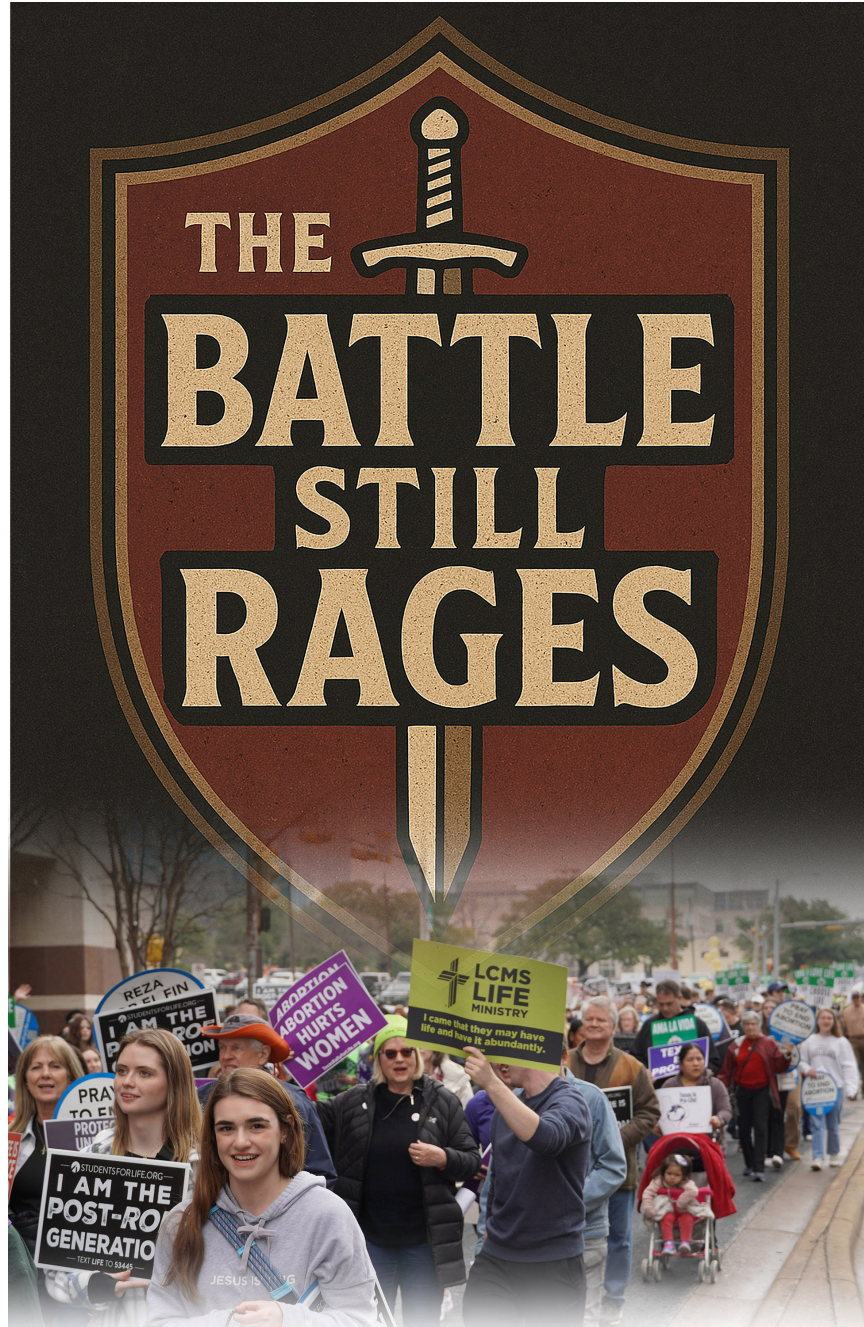


SPOTLIGHT ON LIFE:



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Lutherans For Life

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Our Savior Lutheran Church & School

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THE BATTLE STILL RAGES

Take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one. Ephesians 6:16

Agenda:

