



THE REPORTER

*On that day, declares the LORD of hosts,
I will take you, O Zerubbabel my servant, the son of Shealtiel,
declares the LORD,
and make you like a signet ring,
for I have chosen you, declares the LORD of hosts.”
(Haggai 2:23)*

This is the last verse from the minor prophet Haggai. Haggai prophesied for three months shortly after Judah's return to Jerusalem. Zerubbabel is the last person in the Davidic line named in the Old Testament. King Darius named him the governor of Judea. He was of Israel's royal blood, but his office was established by a foreign power.

Once again, God is promising the great overthrow of power on the Last Day. The powers of this world will be overthrown, and Jesus will reign supreme as “King of Kings and Lord of Lords” (Revelation 19:16). Zerubbabel finds himself to be a type of Christ in that he will be the LORD's “signet ring.” Zerubbabel is a picture of God's seal of authority and power, even though His people are under a corrupt government.

Almost a century before, Nebuchadnezzar received a similar promise (Daniel 2). King Nebuchadnezzar had seen a great statue. The head was gold. The chest and arms were silver. The stomach and thighs were bronze. The legs were iron. The feet were a mixture of iron and clay.

Daniel reveals this image to be the future of four empires that would assert authority and power over the earth. Each one would be more corrupt than and inferior to its predecessor. It would come to a point where it was barely holding together under its corruption. During this time, a stone struck the feet and shattered the whole image. That stone “became a great mountain and filled the whole earth” (Daniel 2:35).

Daniel revealed to Nebuchadnezzar that one day the one true God was sending someone who would shatter all human power. His following would grow and fill the earth. God was always going to have servants who proclaimed His message. They would be the “signet ring” that showed forth God's authority.

As we know Daniel's interpretation of the dream, the stone is Jesus. All those who preceded Him in the Scriptures were types that pointed toward Him as the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise of salvation. They showed that God was still in control of things, regardless of which empire thought they were in charge. After Jesus' ascension, the Church is His “signet ring” to the generations between the Apostles and the end of the age. He has given us His decree of how to show His authority: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20).

As Christians, we seek to use the authority given to us to fulfill Jesus' command. In our day, the Church truly covers the world. Whether it is radio or television or the internet, the Church grows into the “great mountain” of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. In this growth, we seek always to live as the “signet ring” like Zerubbabel. Our power is not in ourselves but in Him.

In Christ,
Rev. Doug Minton

Men's Bible Breakfast

We will continue studying the *Psalms of the Messiah* on October 12. Dennis S. will be our host. This month, we will focus on Psalm 93. All men of the congregation are encouraged to join us.

Focus on the Family Inserts

Each month, the Focus on the Family insert is available. Thank you to Brian and Shannan Nuekomm for donating the inserts this month. Grab your copy from the narthex.

Wednesday Fellowship Meal

We will have our Wednesday Fellowship meal October 2nd at 6pm. This month we will have an Italian Night and our free will donation will go to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Talk to Renee about what you can bring – a pasta dish, bread, salad, dessert, etc.

Quarterly Church Council and Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 17 - Church Council meeting at 7:00pm

Sunday, October 20 - Quarterly Voters meeting following service.

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

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Christian Education will be cancelled on Sunday, October 20 due to the Voter's meeting.

CID/SID Joint Pastor's Conference

Pastor will be out of town October 7-9 for a Pastor's Conference in Carlyle, IL.

Pastor Out of Town

Pastor and Renee will be out of town October 18-23. If a Pastoral need arises, please contact Pastor Dale Fjordbotten (Trinity, Cissna Park and St John, Ash Grove) at 646-265-7832.

Guest Preacher

Rev. Matthew Montgomery from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne, will be our guest preacher while Pastor is out of town on October 20.

All Saints' Remembrance

The church celebrates All Saints' Day on November 3. We will remember those that have died this past year. If you would like a friend or family member that has died between November 2023 and October 2024 included, please send their name, birth date, baptism date (if known), and death date. Please send that to the church office by October 30, 2024.

