

# Christian Citizenship

## UPDATE FOR JUNE, 2022:

On Friday, June 24, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed its decision in the 1973 *Roe vs. Wade* case. In its new ruling, the court did not outlaw abortion nationwide, but it did hold that the *Roe* decision was wrong to assert a legal protection for abortion nationwide under the U.S. constitution. The effect of this ruling is to return lawmaking concerning abortion to the individual states.

We give thanks to God that lives of untold numbers of unborn babies will be saved in states that will now legislate against abortion. We also face the grim fact that Illinois has been positioning itself to become an “abortion destination,” particularly in the Midwest. Clearly, there is much to be done to defend the weak and defenseless here in our state.

We repent of our own carelessness over these matters, and we ask for the help as well as the forgiveness of our good and gracious God as we move into the future. Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

For a statement by LCMS President Pastor Matthew Harrison concerning the Supreme Court decision, visit [https://reporter.lcms.org/2022/lcms-president-rev-dr-matthew-c-harrison-addresses-scotus-decision/?utm\\_campaign=sprout&utm\\_medium=story&utm\\_source=fb,li,tw](https://reporter.lcms.org/2022/lcms-president-rev-dr-matthew-c-harrison-addresses-scotus-decision/?utm_campaign=sprout&utm_medium=story&utm_source=fb,li,tw)

For a statement from LCMS Life Ministry upon the Supreme Court’s announcement of its decision, visit <https://reporter.lcms.org/2022/statement-from-lcms-life-ministry-on-the-dobbs-v-jackson-ruling/>

For a look at a joint letter from the presidents of the Missouri, Wisconsin, and Evangelical Lutheran (“Little Norwegian”) Synods to the U.S. Attorney General concerning threats and possible violence to pro-life organizations, visit <https://reporter.lcms.org/2022/joint-letter-from-lcms-president-harrison-and-presidents-of-wels-and-els-to-us-attorney-general/>