- 8:30 - 9:00 am -- Registration & continental breakfast
- 9:00 - 9:15 am -- Welcome, opening prayer & hymn
- 9:15 -10:05 am -- Rev. Robert Paul
- 10:15 -11:05 am -- Rev. Michael Salemink
- 11:15 -12:05 pm -- Mrs. Carol Tobias
- 12:05 -12:15 pm -- Eva Nitsch & Caroline Klein (Pro-Life Aggies)
- 12:15 - 1:00 pm -- Lunch
- 1:00 - 1:50 pm -- Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske
- 2:00 - 2:50 pm -- Rev. Dr. Laurence White
- 3:00 - 3:55 pm -- Q&A
- 4:00 pm & later -- Optional: OSL sanctuary tour

Videos will be posted from our website: HoustonLFL.org



Special thanks to our HLFL Crew:

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| Jeff Armstrong & Cantate —music | Diana Foraker —chef |
| Bruce & Cindy Blake —event coordinators | James Kriegel —continental breakfast |
| Stephanie Cholak —registration | Jackie Lowery —babysitting, registration |
| Amanda Crabtree —signage, babysitting, hymnal sales | Barbara Mushinski —design & advertising |
| Paul Crabtree —church tours | Dean Mushinski —set-up |
| Elyssa DeDios —photography | Vickie Nitsch —decorations |
| Patrick Downie —carts | Adam White —videography |
| Shaun Downie —carts | |

REV. ROBERT PAUL • Preparing for the Battle: Ecclesia Vigilans

The Church has a role in equipping families to be wise and shrewd in the defense of their neighbors. Culture and society continue to undermine the value of life in the womb and out of the womb. There is a need for the church to be ever watchful as she awaits the consummation of the age. Fathers, mothers, teachers and pastors have a responsibility as the “watching church” to be well-educated on the scriptural and ecclesial perspective on life. This session will be directed towards equipping and forming Christians to be watchful as the battle rages.

Rev. Robert Paul (Associate Pastor and Headmaster Memorial Lutheran) is a native of Sayville, New York, a town on the south shore of Long Island. After attending Sayville Public Schools, he went to Concordia College Bronxville (now Concordia College, New York) and earned a Bachelor of Arts in biblical languages, history and theology. While at Bronxville he studied at Westfield House in Cambridge, England. After graduating from Bronxville, he pursued his Master of Divinity at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN (CTS). He was previously called as Associate Pastor and Headmaster, and later sole Pastor and Headmaster at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Roswell, NM. Pastor Paul is currently working towards his Ph.D. at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Pastor loves cooking, languages, reading, music of all kinds, and fine Lutheran beverages. Pastor and his wife Amy have two sons and three daughters. They also have a lovable and energetic English Springer Spaniel.



REV. MICHAEL SALEMINK • The Least of These: Examining Embryo Experimentation



Exploring biotechnologies like in vitro fertilization, mitochondrial replacement therapy (three-parent embryos), germline genetic editing, stem cell research, human cloning, artificial wombs, vaccine production, in vitro gametogenesis, etc.

Rev. Michael Salemink was called to join the faculty of Concordia Theological Seminary in 2025 as Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions. He received a BA in theology and theological languages from Concordia University Chicago (1999) and a MDiv from CTSFW (2003). He is currently completing a PhD at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, with a dissertation about the Lutheran theology of imagination affecting belief and behavior change with respect to the sanctity of life. Prior to CTSFW, Rev. Salemink served as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Webster, Minnesota (2003–2005), associate pastor of St. James Lutheran Church and School, Lafayette, Indiana (2005–2015), and executive director of Lutherans For Life (2015–2025). Rev. Salemink and his wife, Heather, were married in 2000 and have been blessed with three wonderful sons (Christian, Nathan, and Luke), one delightful daughter-in-law (Maggie), and a magnificent grandson (Oliver). A native of Iowa, he is an avid runner and enjoys sports and music.

