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ASCENSION DAY; 2024, 9 MAY, CHRIST RISEN, KANATA

Rev. Paul R. Williams

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

You would at first think that there can be no higher place to plead the sacred cause of life today than on the mounds of Parliament Hill, no place with more decisive and supreme authority and influence, where resides the powers of those who rule over us, who fashion our laws, and make the decisions of life and death over us. And to think that this is the reason we must march today before them, for it is only by shouting before this throne that a difference can ever be made for unborn children, to do yet again all we can to rouse them out of their cruel indifference towards these defenseless ones, that here we must place our hopes, on that high altar of Parliament Hill.

But no, nothing could be further from the truth, and on this day of our Lord's Ascension we are here given a far higher view of things, and as we look up to heaven with those disciples as our Lord was taken from their sight, we see things from a wondrously new and heavenly perspective. It is actually here and now, at this moment, in a modest Ottawa suburb called Kanata, off a little out of the way avenue called Leacock, that we today have gathered at the highest summit of all, far above Parliament Hill, far above all rule and authority, and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age, but in the age to come.

For we are here seated in the heavenly places; yes, still in this world, as we can well see, but with eyes of faith, we see hidden and unseen things—wondrous things--the Body whose Head is over all things, sitting at the right hand of the Father, Who has everything under His feet, the fulness of Him Who fills all in all. And it is not a Head gruesomely disconnected and ripped apart from its body like the frightful and terrifying pictures of babies torn apart by abortion, upon which we and the world must fix its gaze to take in all its true horrors, but the Lord, as Head is fully and firmly connected to His Body, alive and life-giving for that Body, the church! And that means in Christ, we the Body of Christ, have been raised to the heavenly places with Him. Like a person who is under water and drowning, but who manages to get his head above water and breathe again, the hands and feet which are under water are saved also, and may not say to the head, all well and good for you, head, but we are still under water drowning. The Head Who has been drowned with our sin in the watery grave has ascended out of the watery deep, has risen and ascended—that we who are still submerged in this veil of tears, see in

those tears the waters of baptism, where we have been united to Him, and are raised with Him, and are reigning with Him, our brother, breathing the air of heaven.

For the One Who has ascended to the Highest throne, first descended to the lowest dungeons of death and hell with us and for us. Down, down, descending deep into the depths of the enemy occupied territory that this world has become, down, down, descending deep into the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary to become man, there from the moment of His conception, as with all men, a full and true human being, fearfully and wonderfully made, taking His place among those for whom we march, all those dear vulnerable unborn, God there incarnate with them more than any of us ever can be. But in Mary's womb, is something even more surpassingly fearful and wonderful, here you find a man Who is God incarnate making His home with us. You want to find God Who is with you, and for you, look for Him in this humble, lowly place, and nowhere else.

But the wonder does end there. Down, down He descends even further. Like those forsaken unborn children who find their home in the womb of a mother who will not love them and receive them, He came to His own, and His own receives Him not, but rejected Him, enduring shouts of derision, like those on the sidelines of Parliament Hill, shouting at you, "My Body, my choice," but with His Body, the Lord chose not to take life, but to give Life even to them and all people, by giving up His own Life, that all who receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become the children of God, born not by the will of man, but born of God. He makes His home in a place of death, on the cross, where the King of Glory dies, one with those who have life cruelly stripped from them, who die defenseless, alone and forgotten, by mothers who will not nurture them, but not forgotten by the embrace of Holy Mother Church, and His Bridegroom, the Son of the Everlasting Father, the Incarnate One, Who longs to gather His children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. That lonely path from heaven, down to this earth, into Mary's womb, and to the cross and up to heaven again—here is found the true March of Life, which only He can walk, but carries you along with Him on the path of life in Him.

