



THE REPORTER

*For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest,
Holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.
(Hebrews 7:26)*

Jesus is our high priest. He is greater than any other high priest that has ever lived. He is “a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek” (Hebrews 7:17). The mysterious Melchizedek “is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever” (Hebrews 7:3).

The epistle of Hebrews makes Melchizedek a key figure to help understand Jesus. His name means “king of righteousness.” He was also the king of Salem, which means “peace.” Who else is the “king of righteousness” or the “king of peace”? It can only be Jesus. One of the great appearances of our Lord and Savior before His birth in Bethlehem.

Jesus stands as the true high priest because He is “holy, innocent, unstained.” He was born without the original sin that is inherited from Adam and Eve. He lived a perfect life. This is how He is “separated from sinners” even though He “was numbered with the transgressors” (Isaiah 53:12) in His death.

Jesus’ holiness and innocence separates Him from sinners, but it also links Him to sinners. Through your Baptism into His death and resurrection, you have been given His holiness and innocence before God. He is linked with you through Himself. What belongs to Him now belongs to you: everlasting life in Heaven.

Through His sacrifice, He is “exalted above the heavens.” He is seated at the Father’s right hand, as we confess in the Creeds. He gives us a seat there as well. He is the only high priest who could do it. Every other high priest needed to offer a sacrifice for his own sins **before** being able to minister for the people. Jesus has no sin. Therefore, His covenant is a better covenant than what was given to us through Moses.

He is our high priest forever. He sits at the Father’s right hand, where He will intercede for us until the Day when He returns in glory. On that Day, we will need no more intercessions from Him. He will glorify us so that we will be like Him (1 John 3:2). He will finally undo sin’s curse by making us like Adam and Eve were before the Fall into sin. We also will be “holy, innocent, unstained” because we will see the fullness of the blessings which He gives through His once-for-all sacrifice on the cross. This promise gives us the confidence to approach God because we have such a great high priest.

In Christ,

Rev. Doug Minton

Higher Things Youth Conference

This year we have 8 youth and 3 adults attending Higher Things youth conference at Valparaiso University July 26-29. The theme this year is FOR YOU. Six letters. That's all you need. "For you" makes the Gospel, well, the Gospel! All that Christ did is for you - has to be for you! He makes it yours. In His Spirit-filled Gifts, Christ delivers it right to you over and over and over again! Water and Word over your forehead. Gospel sermons and Absolution into your ears. God's Word into your ears and eyes. Jesus' Body and Blood into your mouth. No doubt about it: all Christ did, all Christ does - all FOR YOU! Six letters. FOR YOU. Calvary. Easter. Font. Bible. Gospel sermons. Absolution. Supper. FOR YOU. Jesus' salvation FOR YOU. Jesus' mercy, forgiveness, and love FOR YOU.

Radio Sponsorship

If you have a special day you would like recognized, you can sponsor a Sunday morning radio broadcast. The cost for us to broadcast our service each week is \$150. Radio sponsorship donation is \$75 or more. Give donation and date sponsoring to Renee anytime throughout the year.

Men's Bible Breakfast

We will meet on July 9 at 8am. Pastor will be the host. We are working our way through The Story. **We encourage ALL men (teenage to 99) of the congregation to join us!**

Quarterly Church Council and Voter's Assembly Meeting

Thursday, July 14 - Church Council meeting at 7:00pm

Sunday, July 17 - Quarterly Voter's Meeting following service.

Please put this on your calendar now so you can attend and be involved in the decisions of your church.

Missions Update

Our current Missions to Date giving is **\$11,932.02** (as of June 19). With 6 months left in 2022 to hit our goal of \$20,000 we need about **\$311** each Sunday.

Thrivent Financial

We have received **\$1168** from Thrivent Choice Dollars. If you have a Thrivent policy, you can direct your Choice Dollars to Our Savior. This is an easy way to support our church.

Amazon Smile

We have received **\$80.49** from Amazon so far in 2022. This is an easy way to support our church while you are shopping online. If you haven't already, you can easily sign up through the link on the front page of our website at www.oursaviormilford.com. If you have the app, you can add Amazon Smile on there as well, just search Our Savior Milford. Any questions, ask Pastor.

Remember Those Unable to be with Us on Sunday Morning

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Central Illinois District Convention

The 2022 CID Convention (postponed from 2021) will be July 17-19 in Springfield, IL. Pastor and Dean Lingley will be attending as representatives of OSLC. Please keep them in your prayers as they vote on a new District President and various resolutions for our District.

Prairieview Homes Update

Thank you to everyone who supported Prairieview's 33rd Golf Outing. Although rain was in the forecast, we were blessed with a nice day and the sprinkles started as most golfers were finishing the course! Also thank you to the many donors who generously provided door prizes! It was a time of fun and fellowship that provided extra funds for Prairieview Lutheran Homes' residents.