MRS. CAROL TOBIAS, NRLC PRESIDENT • Christians Are Citizens of Two Kingdoms

The kingdom of God and the kingdom of the world. While we strive daily to be good citizens of the kingdom of God, we must also focus sufficiently and correctly on how we can guide the direction of this earthly kingdom. We are blessed to live in an amazing country. We have a voice in how we are governed and who governs us. Being “heavenly-minded”, do we risk ignoring our responsibility as citizens of this secular kingdom? Let's look at how we can use our voices to influence those who make decisions and who determine the laws under which we live.

A native of North Dakota, Carol Tobias has served on the National Right to Life Committee board of directors since 1987. From 1983 to 1991, she was executive director of North Dakota Right to Life, and in 1991 was hired as National Right to Life's political director, a position she held until 2005. During her tenure as political director, pro-life majorities were elected to both the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. In 2000 and 2004, she oversaw the efforts of National Right to Life's political action committee on behalf of George W. Bush. In 2014, she testified before the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary in opposition to the so-called “Women's Health Protection Act.” Tobias has been seen on most major national news networks and several internationally. She is regularly quoted by various news outlets around the nation and across the world.





REV. DR. ARIC FENSKE • You Are the Light of the World

Why the Church Cannot Remain Silent on Life Issues. Most studies reveal that many of the women who've had abortions claim to have a connection to the Christian Church. Members of our own congregations disagree on the ethics of Abortion and Assisted Suicide. We cannot simply assume that our brothers and sisters will automatically hold a high view of life just because they attend Church regularly. The Church, as the light of the world, must boldly proclaim the Gospel of life that all might see the light of Christ.

The Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske is a 2011 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Since that time, he has served as the pastor of two dual parishes in the North Wisconsin District – LCMS, where he has been active in several different pro-life organizations. Dr. Fenske earned his Doctor of Ministry in 2019, again from Concordia Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Marie, have four daughters—Madison, Alexis, Hailee, and Marta—along with two grandsons, James and Rustyn. Dr. Fenske assumed his duties as Executive Director of Lutherans For Life on May 1, 2025.

REV. DR. LAURENCE WHITE • The Sanctity of Life

The recognition of the sanctity of every human life, from the instant of conception forward, is an essential component of the Christian Faith. It is further a necessary conclusion of the genuine identity of the true God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. The social implications of the rejection of the inherent sanctity of every human life are profound throughout a culture. Christians who indulge in such perversion or are permissive of a right to abortion for others have severely underestimated the negative implications here involved both for faith and human society.

Dr. Laurence White has served as Senior Pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church since June of 1981. Pastor White is a regular speaker for national pro-life, pro-family organizations across America. In that connection, he has had the opportunity to address millions of Americans through national radio and television broadcasts and has spoken to nearly 20,000 pastors across the nation. Pastor White also served on the National Advisory Board of the Family Research Council. In 1997, Pastor White was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree by Liberty University of Lynchburg, VA, in recognition of his efforts on behalf of the pro-life movement. At Our Savior, Pastor White preaches regularly and leads various Bible studies throughout the year on Sundays and mid-week.



CAROLINE KLEIN & EVA NITSCH • Pro-Life Aggies

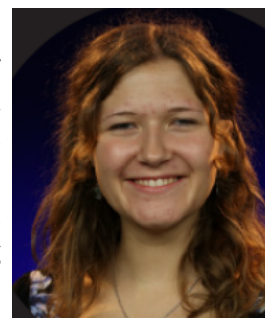


is dedicated to promoting respect for and the preservation of all innocent life from fertilization to natural death. As a secular, non-partisan organization, we work to build a culture of life at Texas A&M University through supportive services for pregnant and parenting students, activism, volunteer work, and education.

Caroline is a student at Texas A&M University, where she has completed her undergraduate studies in economics and is currently pursuing a master's degree in nonprofit management. She has been involved with Pro-Life Aggies for 5 years as Vice President, Fundraising Director, and Treasurer. She is passionate about God's design for families and children and hopes to work in the nonprofit sector on these issues after graduating in May. Caroline grew up at Trinity Lutheran in Klein, TX and is now active at University Lutheran Chapel and Bethel Lutheran

in Bryan/College Station. When she's not talking theology and culture with Eva over coffee (or Guinness), Caroline enjoys reading, baking, hiking, and Aggie baseball.