Remember Those Unable to be with Us on Sunday Morning

Dianne Estes	423 N Dixie Hwy	Hoopeston, IL 60942
Delmer Henrichs	IMH Residents Home, 200 E. Fairman Ave	Watseka, IL 60970
Arlene Hines	503 S Chicago St	Milford, IL 60953
Sara Janssen	325 E Orange, Rm 303	Hoopeston, IL 60942
Dorothy Knake	106 Fritz Dr	Milford, IL 60953
Joanne Sloan	2364 E 900 North Rd	Milford, IL 60953
Brenda St. Peter	817 S Hanson Dr	Watseka, IL 60970

Radio Service Broadcasts

As the weather starts to get cooler, you may not be able to get to church. Our Sunday services can be heard live each Sunday at 9am on WHPO 100.9, WIQI 95.9, and also on our website at www.oursaviormilford.com. You can hear the rebroadcast of our weekly services on WHPO 100.9 each Sunday at 5pm.

Iroquois County Historical Society

Iroquois County Historical Society will hold the annual Harvest Daze October 5 and 6, 2024. If you can donate baked items, jams, jellies, craft items, or garden produce it would be greatly appreciated. Drop all items off Friday, October 5 or 6 between 10am-4pm. Please mark baked items if they are sugar free or contain nuts.

Giving Thanks for LCMS Church Workers

In October, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) observes Church Worker Appreciation Month. It's an opportunity for all of us throughout the Synod to recognize, in an intentional and unified way, those who serve us through their faithfulness, dedication and skill. These dear workers bless us in a multitude of ways as they preach, teach and care for God's people in body and soul.

First among them, of course, is our pastors, who stand in the stead of Christ as they bring us His gifts of Word and Sacrament. In addition to our pastors, the LCMS is blessed to recognize seven commissioned (auxiliary) offices that support the work of the Holy Ministry. What a joy to be able to recognize the service of all these gifts of God! While October is the LCMS' designated month for showing appreciation to our workers, there are too many blessings — and people — to celebrate to limit our appreciation to only one month. For that reason, we have planned a year's worth of observances to align with other organizations in highlighting the many workers who serve in the LCMS and to give thanks for all of them and the indispensable and sacrificial work they do:

Oct. 13 — Pastor Appreciation

Oct. 25 — Deaconess, Director of Family Life Ministry, Director of Christian Outreach, and Director of Church Ministries Appreciation

April 28 — Director of Parish Music Appreciation

May 5–9 — Teacher Appreciation

June 26 — Director of Christian Education Appreciation

Starting next and continuing into 2025, we invite you to recognize and celebrate the special church workers in your life. We hope you'll join with your brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the LCMS as we pause to thank our church workers for all they do but, even more, to thank our Lord for giving us these dear servants who keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, "the founder and perfecter of our faith" (Heb. 12:2). -- *email from LCMS Worker Wellness*

Podcast of the Month

Our podcast for October is the **Issues, Etc.** podcast from Lutheran Public Radio. Pastor Todd Wilken hosts this great Christian talk show out of Collinsville, IL. Pastor's conversion to the LCMS was strongly influenced by the studies and interviews on the program. Issues, Etc. is part of OSLC's annual missions budget.

Wrestling with Theology Schedule

Confessional Corner – October 28 – Council of Trent (1545-1563)

Digging Deeper

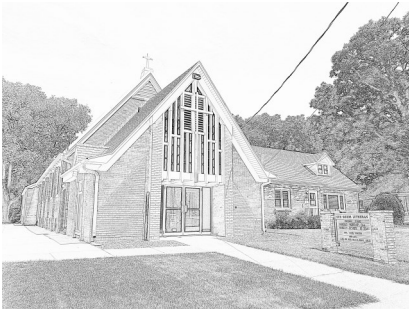
October 3 – Christ Our Advocate (1 John 2:1-6)

October 10 – No New Commandment (1 John 2:7-17)

October 17 – The Antichrist(s) (1 John 2:18-27)

October 24 – You Are Children of God (1 John 2:28-3:10)

October 31 – Love One Another (1 John 3:11-24)



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

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

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