



THE REPORTER

*Therefore the Son of God truly suffered for us, however,
according to the property of the human nature
which He assumed into the unity of His divine person and made His own,
so that He might be able to suffer
and be our High Priest for our reconciliation with God,
as it is written
1 Cor. 2:8: They have crucified the Lord of glory.
And Acts 20:28: We are purchased with God's blood.
(Ep VIII 14)*

Freedom always comes at a price. "For freedom Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1). "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

Our Christian freedom came at the price of Christ's holy blood shed for us on the cross. He suffered for us because He is truly man. His suffering covers everyone because He is truly God. He must be both God and man or He cannot be a Savior and Redeemer. He must be both to reconcile us with the Father.

This month's readings from the Formula of Concord remind us of the great calamity of faith and hope that results when we do not understand the two natures of Christ properly. Without His humanity, He cannot suffer and die. Without His divinity, He cannot save the whole world.

Being truly God and truly man, Jesus is able to be our High Priest. He is able to be the crucified Lord of glory. He is able to purchase you with His holy and divine blood. Since you are His, you are free. "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).

Freedom is a wonderful blessing that the Son gives to us in His Means of Grace. Through these, He points you back to His life, death and resurrection for the forgiveness of your sins, for your salvation, and for life everlasting. The crucified and risen Lord of glory frees you through the Word and Sacraments that are received from His own hand.

This month, we begin our Christian Education time together again. Another year of opportunity to learn from God's Word the great blessings He has given us through His Son. Our Adult Bible Class will take up Luther's Large Catechism, as we seek to "remain a child and pupil of the catechism" like Luther himself (LC Preface 8).

Join us as we journey through this basic confessional doctrine of our congregation that we might together grow in our faith and further celebrate the freedom that has been purchased for us by Christ.

In Christ,

Rev. Doug Minton

Men's Bible Breakfast

We will begin a new study of *A Simple Way to Pray* on Saturday, August 12. Doug B will be our host. Luther wrote this little booklet for his barber. Hans simply wanted to know how to pray when he couldn't think of proper sounding words. Luther leads us through the Commandments, Creed and Lord's Prayer as tools to derive simple prayers that will help build a good prayer life.

Women's Bible Study

Our study of "Golden Fruit" will continue on Thursday, August 14 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. This month we will study the Kindness of Abigail. "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32 Join us!

Wednesday Fellowship Meal

We will have our Wednesday Fellowship meal Wednesday, August 6 at 6pm. It's time for a Pizza Party! We will have pizza, salad, and ice cream sundaes. We will take a free will offering to offset the cost of the pizzas and any extra will go to Dollars for Missions. If you haven't attended yet, now is the perfect time to visit with the other members of your church. Plan now to join us!

Reading through the Confessions

In August, our readings from the Confessions discuss the Person of Christ. Of course, this article is linked to last month's article on the Lord's Supper. If you get one wrong, you have messed up the other. How does one properly understand the two natures in Christ? How does the link between the Person of Christ and the Lord's Supper go so deeply? You will see as you read this month.

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.

College Student Sendoff

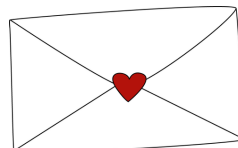
Join us Sunday, August 10 as we take a few moments to pray over our college students before they head back to class. After the service, those students in attendance will give a short update on their college journey. Continue to pray for these young adults.

Confirmation Parents Meeting

On Wednesday, Aug 13, confirmation students and parents will meet at 6:30pm to discuss the expectations of the coming year. We will also discuss the start date of Confirmation class.

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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Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

We will resume both Sunday School and Adult Bible Class on Sunday, August 17. We will begin a new curriculum for the Sunday School Children. The Adult Bible Class will be studying the Large Catechism. Plan now to join us as we resume Christian Education.

Dollars for Mission Giving Box

Dollars for Mission was started with the 2022 Central Illinois District Convention. As a congregation, we didn't really participate. At this year's CID Convention it was voted to continue. This program will focus on 3 areas: New church starts, Expansion of Mission, and Present CID Missions. Over the past 3 years this program has helped several of our present missions - Deaf, Prison, Hispanic, and Campus - with needs that have arisen.

We will have a plastic donations box set up for these donations. If you weren't at the Quarterly Voters' Meeting, please learn more on the District website at <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html> and watch the informational video.

Weekly Bible Verse Challenge for August**Week of August 3, 2025****Colossians 1:15**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

Week of August 10, 2025**1 Corinthians 15:57**

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Week of August 17, 2025**Mark 12:30-31**

"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.

Week of August 24, 2025**James 5:16**

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Week of August 31, 2025**Isaiah 41:10**

Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.



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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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