Eva is a business management consulting major at Texas A&M University. She has been a member of Pro-Life Aggies for three years, serving as both President and Fundraising Director, and is a fellow in Texas Right to Life's Dr. Joseph Graham Fellowship. After graduating in May, Eva plans to work at a local pregnancy help center in Bryan. Eva grew up at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas. She's now involved at University Lutheran Chapel and Bethel Lutheran Church in Bryan—College Station, where she met Caroline. In her free time, Eva enjoys hiking, baking sourdough bread, and reading. This May, she will marry her high school sweetheart, Austin.



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Handwriting practice lines consisting of 20 horizontal red lines.

When Christ, the Lord of Life, Was Born

Text: Laurence White; Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams - "Kingsfold"; Te Deum #383 © 2016 OSL



1. When___ Christ, the Lord of Life, was born, The___
 2. That___ an - cient war - fare ra - ges still, Twixt___
 3. In___ days ob - sessed with greed and lust, Un - born
 4. All___ A - dam's race is trapped be - neath This___
 5. We must be the voice of voice - less babes. We must



world re - plied with death; The___ help - less Babe of
 life and death to - day. To___ sin - ful, sel - fish,
 child - ren in___ the womb Are___ help - less prey of
 yolk of death and sin; On - ly Christ who died and
 heed their si - lent cries. We must be the strength of



Beth - le - hem Had___ hard - ly drawn a breath, Be - fore the sol - diers
 fear - ful man, Death___ seems the on - ly way. The strong strike out a -
 sin - ful choice, Who can - not pre - vent their doom. They have no strength, they
 rose to life Re - stores our life a - gain. We serve Life's Lord and
 those too weak, As each day more child - ren die. We dare not fal - ter



drew their swords, By___ or - der___ of their king. The___
 gainst the weak For___ plea - sure, pow'r or pride, Oth - ers'
 have no voice, As the i - cy___ hands of death In -
 are set free From death's dark, fa - tal reign. We a -
 in this fight, Tho'___ strife is___ fierce and long. Let___



in - fants' cries drown out the song That an - gels came to sing.
 lives no more than ob - sta - cles, To be killed and swept a - side.
 vade the re - fuge where they live To___ snatch a - way their breath.
 lone can fight a - gainst this Foe, We a - lone can break death's chain.
 us con - fess the___ Lord of Life, And raise His tri - umph song.



A Pall of Death Lies O'er Our Land

Text: Laurence White; Tune: ed. Joseph Klug - "Erhalt Uns Herr"; Te Deum #29 © 2016 OSL



1. A pall of death lies o'er our land, Great Lord of Life stretch
2. In Da - vid's ci - ty blood was shed To ease King Her - od's
3. God knows each un - born child by name. He loves them one and
4. We wor - ship choice and scorn the Lord. We seek our will and
5. As salt and light then let us stand To stop the kill - ing



forth Thy hand. A - rouse Thy peo - ple with Thy
des - p'rate dread Now in our ci - ties chil - dren
all the same. He sees their dreams; He hears their
spurn His Word. His day of Judge - ment now draws
in this land. Have mer - cy on our na - tion



pow'r, Be Thou our strength in this dark hour.
die, Their blood cries out to God on high.
cry. It breaks God's heart to watch them die.
near That dread - ful day which sin - ners fear.
Lord, Re - store and heal us by Thy Word.



Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated Voices For Life

Lutherans For Life believes that the Church is compelled by God's Word to speak and act on behalf of those who are vulnerable and defenseless. The crisis of our times is the repudiation of biblical truth manifested in the wanton destruction of innocent human life through legalized abortion-on-demand and the growing threat to the lives of others through legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia. Therefore, as Lutherans For Life, we will strive to give a Gospel-motivated witness to the Church and society on these and other related issues, such as chastity, post-abortion healing, and family living. We will call God's people to compassionate action and foster life-affirming alternatives for those facing difficult situations.