There lifted high upon on the Highest Mount of all, on the mount of Golgatha. is the true Eternal King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Behold your King! But not of a Kingdom of this world, but of a far more glorious kingdom. God has instituted the kingdoms and rulers of this world to restrain outward sin and promote our temporal welfare, they are God's servant for our good. That is why we honour, obey and pray for them. They are gifts from God to carry out God's wrath on the evil doer, especially to protect the most innocent, but for that reason, they are unfaithful servants, in high treason in league with the evil one, when they will not protect the frail and defenseless unborn human being or the vulnerable elderly in MAID, and the church is to call them to account and to repentance for their negligence to their duties before God. That is in part what we will do as we will march down from this high place here before His throne, down to Parliament Hill.

But Jesus is a King of a kingdom of so much more, far surpassing earthly agendas, for His Kingdom is not of this world. He does not just restrain evil. He delivers a death blow to evil once and for all. He not only carries out wrath on the evil doer, He the Sinless One takes all the wrath upon Himself, in our place. He never fails, never disappoints with empty election promises which are never followed through, but with the sure and certain promises which elect us to eternal life. We are not numberless forgot subjects of an oppressive and intrusive ruler, but corulers and coheirs, reigning with Him. He lives not just to preserve life from conception to natural death, but even past death, to resurrected life eternal.

For He is the true King of Kings, Who rules over all things, the Governor-General above all Governor-Generals, Who governs us and lifts us up forever with His love, and is the General Who has done battle against Satan and won the victory over Him, crushing Him under foot, so that as we the church militant, continue here in the trenches, the grueling business of fighting the good fight of faith, the arrows of evil flying all about us—you may find some of those arrows coming your way in your march today, or in any place and vocation where God has put you, sometimes even being struck down as we suffer for His sake, we nevertheless even here in the trenches, sing the song of victory, the feast of victory for our God, for the victorious One has ascended into heaven and is on His throne. Jesus is the Prime Minister above all Prime Ministers, One Who truly ministers to

us, and has come not to be served but to serve, to give the Life that cannot be found in this fallen world enslaved to death and hell. He does not pander to interest groups or agendas of this world, or seek approval of a culture of death, never is indifferent to us, but speaks truth and gives Life, even giving His own life for the world. And when He ascends to heaven, He takes His seat on the right hand of God because His mission on earth is accomplished; It is finished.

And there, He intercedes for us. Even for the lowliest, even for the forgotten, even for the unborn, even for sinners, yes, even interceding for those shrieking on the sidelines advocating for abortion, and those who carry the guilt of have extinguished the life of their children, He seeks to intercede for those who have sinned and have been sinned against, for us all, to bring to all repentance, faith, and true abiding life. Christ's Ascension means that *He is interceding* for you, for your behalf. Here on this throne is not some distant remote ruler who is always too busy to notice you, regards you as too insignificant to pay you any attention, who puts you on hold, and never gets back to you. No, He ascended to this throne to be there *for you*, He is there always thinking of you, He is there so that you can entrust Him with everything you need, and behold, He has already given you all things, and has all things in His hands for your good.

And this is why we march today, that we the Body with the Head, intercede for all whom we see there on Parliament Hill, for all sinners, for all those sinned against, that they above all, may see Jesus. We ache for the plight they suffer. We grieve for the crimes of injustice done to them, and those who have done them. On their behalf of these silent ones who cannot speak for themselves, and for sinners who speak only about themselves, we zealously raise our voice to intercede for them.

But if it was only to the powers on Parliament Hill to whom we raise our voices, those solemnly appointed by God with the duty to protect life, but who will not do so, we might become wearied and discouraged that it seems always to fall on deaf ears, nothing will ever come of it, that there is no hope. But what gives us surpassing hope, what puts a spring in every step of our march today, is that we raise our voices on their behalf to an ever-higher throne, to the throne of the One ascended to the right hand of God, Who hears our cries and knows all our sorrows, and has put all things under His feet. We entrust all the sinners and the sinned against, all those threatened with and deceived by danger, death, and the forces of Satan, to the Ascended One Who defeated them and won the victory over them, and there is no more hopeful safer place of solace and rest for them and for us to be than in the loving embrace of the hands lifted up high to bless His disciples and His church as He ascended, hands pierced through for us, hands which the disciples never saw come down as He ascended, for never ending will be this blessing, never ceasing His intercession, without end His mercy, eternal His kingdom. And this is why as the disciples await His second coming, they run to the temple to worship Him with great joy, and we also go to the our Temple, Jesus -- the Head enthroned giving Life to the Body at Leacock Ave, McKay St, Roosevelt Ave., or Witt Rd—they are all the same place--the eternal home where the royal priesthood finds her rest with the Ascended Lamb Who was slain and Who has begun His reign, and where the Feast of Victory has already begun and will never end.

