

## Servant Thoughts

I don't often do this but I really appreciated this Daily Devotion on July 10, 2020 from Lutheran Hour Ministries so much that I'm sharing it here, These are trying days, and I feel this devotion speaks well to our days...

Lamentations 3:22-23 - The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

Many people live quietly in desperation—unhappy with their lives, fearful of the future, and yet certain there has to be more to life than what they're experiencing. Even more people have occasional periods of deep depression, where life seems to lose its savor, and it's hard to do even daily tasks.

These periods of depression are not uncommon even for Christians, and they do not automatically signal the loss of one's faith. Some people think Christianity is supposed to quickly solve all our problems. To admit, then, to being downcast or fearful or troubled would be showing great weakness or sin, or so some would think.

This is not so, however. Even mighty figures in Scripture battled depression and despair. Read about Elijah in 1 Kings 19 when he wanted to sit down and die because of loneliness and dismay with his ministry. Listen to the writers of Psalms 6, 38, 88, 102, and elsewhere. They were terribly downcast and speak of their questionings, even to God. Think, too, of the apostle Paul who admits his weaknesses and distresses in 2 Corinthians 11.

We are saints through Jesus Christ, but we are also sinners in a sinful world. The way out of depression and doubt opens up for us only when we admit our weakness and despair—as the biblical writers did. We'll never conquer life's depressions by denying that we have them.

Remember the God you have and the beautiful promises He makes to you. The whole Bible trumpets the fact that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. God reached down into this damaged world for the very purpose of lifting up broken and downcast people. Christ died for our sins and rose from the dead for our future benefit in heaven; He also did it so we might have hope now in this world.

Consider passages like 1 Peter 1:3-5 which speak of the living hope that God has for your future and mine in union with Christ. If God is so confident about us, can we not also press on in faith, no matter how desperate life seems at the moment?



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It was this remembering of the love and mighty deeds of God that helped David in his worst times (see Psalms 13:5-6; 25:15-21). Meditating and resting on the promises of God in Christ can be another step out of depression and anguish.

Also remember that you don't have to deal with your problems alone. Jesus promises, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28), and He is faithful to His promises.

This is our greatest hope—to entrust our lives to the One who gave His for us, so that we may live in victory over this world. In this, Jeremiah (another biblical figure who endured great hardship) reminds us that God is near—especially in times of trouble: "I called on Your Name, O LORD ... You came near when I called on You; You said, 'Do not fear!'" (Lamentations 3:55a, 57).

THE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, help us when we're full of worries and slipping in our faith to call on You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

From The Lutheran Layman, February 1978 issue, "Depression: A Prescription for You" by Rev. Jim Barton

In the service and love of Jesus,

Hebrews 13:20-21



#### Pastor Bill's Musings

I'm sitting here in my air-conditioned office wondering if the severe weather forecast for this evening is going to come to fruition. Wind gusts up to 70-80 mph, large hail, doesn't sound good. Jackie and I worked hard yesterday straightening our beautiful stalks of popcorn which were knocked down from the winds that occurred last week. I was looking at them this morning, admiring how nice they looked but then the weather forecast came on the news and I became sad. What will they look like tomorrow? I began to feel sorry for myself. A storm like that will completely destroy my small garden.

Now I am fully feeling ashamed of myself. What if my whole livelihood depended on a corn crop? What if that little garden was the only way that I had to feed my family? What if I lived out in the middle of the sandhills in the 1930's with no air-conditioner and it was 20 miles by horse and buckboard to get to town. These few "what ifs" start me to thinking how blessed I really am. I enjoy my popcorn, but they still sell it in the grocery store. I don't depend on a crop of any sort for my livelihood. I can buy whatever I need on the way home from work. It's all about attitude, isn't it? You can have a half-full or a half-empty glass of water.

God has showered blessing upon blessing on those of us who have been fortunate enough to live in this great land and at this time. The sad thing is that we often don't take time to appreciate those blessings until one is taken from us and that is the source of my personal shame right now. O, Lord have mercy!

God is faithful and answers my prayer. He does have mercy. He sent us the greatest blessing of all time and eternity, His Son. Right there is all that we need. Tomorrow morning, storm or shine, I can join the psalmist is singing, "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." Ps. 118: 24. Let that be your song too and soon the glass will be half-full.

