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3. Bills regulating abortion providers
4. Bills requiring care for infants born alive
5. Bills with counseling requirements
6. Bills prohibiting abortion coverage in Medicaid
7. Bills banning abortion due to a prenatal disability diagnosis or screening
8. Bills banning sex-selective abortion
9. Bills banning abortion after 12 weeks gestation
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Fear Not – Affirming the Sanctity of Human Life

by Pastor Michael Salemink

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1. **Trinity.** God is love. God is relationship. His eternal love supplies the source of every life. He created humankind in this image, for Himself, for relationship, to be loved and to love.
2. **Creation.** The Lord called all things into being, from the greatest to the least, with His mighty mere Word. But He formed the human bodies with His own fingers and His very breath. He lovingly, intimately, and meticulously knits us together in our mothers’ wombs.
3. **Incarnation.** The Word became flesh and God made Himself man as an embryo. Jesus took the lowliest form of a servant to leave no human life out.
4. **Atonement.** Christ crucified, incapacitated on a cross, offered Himself unto death in the place of our whole race. He suffered punishment in everyone’s place, reconciled the world to Almighty God, and redeemed even the most helpless, hopeless, dark, and desperate ones.
5. **Resurrection.** God raised up not only His spirit but also His body. Jesus defeats the enemy death for us, gives victory over it and liberty from it that our bodies, however broken, may enjoy everlasting life.
6. **Ascension.** Our Savior exalted human flesh and our nature to a heavenly inheritance. Our present predicaments will pass. Whatever our size, skills, or circumstances, we will rise and reign with Him.
7. **Grace.** God’s love, His gifts and labors, work worth and purpose in each human being. No one else’s age, appearance, or ability—not even our own—can impair it or improve upon it.
8. **Sacraments.** Humble, simple things such as water and wafer and wine serve for our Lord to connect Himself to us. He means to dwell Himself in every human body as His temple.
9. **Scripture.** The Word of the Lord prevails and endures forever. Speaking truth in love changes hearts and saves lives, regardless of political issues, public opinion, or personal choice.
10. **Communion of Saints.** We behold one another, every neighbor, as God’s own precious treasures and as gifts and privileges to each other. Therefore, we do not fear!

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