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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The first time we saw the Big Horn Mountain Range, we were in awe of what we saw. God's creation is truly amazing. The first time we visited Yellowstone National Park, we were in awe of what we saw. God's creation is truly amazing. The first time we camped under the big redwoods of California, we were in awe of what we saw. God's creation is truly amazing. The first time we looked into the Grand Canyon, we were in awe of what we saw. God's creation is truly amazing. And the list goes on and on. Even watching a hurricane develop causes one to stand in awe of God's power and might. God's creation is truly amazing.

This is precisely how the God of our universe wants us to react when we observe his creation. In fact, the Bible says that anyone who sees what God has created and denies that there is a God who created it, is a fool (Psalm 14:1). In the book of Romans, the apostle Paul wrote that anyone who claims there is no God is without excuse. The majesty and complexity of the universe insist that an all-wise and all-powerful God is behind it. *Since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. Romans 1:20*

But the God of this universe was not content with just letting nature tell us about himself. He wanted us to know him more personally. So, he became one of us in the person of Jesus Christ. He walked among us for thirty-three years. He showed us, in word and deed, who God is and what God is like. He performed miracle after miracle to demonstrate his power and his love. Then he gave himself up to his enemies and

allowed himself to be put to death on a Roman cross. There he suffered the punishment for all the sins of all people of all time. There he suffered the punishment for YOUR sins.

When you witness the beauty and majesty of this world, think about God who created everything. Remember how much he loves you, enough to come into the world he created so that he could save you. And look forward to the new world he promises to create for all his followers when this world comes to an end.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, thank you for the wonderful world in which I live. Thank you for living in this world for a time to be my Savior so that I might live for an eternity. Amen.*

(WELS E-Devotion, adapted)

...See you in worship.

Keep looking up because the Lord is always looking down – Psalm 121

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