

# Lutherans join in life march

March 6 was a beautiful day to be outside — perfect spring weather for the 2021 March on the Arch in St. Louis. This peaceful pro-life march is held annually to call attention to the practice of abortion.

Like everything else the previous 12 months, the march had changes to protect people from coronavirus. The circular 1.5-mile march was held in waves, beginning and ending on the doorstep of Planned Parenthood on Forest Park Boulevard. Masked marchers from all walks of life arrived in 15-minute intervals in order to reduce the number of people gathered together. About 1,000 people participated, including about 200 members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations.

The LCMS was a co-sponsor again this year. Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, LCMS president, gave the final remarks of the rally. Lutherans in neon-green hats departed singing hymns and praying. Our reception on the street was mostly supportive, with drivers honking and giving marchers a thumbs-up or wave.

We marched because we are pro-life. We marched because abortion, while legal, is a sin. We marched because prayer and awareness of the atrocity of abortion are powerful tools to put a stop to the rampant murder of God's pre-born children. We marched because we serve our neighbor by advocating for life.



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