



## Life Week 2023 Day 4 Speaker Info

**Blessed with Healing** – We live in a world where people are victims of terrible things that happen. We are victims to others (abuse), victims to circumstances (loss), and victims to our own thoughts (powerlessness). The world and Satan tempt us to stay trapped as victims by developing a victim mindset, which separates us from God and all His gifts. A victim mindset enslaves us to constantly fear that we cannot stop more terrible things from happening to us, believe we are powerless to have a better life, mistrust everyone as a potential enemy, and doubt God’s presence, goodness, and love. This mindset affects our relationships such that we become self-focused, self-serving, and isolated from others. As a result of this division, conflict, and chaos, we come to believe God has abandoned us as unlovable and unforgivable. Nothing could be further from the truth. God sent His Son Jesus, not only to walk among us in this fallen world, but also to become the Victim for victory over sin, death, and the devil. For all who believe in Him, He shares this victory that brings forgiveness, restoration, renewal, healing, and hope. During the Life Week presentation, **Blessed with Healing**, we will discuss more about how to recognize a victim mentality, how Christ frees us in His victory, and how to help others benefit from this freedom.

**“For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith” (1 John 5:4).**

Deaconess Chrissie Gillet joined Lutherans For Life to serve as the Word of Hope Director in April of 2017. As a military Veteran staff psychologist and certified deaconess, she has an acute understanding of both the secular worldview and a Christ-centered identity. Her vocations as pastor's wife and mother of seven further motivate her compassion for life. Chrissie oversees the Word of Hope ministry, which includes writing articles, public speaking along with her service dog Phoebe, and responding to hotline calls and emails. She listens without personal judgment while responding in Christian truth and love. Through Word of Hope, Chrissie connects those she serves with pastors, local services, and natural supports; her two favorite roles are networking with other life-affirming organizations and participating in the spiritual care of people who are broken-hearted by life issues.