He has raised our human nature
On the clouds to God's right hand
There we sit in heavenly places
There with Him in glory stand
Jesus reigns, adorned by angels
Man with God is on the throne
By our Mighty Lord's ascension
We by faith behold our own.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

VIDEO EXPOSES THE DISTURBING CREATION OF THE FETAL CELL LINES USED BY THE MEDICAL INDUSTRY

([LifeSiteNews](#)) — A new pro-life video follows the short lives of the babies aborted and experimented on to create the fetal cell lines used today in the medical industry.

[Video exposes the disturbing creation of the fetal cell lines used by the medical industry - LifeSite](#)

On July 2, pro-life organization CHOICE42 [released](#) their latest animated short video titled “It’s OK,” which details the origins of five different fetal cell lines and how they were created from the victims of abortion.

“That’s me,” the video opens, with an animated picture of an aborted baby. “I’m Ellie. Don’t feel bad. It’s okay. It was a long time ago, 1962.”

“I just thought maybe you don’t know about me,” Ellie continued. “My parents didn’t want me, anyway. The doctor worked with scientists, and they took my organs out as soon as I was aborted.”

“It had to be done right away because the organs need to be fresh,” she continued.

The video is the third in a series of pro-life animated shorts which reveal the ugly truth behind the abortion industry. The previous two episodes described [surgical abortions](#) and [IVF](#). The new video was premiered on The Steve Deace Show on The Blaze Network.

“I first became aware that fetuses were killed and harvested for fetal cell lines during COVID,” Laura Klassen, director and founder of CHOICE42 explained.

“When I began to research and explain my findings to others, they were always telling me, ‘Well, it’s ok because...’ and went on to list their justifications,” she continued. “Some said, ‘There was only one baby used in the 60s’. Others, ‘There aren’t any more babies being aborted for this today.’ Still others, ‘The doctors just used the dead tissue post-abortion.’”

“All false and none of it is ok,” she declared. “We need to stop justifying what happened to these 5 babies (and many others) and take a closer look at what is going on in the medical research world. It’s not ok that it happened in the 60s, and it’s not ok that it’s happening now.”

The video follows the short lives of Ellie, David, Johanna, Jordan, and Bo; five babies whose organs were harvested to produce fetal cell lines.

The cell lines have since been used in various medical experiments, especially in the production of vaccines. Cell lines from both Johanna and Jordan were used in the creation of the mRNA-based COVID vaccines.

Doctors and abortion advocates argue that the babies’ organs were harvested once and using cell lines from aborted babies does not lead to more babies being experimented on.

However, the video revealed that hundreds of babies are experimented on before a cell line is obtained, with 32 babies being experimented on in Ellie's case and a total of 293 experiments being carried out to obtain Johanna's cell line.

The most recent cell line comes from Bo, a baby killed in 2015 to replace the depleting cell line supply. Horrifically, the aborted babies' cell lines are still for sale today.

Even more disturbing is the fact that the babies were experimented on while they were alive and were not given pain medications as it would "ruin the cells."

Dr. Ian Donald, the pioneer of the ultrasound scanner, who witnessed the experiments carried out on Ellie, revealed, "Experiments were being performed on near-term alive aborted babies who were not even afforded the mercy of anesthetic as they writhed and cried in agony, and when their usefulness had expired, they were executed and discarded as garbage."