Prairieview Fall Festival is scheduled for September 9th and 10th. As always, we would appreciate donations of quilts, baked goods, fruits, vegetables, silent auction items, used jewelry, purses, scarves, and books! Many hours go into sorting and pricing these items so please bring the used items early!

Prairieview Lutheran Homes, Danforth, IL has open positions in Housekeeping, C.N.A.'s, Nursing, Dining Services, Resident Assistants (including activities), and a Maintenance Director. Apply online at www.prairieviewlutheran.com or search for Prairieview Lutheran Homes on www.Indeed.com.

Higher Things Opening and Closing Divine Service

Consider joining your youth, and youth from around the country, on either July 26 at 2:00p for the opening Divine Service or July 29 at 1:0p for the closing Divine service.

Podcast of the Month!

Podcast of the Month for July is **The Word of the Lord Endures Forever**. This 15-minute, daily Bible study is hosted by Rev. Will Weedon from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hamel, IL. He is currently in a study of the Book of Revelation, which began on May 23 if you would like to hear the entire series. Rev. Weedon goes verse-by-verse, studying the text with the Church, past and present, for a detailed study.

Moments of Meditation

During Moments this month, we begin studying the Flood as we look at why God brought the Flood (Genesis 6:1-9). Listen weekday mornings at 8am on WHPO.

Wrestling with Theology has some wonderful programming lined up. Here are this month's highlights.

Week of	Confessional Corner (Monday)	Digging Deeper (Thursday)
July 4	Scripture Forbids Lordship (Treatise 1-11)	God Has Redeemed Us from Trouble (Psalm 107)
July 11	History Doesn't Support the Pope (Treatise 12-31)	With God All Things Are Possible (Psalms 108-109)
July 18	The Pope as Antichrist (Treatise 32-59)	Unmoved at God's Right Hand (Psalms 110-112)
July 25	The True Jurisdiction of the Bishops (Treatise 60-82)	The Name of the LORD Is to Be Praised (Psalms 113-115)

Meet our New Seminarians!

As you know, we support current Seminary Students as part of our Missions Money. Since our previous students have finished their 4 years of study, we have two new students. Please take a moment to get to know them both.

Simon Niemtschk (St. Louis)

My name is Simon Niemtschk and I am the son of a Lutheran pastor, Bobby Niemtschk, who became an army chaplain in 2016. My mother is Lori Niemtschk, an artist. I also have a younger sister named Anna who has graduated from high school and enjoys making cartoons.

I am an avid reader and always seem to be lost in books. I prefer to read the journals of adventurers like American explorer John Lloyd Stephens.

After my father became a chaplain in 2016, we have moved to several military posts including Washington State, South Carolina, and South Korea.

In 2022, I graduated from Troy University with a Master's Degree in International Relations. I enjoyed my studies but felt compelled to do more than construct models and aggregate data. After much consideration I returned to my foundation in the faith which had been instilled in me by my father since childhood. As I thought on my future and prayed for guidance the answer emerged quite suddenly. I had discovered a new calling to attend the Seminary.

Supported by my family, I began applications to Concordia Seminary and was accepted that same year. I have since arrived at the Seminary to begin summer Greek classes. I enjoy my studies so far and feel confident in the great good that God may work in me. At the moment, I seek to complete the Master of Divinity and become a Lutheran pastor, but I hope one day to return for a Ph.D. and take a teaching position at one of the Concordias while also serving in a congregation.

Ian Habicht (Fort Wayne)

Dear members of Our Savior Lutheran Church,

Thank you for walking beside me on this journey through the seminary. May our gracious Lord bless us all as we draw near to Him through his Holy Scriptures.

My name is Ian James Habicht (Ha-bic-t), Summer Greek student at Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne, IN.

I was born in Mountain Home, ID on July 4th 1995. I was born again into God's family through Holy Baptism on February 18, 1996. Shortly after, my family had moved from Idaho to be near their family in the thumb of Michigan to Cass City where I primarily grew up. I was raised in faith at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cass City where my grandmother faithfully took me every Sunday until I left for college. On May 15th, 2011, I was confirmed into Christ's family.

In 2014, I graduated from Cass City High School and headed to Ferris State University in Michigan for a Bachelor's in Graphic Design. After a semester, I realized that was not the career for me and dropped out. For the next 5 years, I started working for my uncle who was a stone mason. During that time, I attended church weekly and became good friends with my pastor. He encouraged me to get involved in the church: where I became an usher, later an elder, joined the choir for a year, and assisted him in every way that I could or as he called me "his personal minion".

In the Fall of 2017, the Holy Spirit graciously convinced me to pursue the path of the ministry. That following Winter I started my studies at Saginaw Valley State University for a bachelor's in Social Work. I commuted from home to Saginaw so that I could get my degree and still stay involved within the church. This continued until I graduated this Spring (2022) and enrolled in CTSFW where I have begun my studies.

Please keep these two gentleman in your prayers as they begin their studies.



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Worship Service 9:00 am
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:30 am

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starting at 9:00 am**

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