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Faith Message:

Then Sings My Soul

I feel like I've been singing my whole life. I remember singing with my mother at a very young age, joining the children's choir at church at a very early age, and then continuing to be a member of choirs throughout school and my adult life. Hymns were an important part of my singing life and so I was thrilled when a few years ago my nephew gave me the book *Then Sings My Soul – Devotions Inspired by Ten Beloved Hymns*.

One of those devotions is based on the hymn "To God Be the Glory". In the first verse of that song are these words – **To God be the glory, great things He has done; So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life gate that all may go in.**

Given the variety of crisis occurring in our world today as well as often in our own lives, there are plenty of things about which we worry. With so much before us, our prayer lists likely overflow, it is easy to become discouraged, and *maybe* it's even difficult to sing!

The author of this hymn devotion emphasizes that no matter how huge our problems seem, God is bigger! His blessings to us are innumerable – even in crisis. His mercies are new every morning. He showers us with good things and abundantly supplies our every need. No matter how difficult the journey becomes, let us never forget the work of Almighty God! Singing hymns such as this one are good reminders of our abundant blessings.

The refrain of "To God Be the Glory" includes these words – **Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things he has done.** God's blessings are always with us – *Let Your Soul Sing!*

In faith and friendship,
Shirley Anderson-Porisch
Board Member, First Lutheran Women

Upcoming Events:

August 3rd – First Lutheran Women Board of Directors Meeting – 5:15 p.m.

August 15th - Quilting – 1:00 p.m.

August 18th – Prayer Shawl Ministry – 7:00 p.m.

Mission Statement:

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

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