

+ THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY +


June 28, 2020

As We Gather ~ *Jesus Receives Sinners*

“This man receives sinners and eats with them” (Luke 15:2). The Pharisees’ statement of judgment against Jesus is in fact a proclamation of Gospel truth. For our God is one who delights in mercy, who casts all our sins into the depths of the sea through the cross (Micah 7:18–20). “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim. 1:15). Those who refuse to be counted as sinners also refuse Jesus who came only for sinners. Those like the older son (Luke 15:11–32), who think they are righteous of themselves, will not join in the heavenly celebration over the sinner who repents and so remain outside of the Father’s house. Let us therefore be on guard against self-righteously trusting in our own merits. “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you” (1 Peter 5:6). Rejoice that Jesus receives sinners like us and that He still sits at table with us in the Holy Supper, bestowing His forgiveness and life.

Hymn ~ “Lord, to You I Make Confession”

LSB 608



1 Lord, to You I make con - fes - sion: I have sinned and
2 Yet, though con-science' voice ap - pall me, Fa - ther, I will
3 For Your Son has suf - fered for me, Giv'n Him - self to
4 Lord, on You I cast my bur - den— Sink it in the

gone a - stray, I have mul - ti - plied trans - gres - sion,
 seek Your face; Though Your child I dare not call me,
 res - cue me, Died to save me and re - store me,
 deep - est sea! Let me know Your gra - cious par - don,

Cho - sen for my - self my way. Led by You to
 Yet re - ceive me in Your grace. Do not for my
 Rec - on - ciled and set me free. Je - sus' cross a -
 Cleanse me from in - iq - ui - ty. Let Your Spir - it

see my er - rors, Lord, I trem - ble at Your ter - rors.
 sins for - sake me; Let Your wrath not o - ver - take me.
 lone can van - quish These dark fears and soothe this an - guish.
 leave me nev - er; Make me on - ly Yours for - ev - er.

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Common Versicles

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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,
C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

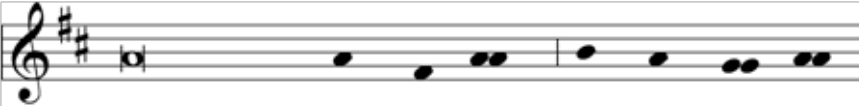
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.

C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.


Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

+ PSALMODY +

Antiphon (Proper 3-7, Trinity 1-8)




L The Lord has gath - ered us in the true faith.




C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite


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C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,
5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.
5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

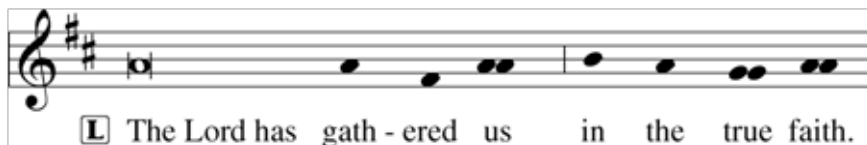


1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,

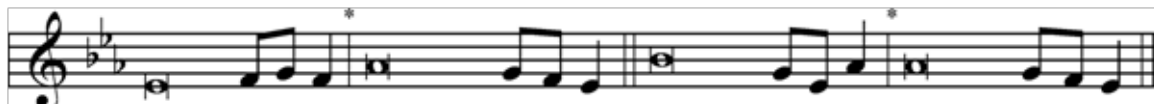


1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon (Proper 3-7, Trinity 1-8)



Proper: Introit *Psalm 25:1–2a, 5b, 15, 20; antiphon: vv. 16, 18*



Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.
Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.
To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.
You are the God of my sal- | vation;*
for you I wait all the | day long.
My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!*

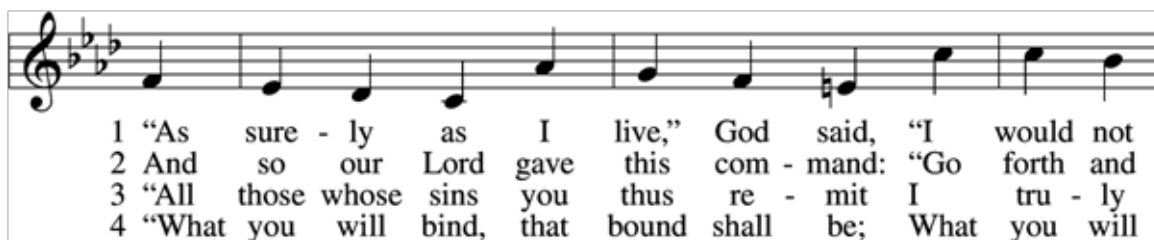
Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.
Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.

