

## **Perturbed But Not Paralyzed**

***“Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching....” (2 Timothy 4:2-3, ESV)***

The Apostle Paul’s prediction to Pastor Timothy finds its fulfillment in our world today, and his advice is useful for the church to remember and follow. Many members have expressed justifiable angst over the legislation last month that gives sodomy the legal status of marriage. This legal endorsement of perversion certainly is a disgusting affront to God’s created order and His institution of marriage. Therefore, Christians ought to be concerned – even rankled. Yet the faithful need not be overcome and frozen by fear or dismay. For your church, as St. Paul exhorts us, plans on remaining faithful to God’s Word amid the temptations and threats of false teaching. And we have the assurance of the risen Lord Himself that He will not abandon His church. I’ve included a link below to a well written letter by Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) President Matthew Harrison which addresses the subject of this recent legislation. This letter was posted on the LCMS website on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Some of you may have already read it, but others may not have had the opportunity to read it. I believe that President Harrison’s words are beneficial – especially right now.

Thank you to everyone for the beautiful Christmas cards and gifts. Shay and I are very grateful and overwhelmed by your love and generosity. I pray that the Lord richly blesses St. John’s and St. Paul’s in the coming new year ~ Pastor.

Click here <https://reporter.lcms.org/2022/respect-for-marriage-act-misnamed-law-threatens-religious-liberty/> for President Harrison’s letter.

### **Daily Psalm Reading Schedule for January**

**WEEK ONE: Sunday, January 01: PSALM 9; Monday, January 02: PSALM 10; Tuesday, January 03: PSALM 11; Wednesday, January 04: PSALM 12; Thursday, January 05: PSALM 13; Friday, January 06: PSALM 72; Saturday, January 07: PSALM 15**

**WEEK TWO: Sunday, January 08: PSALM 16; Monday, January 09: PSALM 17; Tuesday, January 10: PSALM 18:1-29; Wednesday, January 11: PSALM 18:30-50; Thursday, January 12: PSALM 19; Friday, January 13: PSALM 20; Saturday, January 14: PSALM 21**

**WEEK THREE: Sunday, January 15: PSALM 22; Monday, January 16: PSALM 23; Tuesday, January 17: PSALM 24; Wednesday, January 18: PSALM 25; Thursday, January 19: PSALM 26; Friday, January 20: PSALM 27; Saturday, January 21: PSALM 28**

**WEEK FOUR: Sunday, January 22: PSALM 29; Monday, January, 23: PSALM 30; Tuesday, January 24: PSALM 31; Wednesday, January 25: PSALM 32; Thursday, January 26: PSALM 33; Friday, January 27: PSALM 34; Saturday, January 28: PSALM 35:1-18**

**WEEK FIVE:** **Sunday, January 29:** PSALM 35:19-28; **Monday, January 30:** PSALM 36;  
**Tuesday, January 31:** PSALM 37:1-19; **Wednesday, February 01:** PSALM 37:20-40;  
**Thursday, February 02:** PSALM 38; **Friday, February 03:** PSALM 39; **Saturday, February**  
**04:** PSALM 40