

**Grow ... Go ... Gather**  
**October 3, 2021**

**Championship Sunday**



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# The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## The Order of Service (DS 5)

(Please turn off your wifi)

### Preservice Music, Call to Worship and Welcome

### The Opening Hymn: LSB 465, "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -  
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set  
 Δ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer  
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



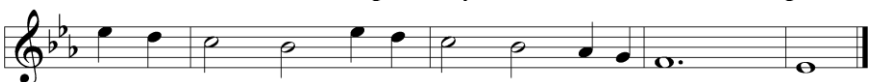
He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us  
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 life And by His pres - ence stills all  
 day That by our lives we tru - ly  
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠  
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## Exhortation

*LSB 213*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 213*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## Absolution

*LSB 213*

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive

you all your sins in the name of the Father  
and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**A Hymn of Praise:** LSB 821, "Alleluia! Sing to  
Jesus" (verse 1)

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the  
scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the  
tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der  
like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

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**The Salutation and Prayer of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **The Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 149**

- L** Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!
- C** **Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**
- L** Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!
- C** **For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.**
- L** Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.
- C** **Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,**
- L** To execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,
- C** **To bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,**
- L** to execute on them the judgment written!
- C** **This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the Lord!**

## **The Epistle Lesson: *Hebrews 2:1-18***

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care

for him You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." And again, "I will put my trust in him. "And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me. "Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Choir Anthem: "Shout with Joy!"**

### **The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 16:9–20***

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

After these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## The Confession of our Christian Faith (The Lord's Prayer)

**P** What is the Sixth Petition?

**C** **And lead us not into temptation.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.**

**P** What is the Seventh Petition?

**C** **But deliver us from evil.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.**

**P** What is the Conclusion to the Lord's Prayer?

**C** **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."**



**The Hymn of the Day:** LSB 454, "Sing, my Tongue, the Glorious Battle"

1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing  
 2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed  
 3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from  
 4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the  
 Δ 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; To the Fa - ther

of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,  
 time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,  
 Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,  
 no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,  
 and the Son, To the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or

Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the  
 Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of  
 Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He  
 None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the  
 Now and ev - er - more be done; Praise and glo - ry

world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.  
 true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.  
 hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.  
 world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!  
 in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

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**KIDZ TIME** (Children PK-2nd grade are invited to participate in KIDZ Time during Pastor's sermon.)

**The Sermon:**, "We are the Champions!"

*1 Corinthians 3:6* "...God gave the growth."



# The Offering and Presentation of our Pledges to the Lord's Ministry and Mission at St. James

(During the offering, we will sing, LSB 781, "We Give Thee But Thine Own")



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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## The Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

## The Lord's Prayer

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive  
those who trespass against us; and lead us  
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and  
the glory forever and ever. Amen.



## A Hymn: LSB 784, "Take My Life and Let It Be"



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,  
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them  
 of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and  
 for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with  
 I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry



flow in cease-less praise, Let them flow in cease-less praise.  
 beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
 mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
 pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
 It shall be no longer mine;  
 Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
 It shall be Thy royal throne,  
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
 At Thy feet its treasure store;  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for Thee,  
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

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## Announcements and Blessing for Online Worshippers

### ✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

#### Preface *LSB 216*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times....O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

**The Words of Institution**    *LSB 217*

**Pax Domini**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

**The Agnus Dei**    *LSB 198*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## The Distribution:

### During the Distribution you are invited to sing:

LSB 633, "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing!"

LSB 566, "By Grace I'm Saved"

### At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go  
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
 Savior, by whose death we live,  
 Spirit, guide through all our days:  
 Three in One, Your name we praise.  
 Alleluia!

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**By Grace I'm Saved**



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and  
 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct  
 3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to  
 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?  
 have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,  
 bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it  
 true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip-ture ev - er false-hood taught? No! Then this word must  
 Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our  
 That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and  
 What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.  
 sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.  
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.  
 God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
 In tribulation's furnace tried,  
 By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,  
 The Father's heart is open wide.  
 Where could I help and strength secure  
 If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
 In Jesus' promise I rejoice;  
 For though I know my heart's condition,  
 I also know my Savior's voice.  
 My heart is glad, all grief has flown  
 Since I am saved by grace alone.

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## The Post-Communion Prayer

### The Benedicamus and Benediction *LSB 218*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and  
be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  
✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

### The Closing Hymn: "Lift High the Name of Jesus"

#### Verse 1

Lift high the name of Jesus  
Of Jesus our King  
Make known the power of His grace  
The beauty of His peace  
Remember how His mercy reached  
And we cried out to Him  
He lifted us to solid ground  
To freedom from our sin

#### Chorus

Oh sing my soul  
And tell all He's done  
'Til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory

#### Verse 2

Lift high the name of Jesus  
Of Jesus our Lord  
His pow'r in us is greater than  
Is greater than this world  
To share the reason for our hope  
To serve with love and grace  
That all who see Him shine through us  
Might bring the Father praise **(Chorus)**

### Verse 3

Lift high the name of Jesus  
Of Jesus our Light  
No other name on earth can save  
Can raise us a soul to life  
He opens up our eyes to see  
The harvest He has grown  
We labor in His fields of grace  
As He leads sinners home **(Chorus)**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Events of the Week: October 3 - 10

- TODAY:**    **KIDZ TIME** during the sermon, PK – 2nd  
                  **11:00 a.m.** Coffee Hour  
                  **11:00 a.m.** Bible study in-person & FB  
                  **4:00 p.m.** LWML Banner workshop  
                  **6:00 p.m.** LWML Meeting
- Monday:**   **6:30 p.m.** Monday Evening Worship  
                  Service w/ Holy Communion  
                  **7:30 p.m.** Council Meeting
- Wed:**        **Noon:** Devotional Boost w/ Pastor on  
                  Facebook  
                  **10:00 a.m.** Bible Study w/ Darrell at  
                  Church
- Thursday:** **6:00 p.m.** Bells  
                  **7:15 p.m.** Adult Choir
- Friday:**    Pastor's Day off
- Saturday:** **8:00 a.m.** Men's Bible Breakfast
- Sunday:**   **8:00 a.m.** Gizmo Devotions on FB  
                  **9:30 a.m.** WORSHIP (LWML Sunday) at  
                  St. James and on FBL.  
                  **11:00 a.m.** Bible Study in-person & FB  
                  **11:00 a.m.** Sunday School, PK-4<sup>th</sup>.