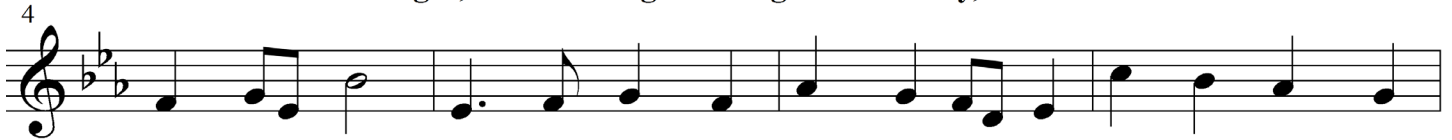
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Salt and Light, a Gleaming City

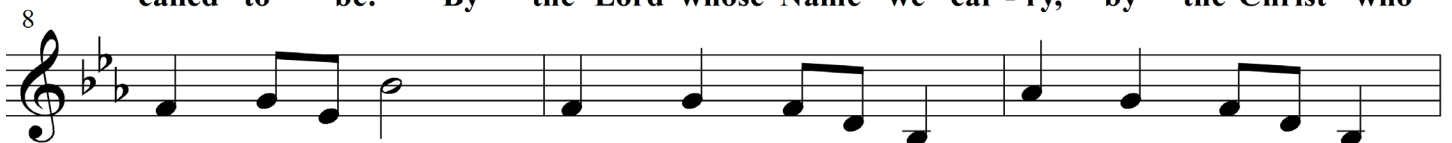
Text: Laurence White; Tune: Franz Joseph Haydn - "Austria"; Te Deum #285 © 2016 OSL



1. Salt and light, a gleam-ing ci - ty, that's what we are
2. While the bat - tle rag - es round us, stead - fast we are
3. Earth - ly lead - ers fail and fal - ter, blind - ed by the
4. Sting - ing salt that stops the rot - ting and de - cay of
5. Shin - ing light that drives out dark - ness, and dis - pels the
6. Now be - hold the gleam-ing ci - ty, set up - on the
7. Salt and light, a gleam-ing ci - ty, that's what we are



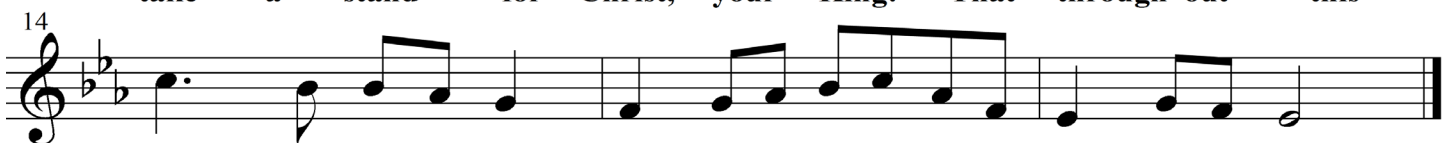
called to be! By the Lord whose Name we car - ry, by the Christ who
called to stand! In de - fense of truth and jus - tice, faith - ful to our
Prince of Lies, Truth is twist - ed and dis - tort - ed, in a world where
dead - ly sin; Men and na - tions, rich and migh - ty dy - ing from the
dead - ly gloom Bring-ing hope a - mid sin's sor - row, prom - ise o - ver -
moun - tain bright! As a bea - con to all na - tions gaz - ing up - ward
called to be! By the Lord whose Name we car - ry, by the Christ who



sets us free. Placed here now to make a diff' - rence,
Lord's com - mand. E - vil for - ces all a - round us,
hon - or dies. God a - lone is true and faith - ful,
filth with - in. Let God's peo - ple now be fear - less
com - ing doom; Gos - pel light, for - ev - er beam - ing
tow'rd its light. In the vast and migh - ty dark - ness
sets us free. Now re - solve to make a diff' - rence,



count - ing this world's gain but loss. Called by God to
march - ing forth in con - qu'ring might, Let God's cham - pions
trust His Word and take your stand Build up - on that
show - ing forth the way of life If the salt has
in the sto - ry of God's love Shows the way to
send - ing out the mes - sage strong. God will not for -
take a stand for Christ, your King! That through-out this



