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*"Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him...
Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." (1 John 3:15, 18)*

Cougar Family:

We are in distressing times. During these times, we are reminded of our opportunities and challenges as Christians living in a sinful world. Rightfully, COVID-19 has taken a back seat to injustices. These injustices are not new and are a solemn reminder we as Christians have work to do. As an organization of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, Lutheran High School aligns with the words of both LCMS President Harrison (<https://blogs.lcms.org/2020/statement-on-the-death-of-george-floyd-and-the-ensuing-riots/>) and Missouri District President Hagan (<https://mo.lcms.org/who-is-my-neighbor/>).

God's Word rejects racism. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). All are equally created by God. All are equally accountable to God. The sins of all are equally atoned for by Christ. All are equally precious to God. Racial animosity is the result of sin and is sin in itself. Racism is not acceptable in the church. Jesus Himself bids us to love our neighbors as ourselves and do so precisely while rejecting racial preference (cf. Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37). - President Harrison

In spite of all of the advances that we have made in our modern world through science and technology, it is shameful that racism and hatred are still so prevalent in communities across our land. Such attitudes are contrary to God's Word and our Lord's call to love our neighbor as ourselves. We read in Proverbs, "Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy." (Proverbs 31:8-9) Lutheran Christians have a long history of speaking out for life in all its forms, from the baby inside a mother's womb to the sick and dying. We are also called to speak out for all who have been victims of racial oppression in our communities. - President Hagan

We don't have all the answers but together we can take the hardest step, the first one, to do better. If you are struggling please reach out. Reach out to a parent, your pastor, a teacher. or a coach. Join LHS in continuing to lift up prayers for justice and peace while trying to boldly overcome hatred with love - today and tomorrow. Together, let's work on next steps to live the life Christ invites us to lead, to *"Love your neighbor as yourself"* (Matthew 22:39).

In His Service,

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