The peace of the Lord be with you always,





**LUTHERAN HOUR—KRVN(880 AM)**  
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Trinity LWML will meet at 9 a.m. August 13 in the church sanctuary. Because we are still adhering to directed health measures there will be no snack time, so BYOC - bring your own coffee (or water)

Opening: "Turn on The Ignition" by Marilyn Licking

Program: "A PRIVATE LINE" by Linda Moore

Closing: Mite Box Mission Moment by Marilyn Licking

Hostesses Deloris White & Lorretta Copper

- ◆ August 2
- ◆ "Christ's Resurrection Makes Everything New"  
Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann

There is power in doing good works for the sake of others, but that kind of civic righteousness can't compare with the perfect righteousness of God which covers us through faith in Jesus Christ. In a classic radio message, Dr. Oswald Hoffmann shares the power of Christ's resurrection that overcomes death. It's "Archives August".

**LEXINGTON FARMERS MARKET**  
June 20 – October 3, 2020  
FACE MASK REQUIRED **1601 Plum Creek Parkway** FACE MASK REQUIRED  
(Bob's True Value Parking Lot)  
**Saturday 8:00 am-11:00 am**  
**Tuesday 3:00 pm-6:00 pm**



To all the ladies, young women and teens at Trinity. Our 2020 Nebraska South District LWML Convention will be going virtual due to concerns about the COVID-19 virus. While we are sad not to be able to join our Sisters in Christ in person for this biannual event, we are excited for the unique opportunity this provides for more of you to come experience the LWML sisterhood.

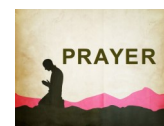
We will be hosting a convention "Watch Party" in the sanctuary and social hall on Saturday, Sept. 19. Watch the September Trinity Trumpet for more details and times. There is no registration fee to attend the virtual convention and best of all you can pick and choose which session or sessions you'd like to attend here at church and come and go as your schedule allows. For more information contact LWML President Barb Batie.

- ◆ August 9"
- ◆ Over The Darkness, God Hover"  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer  
A 5-year-old boy once observed, "God has the whole world in His hands-but sometimes He drops it." Hear how Dr. Dale Meyer responded to that young philosopher in a classic message titled "Over the Darkness, God Hovers". It's "Archives August".

- ◆ August 16
- ◆ "A Wrong Comparison"  
Guest Speaker: Dr. Wallace Schulz  
It's "Archives August".

- ◆ August 23
- ◆ "Fear And Faith"  
Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour:  
Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus  
It's "Archives August".

- ◆ August 30
- ◆ "It's Not Over 'till Jesus Says It's Over"  
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz  
It's "Archives August".



**Prayers for Health & Healing,**

**Barb Horn, Jackie Rowan, John Jordening, Elaine Cantrell, Dottie Phillippi, Sharon Jeffrey, Doris Brown, Larry Hauptmeier, Penny Post, Dale Swartz, Karol O'nele, Kim Rice, Keiley Stoterau, Murl Tiede, Meghan Stapleton, Jon Buhlmann, Eileen Woltemath, Lori Anderson, Karen Sappingfield, Charlotte Renner, Christie Bevington, Logan Pelster, Cathy Petersen, Marilyn Bock, Eileen Holbrook, Alan Kruetzer, Glenda Huff, Bob Seacrest, Berlene Kinslow, Geraldine Gutierrez, Eleanor Schwank, Pat Meyer, Lois Lee, Ann Blackmore, Verne Riege, Lynn Friesen, Tim Davis, Joanie Hoos, Skip Kinslow.**

- ◆ Thrivent Magazine between pages 8 & 9 there is a tear out card for you to send in FOR A FREE 2021 calendar. You could also call 1 800 847 4836 and ask for Fraternal



- ◆ VBS— Thank you to Leah Cavanaugh and Josie Bauer and our many helpers for a successful Vacation Bible School. While we intentionally kept the numbers down for safety reasons, it was great to offer the children of our congregation a little bit of normal!



**THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

**Lucas Horn, Randy Kwiatkowski, Jason Murray, Dylan Samway, Jennifer Coryell, Perry Pierce, Andy Howard, Chris Licking, John C. Moore, Ben Wichelt, Devin Hueftle, Nic Van Cura, Tyler Schukar.**



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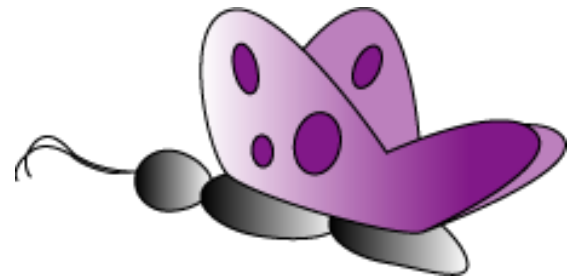
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- ♦ Our Anniversary and Birthday list is generated by information in the computer. If there is a mistake or we missed something, please let us know in the office. Thank you!

Please note that there are two calendars in this issue of the Trumpet, depending on what Phase of reopening applies to us during August. We are currently in stage three, but may move at some point to stage four. Check your bulletins for more timely updates.