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I would imagine that each of us has a story to tell of things that happened in our workplace. This one is a whopper. My wife worked in Milwaukee. She came home with some stories of things that took place near where she worked.

A company had a problem with their computer not working. They called a technician to fix the problem. He couldn't find the problem, so they called another one, who couldn't find the problem with their computer either. After four technicians, someone at this business said that they knew of someone who fixes computers on his own time. So, they called him to see if he could come into their business. After he walked around the computer, he said "Let's plug it in to see if it works." Can you imagine that four professionals were there and not a one found the real problem. We enjoyed the laugh.

This incident reminded me of how many of us are plugged into the Lord. I know in my life I fight the temptations of the world knowing full well that there is no salvation to be found in this world of sin. Some realize this but ignore the consequences because they are having too much fun. Many in the world haven't heard the message of salvation and have no idea of the life hereafter.

The only way to stay plugged into the Lord is through Word and Sacrament. You once were called when you were baptized. At that time, the Holy Spirit began His work in you.

There is no sin that can't be forgiven, except the sin against the Holy Spirit...when you turn your back on the life in heaven being offered you. Jesus stands at the door of your heart beaconing for you to be part of His eternal family. Even that invitation is a gift. There is nothing we can do to be saved for this in of itself is a total gift from our Lord.

"Great is Thy faithfulness," O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Repeat second stanza

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Repeat second stanza