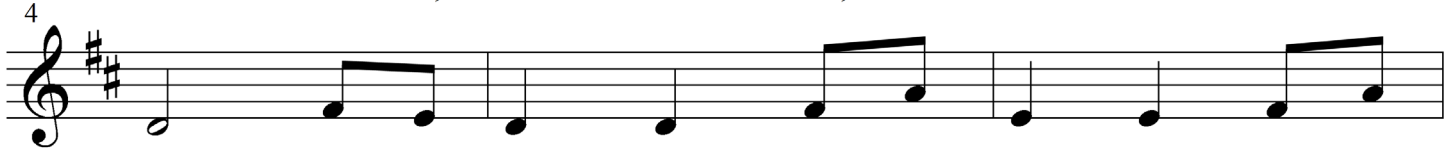
raise His ban - ner, lift - ing high His blood red cross.
now stand stal - wart; He is with us in this fight.
firm foun - da - tion, speak His Truth and save our land.
lost its sa - vor, death shall tri - umph in this strife.
Christ, our Sav - ior, and the heav'n - ly home a - bove.
sake His peo - ple; per - sev - ere a - gainst the wrong.
trou - bled na - tion, once a - gain His praise may ring.

Lord of Life, You Love the Children

Text: Laurence White; Tune: "Nettleton"; Te Deum #222 © 2016 OSL



1. Lord of Life, You love the child - ren, Each one pre - cious in Your
2. Sav - ior, You have lived a - mong us, Dwelt with - in your moth - er's
3. Death is all that sin can of - fer, Hid - den in a shroud of
4. John, un - born with - in his moth - er, Leaped for joy be - fore the
5. Lord of Life, You love the child - ren, Once You were Your - self a



sight; Those the world des - pised, re - ject - ed, God's be -
womb; From the Ho - ly Ghost's con - cep - tion, Christ the
lies; "Seek your plea - sure! Make your choic - es!" No one
Lord; For he knew death's reign had end - ed When he
child; Small, de - fense - less and un - no - ticed, In Your



lov - ed, His de - light; As from dust You fash - ioned
God - Man there did bloom: Through the months of won - drous
hears the ba - by's cries. Si - lent screams so long un -
heard blest Mar - y's word, Christ a - live with - in His
moth - er, meek and mild. Tho we can - not see or



A - dam, With a Fath - er's ten - der care, Still You
wait - ing, Til the bles - sed Babe was born, Life a -
heed - ed, Rise be - fore God's throne a - bove; To the
moth - er Come to break death's fa - tal hold Come to
hear them, May we love the child - ren too: So that



shape each child's con - cep - tion, Each life's won - der You dec - lare.
mid a world of dy - ing, Hope for hope - less men for - lorn.
Fath - er Who had formed them Each a price - less gift of love.
keep God's an - cient prom - ise Of the Wom - an's Seed fore - told.
in our love for child - ren, All may see our love for You.



Lutherans For Life is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization established in 1979 to uphold the value of life affirmed through the resurrected Christ. We educate congregations on life issues with a Gospel perspective, equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

Lutherans For Life receives financial support from individuals, families, organizations, and Lutheran congregations to carry out our mission. The annual budget of LFL is supported each year through the impactful offerings of our incredible ministry partners and the fees paid for our conferences and special events.

Please support Lutherans For Life today and partner with us in proclaiming that all human life is created and gifted by God, redeemed by Jesus Christ, and called through the work of the Holy Spirit.

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"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:3-6).

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We meet regularly on the 3rd Sunday of the month, in the church Youth Room @ 12:00 PM. Join us!

WHAT:

40 Days for Life
National Gala
featuring Glenn Beck

WHEN:

Saturday, April 25,
5:30 p.m. cocktails,
7:00 p.m. dinner

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Marquis
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