

AFFIRMING LIFE

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT LCMS

Life Wins!

"Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright." Psalm 33:1

In light of the overturning of Roe to the States, may the heavens and earth resound with God's praises! May our littlest, most vulnerable souls have a better chance at life now that there is a seismic, political shift in legal thought about "Equal protection under the law." It is the dawn of a new era I never thought we'd see. And if you were like me, I had more than a few goosebumps about the ruling, and could hardly contain myself with joy. Joy for Life!

Yet there were, and still are, certainly outcries of a different sort. Cries of fear, anger and rage over the SCOTUS decision. Misinformation continues about what will constitute an illegal abortion of an unplanned, unwanted pregnancy versus critical, life-saving medical procedures for things like miscarriage, stillbirth, and ectopic pregnancies. The arguments over "clumps of cells" that are a few days versus 86 years old seemingly persist and have differing or no value in peoples' eyes. Further, those on the pro-choice/pro-abortion spectrum believe a "liberty" or "right" has been taken from them over and against the liberties and rights of the unborn. For them, they believe they've entered into a darkness for the idols they have created in abortion "rights."

"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!" Isaiah 5:20

For the Children of God, we were living in a shroud darkness under Roe for fifty years! Surely the wars will still rage, but now there is a better, nationwide chance to advocate for our littlest ones and show a world who is full of themselves that there is a better way! There are resources and organizations who, for decades, have been serving relentlessly to save lives by helping to remove the FEAR of what a pregnancy, parenting or adoption could do for women and families' futures. True choices have been laid out! True support, love and compassion have been, and will continue to be, delivered! Truth can't not be proclaimed.

To those who will not listen to true biblical love and spiritual reason, they already have their heaven on earth. Abortions will still be legal in many states, to varying degrees of what is deemed "viable." Lord, have mercy on those states and to the people whose children they want dead or think there are no other options. Lord, show them the better way.

"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." 1 John 2:1

For those who have been, or who are just now waking up to life and joy from conception to death despite trial and temptation, welcome. Despite death's dark portal, Jesus wants us to live forever. Therefore, in Christ, we are able to advocate for the vulnerable and marginalized in very tangible ways because we believe despite all the weaknesses both in ourselves and in others, there is indomitable strength in a forever-love bought and paid for by Christ. Christ, who is God, became weak and seemingly valueless on the cross. He was crucified, died, and rose ...for us. He put death to death! He now imputes Himself through the Word and Sacraments, for FREE, which makes us forever-years-old in Him. So that when we take our last breath on this side of heaven, He promises to awaken us on the Last Day to eternal life. Thanks be to God! Until then, He enables us to serve Him through serving each other through this valley.

This monthly newsletter, serves to support the Rocky Mountain District in the ministry of defending those who cannot defend themselves and proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to those struggling with life-related issues.

Comments and suggestions are always welcomed and appreciated.

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So what are those tangible, Pro-Life ways to serve our neighbors? There are so many!

1. Firstly, get ye and your entire family to a church who proclaims Christ crucified and teaches the Scriptures in their truth and purity, and who administers the Sacraments rightly. Our Lord is a God of means. He does not leave us with mere spiritual notions, but is bodily present every day in our baptisms, and every Lord's Day in the Eucharist. Since God is really there, we should be, too! This is inherently pro-life, and the most important thing to receive and share together with our littlest neighbors, our children.
2. Find local [Pregnancy Resource Centers](#) to donate, volunteer and pray for. Invite representatives of PRCs to your church to speak to your congregations, learn what they need, and build relationships.
3. Share local or [national organizations](#) designed to help single, expectant mothers with education, work, therapy, bills, and child care.
4. Consider donating or volunteering at [Maternity Houses](#) or hosting an expectant mother.
5. Consider adoption or donating to those who desire to adopt and struggle with the financial burdens of its process. Lobby for better laws and means for stable, loving families to adopt.
6. Make people aware of the Safe Haven Laws and any [Safe Haven baby boxes](#) in the area.
7. Join [area Marches for Life](#) with your local churches to continue to be emblems of the Gospel.
8. Pray with and for those struggling with Life decisions. Show them that there is hope, support and joy in bringing forth children into the world. Show them that people are ready to help take away the fear of the many practical matters of their futures. Pray for the women and men (and extended family members) who've chosen abortion. Pray for their healing and reconciliation in Christ. Show them hospitality and compassion.

Just as Christ forgave from the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," so too, may we recognize that no matter the sins, we need this life-giving absolution, too. Jesus repents, or turns us, from our sins through convicting us of the law we've failed to uphold. May all be convicted that God did not create death, so neither should we ever delight in it. We rejoice that we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous one, who is the author, creator and sustainer of life and faith in Him. Thanks be to God for the overturning of Roe! We have much work to do, but our Lord has given us His strength to do it well.

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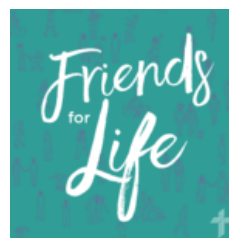
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