 4:15 pm.

Registration information will be released soon. We are working with our district Church Extension Fund to provide free registration for the non-member youth of your congregation. The hope is that students will invite their non-member friends to this District Event.