Hymn ~ ““As Surely as I Live,” God Said”

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see the sin - ner dead. I want him turned from
 preach in ev - 'ry land; Be - stow on all My
 par - don and ac - quit, And those whose sins you
 loose, that shall be free; To My dear Church the

er - ror's ways, Re - pen - tant, liv - ing end - less days."
 par - d'ning grace Who will re - pent and mend their ways.
 will re - tain Con - demned and guilt - y shall re - main.
 keys are giv'n To o - pen, close the gates of heav'n."

- 5 The words which absolution give
 Are His who died that we might live;
 The minister whom Christ has sent
 Is but His humble instrument.
- 6 When ministers lay on their hands,
 Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;
 He who by grace the Word believes
 The purchase of His blood receives.
- 7 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be
 For absolution full and free,
 In which You show Your richest grace;
 From false indulgence guard our race.
- 8 Praise God the Father and the Son
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
 As was, is now, and so shall be
 World without end, eternally!

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+ READINGS +

Reading

Micah 7:18–20

18Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.

19He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities under foot.

You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.

20You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and steadfast love to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our fathers
from the days of old.

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

1 Peter 5:6–11

6Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God
so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 8Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Luke 15:1–10

1Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. 2And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” 3So he told them this parable: 4“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? 5And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ 7Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

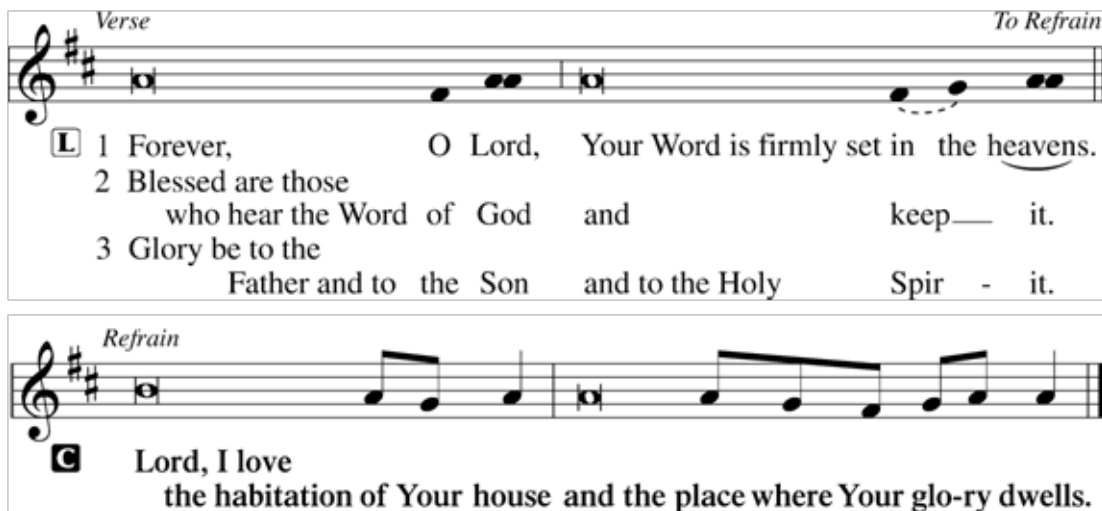
8“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? 9And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ 10Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

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Verse *To Refrain*

L 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

Refrain

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.


Sermon

“Rejoice with the Lost”


+ CANTICLE +

Te Deum


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C 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



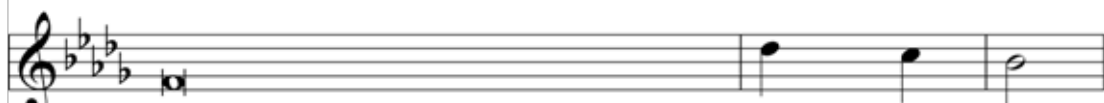
1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



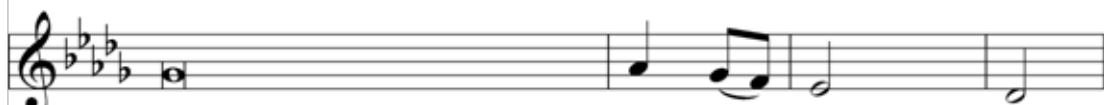
1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;




1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come

5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.

7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.

7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.

7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.


7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

Offering

+ PRAYER +

Kyrie

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 Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Introduction to Collects

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Collect of the Day: Trinity 3

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

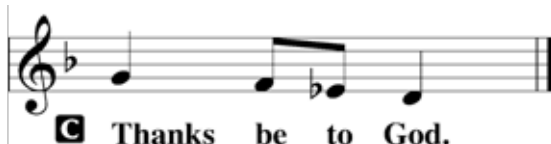
Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God,
You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend
us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day
we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that
all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be
righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.