## Those who serve Today:

**Deacons:** Bryan Ensing and John Weiss

**Ushers:** Ben & Ashley Johnson, Jim & Nancy Spears

**Lector:** Rick Schantz

## Those who serve October 10:

**Deacon:** Jerry Talen

**Ushers:** Grace R., Rie W., Marjie W., Cindy M.

**Lector:** Cherie Hood and Carol Bifulco



**October Altar Guild:** Sherry and Jennifer Schmidt



## Today is Championship Sunday!

Our theme for this week is "*Working Wholeheartedly for the Lord.*" Approximately 20 years ago, the U.S. Army's slogan was "*Be all you can be.*" There

is Biblical truth in this slogan. God calls us to nurture all the gifts and abilities He gives to us to our fullest potential by regularly reading, studying and putting into practice God's Word. In so doing, God is honored. We know that God has given us His very Best, in His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and we show our gratitude for His love and what He has done for us by doing our best to serve other people and to tell of them the Good News of Jesus. During the service today, we will be given the opportunity to respond to God's love by making a financial pledge to the Lord's work of mission and ministry at St. James. There will also be a time of celebration following the service so please, plan to stay!

## **FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP:** September 26, 2021

General Fund	\$6,395.00
Roof	5.00
CEF Security Grant	2,500.00
Plate Collections	300.00
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Total:	\$9,200.00
On-line giving	75.00
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Total:	\$9,275.00

**Life Quote for Sunday, October 3:** “[L]ife ministry is about walking together, bearing one another’s burdens, and celebrating the lives God has given us. Life ministry is assisting the mother who is struggling in the pew with her ‘busy’ preschooler. Life ministry is encouraging the father whose unbelieving wife just left him. Life ministry is visiting the sick and elderly, preparing meals for the grieving, celebrating with the newlyweds. Christ’s Church continues to bring the message of new life into each and every heart. And that is a beautiful thing!” *Deaconess Rachel Geraci, former Mission and Ministry Director for Lutherans For Life*

**Dorcas** will be meeting on **October 14, at 1:00pm** in the **Gathering Room**. Your attendance is encouraged as we plan the upcoming Dorcas events. Questions, call Jennie Schmidt at 502-3376.

The Lutheran’s for Life Diaper Drive **ends next SUNDAY**. The donation table is in the main entryway.



Once again there is interest in reaching out to our church neighbors through **Trunks of Treats!** So if YOU are also interested, start looking for candy sales, AND plan on how you would like to participate on **Saturday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-4pm**. Look for a sign-up sheet the beginning of October, both at church and on the church website! Please direct any inquiries and suggestions to Cindy, #363-4087.



## **Sunday School programs begin TODAY!**

Families with children **PK-2nd grade** will have the opportunity to send their children to KIDZ TIME during the sermon on Communion Sundays. Our children will be learning some songs and participating in a small Bible lesson.

Families with children **PK-4th grade** will have the opportunity to send their children on Non-Communion Sundays to Sunday school immediately following the service. Sunday school time will include music, Bible story, activities, and a light snack. This will last about 45 minutes.

We are very excited to bring our children's Sunday school back. If you are interested in helping with:

- ❖ Teaching,
- ❖ Craft preparations,
- ❖ Snack donations,
- ❖ Musical talents;

or have any questions about this program, please **contact Kim Urbanski at 616-901-4229 or [urbanskifamily1@gmail.com](mailto:urbanskifamily1@gmail.com).**

As many still have covid concerns with children that are still unable to be vaccinated, all individuals volunteering and attending this program will be asked to wear masks, following the same guidelines as ISJ Academy and other local schools.

**FRIENDS IN FAITH** will meet Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> after the worship service.

**HARVEST DINNER and BAKE SALE at Messiah Lutheran on October 10<sup>th</sup>, noon to 1:30 p.m.**

Please **RSVP** to Barb Brinkman, 866-0093, if you plan to attend the annual Harvest Dinner. The dinner is Dine-In or Take-Out.



**Reservations** must be made in advance.

**The menu:** roast pork & gravy, baked red potatoes, green beans, butternut squash, homemade applesauce, fresh cranberry sauce, mac-n-cheese, rolls, homemade desserts, and beverages.

**The cost:** Adults - \$8, Children 6-12 - \$4, children under 5 - FREE!

**Bake Sale:** regular and mini-sized pies, breads, candy and kettle corn.

**Take a Stand for Life.**

There will be a **Life Chain TODAY** from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Life Chain will be on 44<sup>th</sup> Street between Breton Road and Ivanrest Ave. Life Chain affords the opportunity to peacefully assemble along 44<sup>th</sup> street for 1-1/2 hours to pray and silently witness against the sin of abortion. Shortly before 2:00 p.m. on Life Chain Sunday, signs to hold may be picked up at Crestwood School on 44<sup>th</sup> Street just east of Breton Road, at the southeast corner of 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Buchanan Ave., from Mel Cooke at Brummel's parking lot near the northwest corner of 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Clyde Park Ave, and at the northeast corner of 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Spartan Industrial Drive.