



THE REPORTER

*He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
(Revelation 22:20)*

As we continue through the season of Easter, we find ourselves studying the modern Christian's most favorite book of the Bible—Revelation. It is the most often requested book of the Bible to study in Bible class. It is the New Testament book that Lutherans seem to have the least amount of knowledge. Unfortunately, most of that knowledge comes from false teachers who seek to sensationalize what God has already made sensational in its imagery and the way it weaves the entire Scripture together.

As we embark on a six-week sermon series of Revelation this Easter season, we will not cover the entire text or every question about the book of Revelation. However, the texts chosen from Revelation give us what we need to understand the book.

Revelation 1:4-18 shows us the resurrected, ascended Jesus "who is and who was and who is to come," not secretly but for every eye to see Him.

Revelation 5:8-14 brings us into the Ascension of Jesus where He is shown as the only one who is worthy to open the scroll of the End Times and reveal what is to happen.

Revelation 7:9-17 brings us to the Last Day when the resurrection of all flesh has taken place after the Great Tribulation. We hear these words every year on All Saints' Day, but we get to dig deeper into the faith and salvation proclaimed through the Great Tribulation.

Revelation 21:1-7 takes us again to the Last Day where the prophecy we read from Isaiah on Easter being fulfilled. God has created a new Heaven and a new earth.

Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27 brings us into the new Jerusalem as the new Heaven is revealed. We see the great joy Christians have because their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20 once again shows us the Last Day as the re-creation of the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve were exiled from Eden to keep them from partaking of the Tree of Life. Heaven is depicted as having that same Tree of Life as the focal point. With this picture in mind, Jesus reminds us to be ready at any time for His return.

For more questions and a deeper study, go to my podcast website (<https://wrestlingwiththeology.org/dd/revelation.html>) where you can find my 18-month study of this wonderful book.

In Christ,

Rev. Doug Minton

Men's Bible Breakfast

We will continue our study of the *Intersection of Church and State* from Lutheran Hour Ministries on Saturday, May 10 at 8am. Pastor will be our host. What did the Founders have in mind in their understanding of Church and State? How does Luther's Two Kingdoms Theology help us see our place in both? These questions and more will be answered through this four-part video series. All men of the congregation are encouraged to join us.

Women's Bible Study

Our study of "Golden Fruit" will continue on May 8 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. This month we will study the Joy of Elizabeth. "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." Join us!

Reading through the Confessions

In May, our readings from the Confessions discuss Law and Gospel. What is the proper distinction between the two principal doctrines in the Scriptures? Who should hear which doctrine in their life?

The language can be difficult to get through because we don't think and speak in the same way about the Christian faith as in previous generations. I encourage you to keep up with the reading. If you have stopped, give it another try again this month.

Happy 10th Birthday Mahlah!

Join us on Sunday, May 4, 2025, as we celebrate Mahlah's birthday. There will be cupcakes and a time to visit with Mahlah and her handlers following our worship service in the fellowship hall. We will also hold a canned food drive with the donations going to our local food pantry. The box is located in the Narthex. Mahlah's birthday is May 2, 2015. Hope to see you there!!!

Wednesday Fellowship Meal

We will have our Wednesday Fellowship meal May 7 at 6pm. This month we will have a good, old fashioned Potluck! Bring your favorite hotdish (also known as casserole), side dish, or dessert. We will have a game to test your knowledge of the Books of the Bible. Hope to see you there!

Graduation Recognition

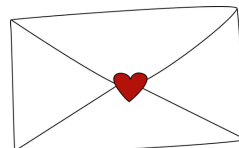
We will recognize our High School graduates on Sunday, May 11 following service. We have two graduating seniors - Jossalin Lavicka and Ryleigh Rieches.

Vacation Bible School

Wonder Junction VBS will be held June 16 - 20 from 9am - 11am. Details about donations and volunteers needed will be coming soon. Mark your calendars to help!

Remember Those Unable to be with Us on Sunday Morning

Dianne Estes	423 N Dixie Hwy
Delmer Henrichs	IMH Residents Home, 200 E. Fairman Ave
Sara Janssen	325 E Orange, Rm 303
Dorothy Knake	106 Fritz Dr
Joanne Sloan	2364 E 900 North Rd
Brenda St. Peter	817 S Hanson Dr



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Julie Towers

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Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday is May 4th, 2025

Each year our Central Illinois District designates the first Sunday in May to encourage financial gifts to assist CID students who are studying for full-time church work vocations. Gifts will be used to support our 17 CID students. This includes 7 seminarians and 10 undergraduates who are attending an LCMS seminary or university to become a pastor, teacher or other called church worker. Last year we were able to send \$144,925 to offset \$478,120 in unmet needs.

Please plan to make a generous gift on or before May 4th. Gifts may be designated "CID Scholarship Fund" to be used for the 2025-2026 school year or be designated "CID Scholarship Endowment Fund" and the income from your gift will be used to help CID students for years to come. Checks may be sent to:

Central Illinois District -LCMS,
1850 N. Grand Avenue West
Springfield, IL 62702-1626.

Also, don't forget to pray for, thank, and encourage those called church workers who are presently serving you, as well as those who are studying to serve the Lord and you in ministry. If you are considering or know someone who would be a good candidate to study for a called vocation in the church, please speak to your pastor about them and send their name and contact information to our District President, Rev. Michael Mohr.

If you are considering a major gift, or would like to include scholarships for CID seminarians or church worker students in your estate planning or through a life insurance policy or IRA, please contact CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander, at (217) 416-8842 or c-olander@msn.com for assistance.

Thank you for your support of the Central Illinois District and all our mission projects.



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

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MAY REPORTER

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

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