MARCH FOR LIFE – PARLIAMENT HILL, OTTAWA May 11, 2024

LFLC Pastoral Advisor, Rev. Paul Williams, pastor at St. Luke Lutheran, Grace Lutheran and Zion Lutheran church and Rev. Milton Lam, pastor of Christ Risen Lutheran Church, Kanata, ON. Pastor Williams shared the message, featured at the beginning of this newsletter during opening devotions at Christ Risen Lutheran in Kanata prior to the March.



RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH FOR LIFE- TORONTO, ON

Meanwhile two newbies from Lutherans for Life Canada, Glenn Kahle and John Krim, joined 4 friends from Stratford and District in the Right to Life March 2024 in Toronto, May 11th. It was marvelous in our eyes



to see the 500 marchers who gave a huge witness to the love of Christ and the sanctity of life in front of the Queen's Park Legislature Building surrounded by the University of Toronto and 5 hospitals.

The March was respected by all but 2 or 3 observers, throughout the entire 30 blocks of the core streets of Ontario's capital, in Toronto. The Right to Life organized 5 speakers on the front steps of the legislature, and the Toronto police escorted the march. A lunch was provided, and an afternoon of workshops were held nearby.

We highly recommend that this event be advertised annually, and our church leadership be encouraged to participate. Breakfast and worship before the march were provided by a duo of Catholic and Protestant congregations.

MARCH FOR LIFE, VICTORIA, B.C.

Another small group joined in the March For Life in Victoria, B.C. Ian Stewart, a LFLC Board Member, was joined by Rev. Adam Chandler as well as a few others. Ian picked up some lunch goodies for the group. Pastor Chandler gave Ian a copy of his sermon, which was included in the LFLC Substack.

LFL-C has a Facebook page. Just type in Lutherans for Life-Canada on your Fb search bar or Google it.
LFL-C WEBSITE: Please check it out at: www.lutheransforlife-canada.ca



LUTHERANS FOR LIFE CANADA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, November 16, 2024
At Christ Our Hope Lutheran Church
9874 Beachwood Rd., Collingwood, ON
In person & Online

(all times are Eastern Standard Time)

10:00 am Registration & Snacks (In person only)

Registration Fee \$10.00 to cover lunch for in person only

10:30 am Opening Worship (In person and Online)

11:30 am Guest Speaker: Maria McCann

12:30 pm Lunch (Provided for those attending in person)

1:30 pm Business Meeting

This will include the Elections of Directors and Discussion on the Future Focus of LFLC.

Pre-register by November 8, 2024, to attend in person or online by email at:

President@lutheransforlife-canada.ca or call Judy Obelnycki at (902) 876-1988.

Please include your name, number of people attending, contact information, and if attending in person or online, and if there are any food allergies. Payment for in person attendees can be received on the day of the meeting.

Pre-registering by November 8, 2024, allows us to plan meals for in-person attendees. As well, instructions on how to connect via the internet or telephone will only be sent to those who pre-register by November 8, 2023.

Nominations for 2024-2025 LFLC Directors may be sent to the President's email address. Please secure the consent of the nominee before you submit their name.



Word of Hope exists to bring healing found in Christ to those whose hearts have been broken by abortion.

At Word of Hope, we know God is a God of mercy and compassion.

We are ready to share that message with those who are suffering.

“As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.” *Psalm 103:13*

If you have questions about our programs, or would like to speak with someone, please contact us today by giving us a call or sending an email. 1-888-217-8679 info@word-of-hope.org.

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<https://lutheransforlife-canada.ca/contact/>

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Eight Objectives of the LFL-C are:

1. To provide an organization through which Lutheran Christians can unite to share dialogue and give common witness within the Church and society to their concern for the value and dignity of all human life;
2. To strengthen the existing common bond of concern by bringing Lutherans of like mind into contact with one another;
3. To gather and share pertinent information with its membership and develop strategies for witness and response;
4. To develop and distribute educational materials based upon the Word of God;
5. To identify resource people who can write and speak on behalf of the organization;
6. To monitor public and private action in order to enhance the right to life;
7. To respond to and co-operate with other groups in society who share similar concerns; and
8. To examine and correct popular but misleading stereotypes regarding pro-life advocacy.

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