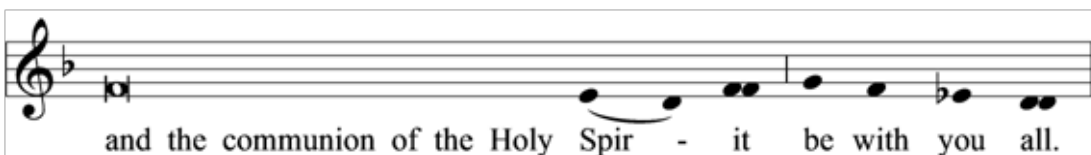
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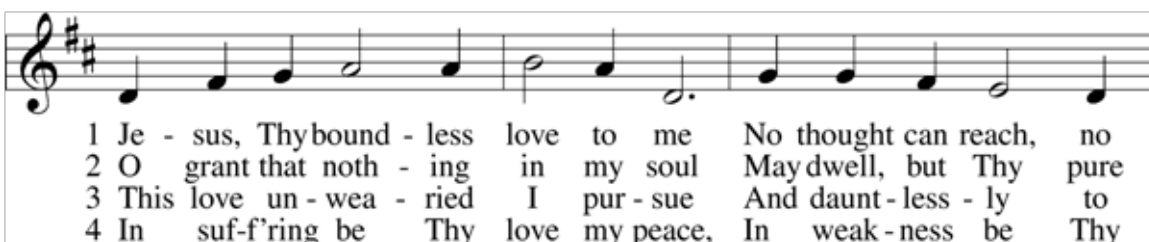
Benediction


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Hymn ~ “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

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tongue de - clare; U - nite my thank - ful heart to Thee,
 love a - lone; Oh, may Thy love pos - sess me whole,
 Thee as - pire. Oh, may Thy love my hope re - new,
 love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease,



And reign with-out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -
 My joy, my trea-sure, and my crown! All cold-ness from my
 Burn in my soul like heav'n-ly fire! And day and night, be
 O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, Be Thou my rod and



lone I am; Be Thou a-lone my con - stant flame.
 heart re-move; My ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.
 all my care To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.
 staff and guide, And draw me safe - ly to Thy side!

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The Immanuel Spirit

Welcome!

Scripture Lessons for next Sunday: Genesis 50:15–21, Romans 8:18–23 and Luke 6:36–42.

Stewardship: Luke 15:10 – “Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Jesus eats with sinners not so that they will remain stuck in their sins, but so that they will come to know His love and repent. To repent means to turn, that is, to turn away from sin and toward Jesus in faith. Whether the sin we struggle with is pride, greed, doubt, etc., the Lord calls us to turn to Him again in faith and away from our sin.

Pastor Koepp will be gone from June 30 through July 4. If a need arises, contact his cell phone 507-829-3901, or one of the elders.

Building Healthy Families for June 28th: LFS workers are busy in all parts of Iowa serving young women who are pregnant without the benefit of marriage and couples who are ready to grow their family through the gift of adoption. You can be part of this work in three important ways: 1) If you know of someone who is pregnant and needs help to make a plan for her life and the life of her child, help them contact LFS; 2) If you know a married man and woman with a strong Christian faith who want to build their family through traditional or embryo adoption, direct them to LFS; and 3) If God has blessed you with resources beyond what you need for your daily life, help support this life-work which depends heavily on partnership gifts of all sizes from Lutherans here in Iowa. Make a gift today by mail or through the LFS web site. Together we're in the LIFE business! ~
Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900.
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

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Life Quote for June 28th: “[T]he family is universal. Individuals meeting from different cultures do not have to explain to each other what a family is. The family lies at the quantum level of human society. Family life is deeply rooted in an area of mystery we do not fully understand. Like a tree, it is living, rooted, and nourished by the soil of the past and reaching up into the future. It is not manufactured. Although socially reinforced, it is not ‘socially constructed.’ It is a precious Gift.” James M. Kushiner, *The Fellowship of St. James* ~ **A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org**

Lutheran Hour Ministries for July 5th: Hear “Unhelmed” by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Are you living in the reality of life as it is right now, life as it will be, or somewhere in between? ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

Life Thought in the Church Year for June 28th: God’s love and Christ’s forgiveness come to us and carry us. Afraid and unable on our own, His words and ways bear us home every time to rejoicing (Luke 15:1-10). Let us seek with Him to rescue His little ones, no matter where they’ve wandered or how they’re wounded (1 Timothy 1:12-17), that we may celebrate together. *Holy Father, accompany me with Your grace through this collapsing world that no more may be lost. Amen.*

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VBS 2020 will be held July 13-15 from 9am to 11am. Registration forms are available on the entryway table.

