**SERMON SHEET 1/21/24**

**Sanctity of Life Sunday 2024**

**“The Slaughter of the Innocents Continues”**

**Text: Matthew 2:16-18**

I. Introduction

II. The slaughter of the innocents

1. In the first century – an executive decision
2. In 1973 – a judicial decision
3. Today – a legislative decision

III. The battle is far from over

IV. The battle is worth fighting

V. Conclusion – a final word from Psalm 106

1. Abortion involves a “sacrifice.”
2. Abortion kills “sons and daughters.”

**QUOTES**

1. Adam Carrington:

* *A majority of justices imposed an abortion regime on the American people and maintained it with a rigid hand*.
* *So far, these pro-abortion victories do not reveal a blue/red divide between states. Instead, they display a broad base of support, stretching from progressive California and Vermont to swing state Michigan to right-leaning Ohio, Kentucky, and Kansas… We have replaced an aristocracy of Herods for a democracy of them.*
* *Final victory is far from won. Let us have the courage to confront the wolves of abortion advocacy, even as we love and pray for them*.

2. An “abortion abolitionist”:

*We’re not going to celebrate or praise a court that says to the states: “You have the right to go murder your children if your people decide that*.”

3. Lillian Hamman:

*Students for Life of America president Kristan Hawkins also visited college campuses with Students for Life Action to rally young voters. She said, from her perspective, more women among America’s most unchurched generation verbally acknowledge that unborn babies are human beings but still approve of killing them*.

4. Leah Savas:

*It struck me afterward that even a baby that active could still be legally killed under the 15-week abortion limit championed by some Republicans and pro-life organizations. But, for many pro-abortion groups, even those 15 weeks are not enough. Seeing my child showed me more clearly than ever how heartless our generation has become toward the weakest among us. Abortion at any stage—even at the earliest point in pregnancy, when the baby is the size of a vanilla bean seed and has no distinguishable human features—is the result of crooked and twisted hearts.*

5. Lila Rose:

*We will not have true justice until our nation acknowledges that under our Constitution, every American, born or preborn, has an inherent right to life protected by our Constitution’s 14th amendment*.

6. John Piper:

*The cowardice of some pastors when it comes to preaching against abortion appalls me. Many treat the dismemberment of unborn humans as an untouchable issue on par with partisan politics. Some have bought into the incredible notion that they can be personally pro-life but publicly pro-choice or noncommittal.*

7. Mary Elizabeth Williams:

*My conviction [is] that the fetus is indeed a life – a life worth sacrificing.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE**

* **Matt. 2:1-18; Rom. 12:1; Ps. 12:8; Ps. 106**