TRINITY LONE OAK LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Devotion for Memorial Day

Why Me?

What is that to you? You follow Me! John 21:22

Survivor's guilt. That's what they call it when people survive a war or terrible accident that kills other people they care about. The survivors often feel guilty, ashamed, and confused. Why me and not them? Peter must have had an exceptionally hard time of it. Two apostles were arrested, James was murdered, and Peter was set free by an angel. Why did God do a miracle for one and not the other? We don't know. We may never know, until the Lord comes again in glory. But we do know this, that God is gracious and loving and does nothing without reason. The Lord who gave up His own life on the cross for us-the Jesus who rose victorious over death-is the same Jesus who holds us all in His keeping. He says, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand" (John 10:27-28). Now we can give our fear and confusion to Him and rest in the wisdom and love of our Savior. We do not know. But it is enough that He knows and that we can trust Him.

Dear Lord, help me to trust in You when I do not understand, and use me to love and care for those who suffer. Amen.

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