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Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 6/28—7/4 is **Kaloupek**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 7/5—7/11 is **Kracht/Krumm**. If it is your week to clean church & you have other obligations or prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, the cost is \$50. Please contact Amber Carnine (641-990-5985) no later than the Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

Celebrating Birthdays This Week

No birthdays this week

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

Week of June 21

Attendance	41
Communion	27
General:	\$3285.00

WEEK AHEAD

Today	9am	3rd Sunday after Trinity
	10:30am	Bible Study
		Food Pantry Sunday
Next Sun.	8am	Elders' Meeting
	9am	Fourth Sunday after Trinity
		Missions: Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
	10:30am	Bible Study



Brokenness

by Lois Brauer, a member of Lutherans For Life

In our world there has always been brokenness of some kind—all the time—everywhere. It is inescapable. Since March, our lives have been touched with a unique brokenness brought about by something unseen—the COVID-19 virus. It has definitely changed everyone's life to some degree.

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As I have been living through this new experience, I have given it a lot of thought. Probably too much. Why did this happen?

Why now? Is it genuine? Is it really a virus or is it some political or social-media ploy for attention or distraction? Why are the elderly being “tagged” as the most vulnerable (even if we are)? Why weren't steps to deal with this issue implemented to enable businesses to remain open—yet in a safe manner? My assumption is leaders were hoping to prevent more illness and death and yet wanted desperately to find ways that would be beneficial in the future should something like this occur again. I think we all know that sooner or later something else will happen which causes the same concerns, and it would be good to have a solution in place right away.

I want to share a true story of brokenness that occurred to me. Following my knee joint replacement surgery a number of years ago, I got out of bed and eagerly looked forward to the new day. Just as most of you, I have a routine I follow each morning. Mine included that of putting my dog, Freckles, outside first thing upon awakening and then feeding her. This particular morning, I had put her dry food in her dish and proceeded to put it down on the floor for her. Well, apparently, I didn't have a good grip on the dish, and, in her eagerness to get to her food, Freckles bumped into my arm and the dog food went scattering all over the tile floor. Disaster! I mean it went every direction possible leaving a big mess. I was not a happy camper at that moment, having to clean up this mess when I was still half asleep. Needless to say, Freckles was quick to act and help clean it up!

That morning, as I looked at the dog food scattered all over the floor, I thought how our lives can be broken into pieces by many things. At that particular time, I was recuperating from surgery that proved to be a bit challenging. My life had been broken into pieces with the recovery, loneliness, inability to get around, loss of loved ones, etc.

This small event reminded me that we all experience brokenness in our lives in some way or another, such as the current COVID-19 virus, the diagnosis of a terminal illness of a loved one, alcoholism and/or drug addiction by someone we love, an unplanned pregnancy, unexpected surgery, a sudden death in the family, a long illness draining all our savings, the loss of a job, divorce, etc. There are so many things.

There is one more that sometimes we do not recognize—sin. Sin causes brokenness in so many ways, including the ones I mentioned.

What do we do? How do we react? Where do we go? Often, we get frustrated, tired, and lose sight of the HOPE we have in our lives. That HOPE is our loving, caring Savior Who is there at all times. He longs to hold us closely to Himself, to comfort and console us, to listen to our cries and sobs, to bring healing, to bring us what we need. Too often, we become so overwrought with our concerns that we can't even think of or see Christ in the midst of everything or go to the source of our HOPE—God's Word, the Bible.

Often, our tendency is to put devotional time with Jesus later—late in the day, tonight or tomorrow—when we'll "have more time." Although sometimes it is difficult, I have found it to be a blessing to go to Him before I start my busy day. He talks to me through His Word, and I can share my thoughts and concerns for the day with Him—praying for and about so many things. My prayers can include the church, my congregation, pastors, leaders, my large family, friends, neighbors, acquaintances, someone ill, the loss of a loved one by someone, and so much more. CAUTION: It is easy to spend an entire morning with the Lord! But it is then easier to go out and face the day—it's amazing.

Right now, we can check on each other to see if there is a need for anything, prayer, etc. That is one of the blessings I have as a member of Lutherans For Life. I have the privilege and blessing of sharing Jesus' love with others who may be hurting or dealing with a particular life issue—conception, terminal illness, death, grief, and more. Our Life Chapter members are eager to help you by listening to your concerns and by providing you with literature or brochures on some of the life issues we daily face. Please let us know if we can help you in any way.

There are so many beautiful, comforting Bible passages that people have been sharing with one another during this pandemic. I have a number of Bible verses I turn to depending on the situation including Hebrews 12, Romans 8:28, Psalm 121:1, Philippians 4:4-7. What are your favorites?

May the Lord's love and peace be with all of us as we face each new day.