



# THE REPORTER

*Every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God.  
This is the spirit of the antichrist,  
Which you have heard was coming  
And now is in the world already.  
(1 John 4:3)*

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

There have been many questions for almost 2000 years about the Antichrist and many other things that people link with the book of Revelation. Our Evangelical brothers and sisters want us to believe that the Antichrist is a singular individual coming in the future. However, “the spirit of the antichrist” has been around for much longer. In fact, it has been around from the beginning.

“The spirit of the antichrist” is anything or anyone who does not confess Jesus. Satan is the ultimate “spirit of the antichrist,” who sought to derail all of creation by causing Adam and Eve to fall into sin. His most infamous question, “Did God actually say?” (Genesis 3:1), echoes throughout all history with any question that seeks to create doubt about God’s goodness.

When John writes his epistles, he writes what is the simplest understanding of “the spirit of the antichrist” in all the Scriptures. “Every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God.” It’s really that simple. Anything and everything that doesn’t confess Jesus as “the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16), is from Satan.

Today, we have all kinds of different ways that Satan is using his “spirit of the antichrist” to undermine the Church. The only way to combat this spirit is with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit who comes to you in Word and Sacrament.

Even though we do not have Bible study and Sunday School during the summer, do not stop your study of the Scriptures. There are many ways to continue your study of the Scriptures: personal devotions, joining us for Men’s Bible Breakfast, listening to the services or sermons on OSLC’s web site, listening to my Wrestling with Theology podcast. You can find the current study of Revelation directly linked from OSLC’s web site, or you can also find my previous studies on Exodus and the Psalms.

When you were confirmed, you vowed to hear the Word of God faithfully and to live according to it “even to death.” “The spirit of the antichrist” seeks your death. God’s Word gives life. This has been ever since the beginning. It continues now. It will be here until Christ returns.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

In Christ,

Rev. Doug Minton

### Men's Bible Breakfast

We will meet Saturday, May 11 at 8am. We are continuing a six-month study of Psalms of Divine Wisdom. This month, we will look at Psalm 127. Dennis S is our host this month. Every man of the congregation is welcome to join in the discussion and fellowship. Please see Pastor to receive a copy of the study guide.

### Focus on the Family Inserts

Each month, the Focus on the Family insert is included in the newsletter. Thank you to Dennis and Sheila Selk for donating the inserts this month. (The inserts are late again this month. They will be in the narthex when they arrive.)

### Podcast of the Month

Our podcast for May is the **Lutheran Ladies' Lounge** podcast. This podcast is for the Lutheran Ladies in your life. Topics range from Confirmation Party Planning to hymn studies to book clubs to bible trivia challenges and everything in between. It is hosted by Sarah (from The Coffee Hour Podcast that has been talked about previously) Erin, and Rachel. The Lutheran Ladies' Lounge podcast is produced by KFUE radio.

### Wrestling with Theology Schedule

**Confessional Corner** – May 27 – Roman Catholic Counter-Reformation / Jesuits

### Digging Deeper

May 2 – Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15)

May 9 – Holy City Jerusalem (Revelation 21:1-8)

May 16 – The Wife of the Lamb (Revelation 21:9-14)

May 23 – Twelve Foundations (Revelation 21:15-21)

May 30 – No Temple (Revelation 21:22-27)

### Vacation Bible School

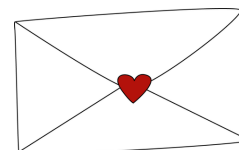
The Great Jungle Journey VBS will be held June 17 - 21 from 9am - 11am. Details about donations and volunteers needed will be coming soon. Mark your calendars to help!

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### *Remember Those Unable to be with Us on Sunday Morning*

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Dianne Estes	423 N Dixie Hwy	Hoopeston, IL 60942
Delmer Henrichs	1257 E 1200 North Rd	Onarga, IL 60955
Arlene Hines	503 S Chicago St	Milford, IL 60953
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Brenda St. Peter	817 S Hanson Dr	Watseka, IL 60970



# May 2024

Date	5/5/24	5/12/24	5/19/24	5/26/24
<b>Elder</b>	Con Campbell	Neil Rieches	Justin Schroeder	Bob Storm
<b>Organist</b>	Theta Lee	Theta Lee	Linda Kellerhals	Linda Kellerhals
<b>Radio Monitors</b>	Linda Buhrmester Deb Wright	Dean Lingley Dave Lucht	Chris Schroeder Marilyn Schroeder	Linda Buhrmester Deb Wright
<b>Sound Board</b>	Dean Lingley	Kendra Morts	Patty Bruens	Neil Rieches
<b>Greeters</b>	OSLC Youth Group	Rich and Charlene Riehes	Dennis and Sheila Selk	Patrick and Dawn Teig
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jackson Lavicka	Ellie Schwartz	Ruth Harms	Jackson Lavicka
<b>SS Snack</b>	Jr High/High School	Adult Bible Class	Pre-K - 5th	
<b>First Reading</b>	Acts 10:34-48	Acts 1:1-26	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Isaiah 6:1-8
<b>Psalms</b>	98	1	139:1-12	29
<b>Epistle</b>	1 John 5:1-8	1 John 5:9-15	Acts 2:1-21	Acts 2:14a, 22-36
<b>Gospel</b>	John 15:9-17	John 17:11b-18	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	John 3:1-17
<b>Festival</b>	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Pentecost	Trinity Sunday
<b>Altar Paraments</b>	White	White	Red	White

**Head Usher:** Patrick Teig

**Altar Guild:** Diane Goldenstein and Brenna Schroeder





## *Happy Birthday to You!*

Frank Hines	May 2
Cheryl Knake	May 2
Landon Smith	May 7
Sherry Garrelts	May 9
William Rapp	May 9
Chris Schroeder	May 12
Luke Smith	May 16
Pastor Minton	May 19
Alyssa Whaley	May 21
Linda Kellerhals	May 24
Baylee Bushong	May 27
Randy Lauterbach	May 30
Edith Petry	May 31



## *Happy Anniversary!*

Dennis and Sheila Selk  
May 1 (53 years)

Michael and Stacie Trumann  
May 17 (27 years)

Neil and Courtney Rieches  
May 28 (19 years)





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

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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Join Us Every Sunday Morning for Service  
starting at 9:00 am

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
209 West Jones Street, Milford  
or listen to the service live on the radio  
on WIQI 95.9 FM or WHPO 100.9 or  
listen to a live audio stream on our website

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