## Jesus Christ has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light. (2 Timothy 1:10)



In him was life, and the life was the light of all humankind.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:4-5)



Come out of the shadows and into the shine. Rejoice like Lutherans and embrace the sanctity of every human life! No one can doubt or deny that we dwell in darkness.

Sinfulness has broken humankind and left the world wrecked around us. Danger and despair, deception and dysfunction abound. Sanctity of life situations like surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis confront us with uncomfortable realities. Serious and genuine threats emerge: pain and labors, poverty and obligations, abandonment and abuse, disgrace and sacrifice. We get pressed against our limitations, failures, and needs. The voice of the devil, the spirit of this age, and the weakness of our flesh tempt and pester us to use death as the solution to the difficulties.

Yet the darkness reaches deepest right before the dawn. And shadows only show up where the light arrives. The hour has come to wake from slumber because the daylight is at hand (Romans 13:11-12). The incarnate and crucified Son of God, our humble and gentle Lord, our risen and forgiving Savior radiates the light of life in the unlikeliest of places.

The Almighty Father creates, redeems, and calls every human life special, precious, and priceless, no matter what age, appearance, or ability, from fertilization to forever.

He delivers blessings of truth and love, joy and hope, community and purpose, grace and faith even in humanity's shortcomings.

To live is Christ, and He alone is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In Him is life, and this life is the light of all humankind (John 1:3).

His power perfects wherever we lack (2 Corinthians 12:9).

We get to receive each neighbor as gift and privilege, just like He embraces us, speaking courage, showing compassion, and sharing every good.



The people walking in darkness have seen a great light (Isaiah 9:2). Jesus Christ has conquered death and brought life—both immediate and immortal—to light (2 Timothy 2:10). God bless our Gospel-motivated voice For Life, for it shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it!





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