



Worship Anew

Weekly Scripture Readings & Sermon Summaries August 2026

Come and Get It!

August 2, 2026 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. William Mueller

Through the prophet Isaiah, our Lord issues such a gracious invitation to an exquisite banquet. There is no cover cost for admission to this banquet. God Himself has supplied everything and charges nothing! So, why spend our time and energies on things that do not last? Hear the invitation and "Come and Get It!"

Sermon Text: Isaiah 55:1-5

Readings: Psalm 136:1-9; Isaiah 55:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Featured Choirs: St. Paul's Choristers, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Holy Cross Men's Chorus, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: St. Paul Lutheran Church (Frankenlust), Bay City, Mich.

Eyes on Jesus!

August 9, 2026 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Scott Zeckzer

Things happen in life, and we ask ourselves, "I do not remember signing up for this!" What can you do when "curveballs" are thrown at you? Jesus says, "Keep your eyes on me!"

Sermon Text: Matthew 14:27

Readings: Psalm 18:1-6; Job 38:4-18; Matthew 14:22-33

Featured Choirs: Holy Cross Men's Chorus, Fort Wayne, Ind.; St. Paul's Choristers, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Holy Cross Treble Choir, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Three Rivers, Mich.

Are You Hearing Me, God?

August 16, 2026 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

As believers, we pray to the Lord, but despite our prayers, things do not change, or we do not get what we prayed for. We wonder, "Is God hearing me?" The account of Jesus and the Canaanite woman answers that question.

Sermon Text: Matthew 15:21-28

Readings: Psalm 67; Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Matthew 15:21-28

Featured Choir: Indiana LWML District Choir

Featured Art and Architecture: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Elizabeth, Ill.

Is That Your Final Answer?

August 23, 2026 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

The host of a popular television game show was known for asking contestants, "Is that your final answer?" Jesus asks us the same question – and the stakes are so much higher! The answer? Jesus is the Christ!

Sermon Text: Matthew 16:15-16

Readings: Psalm 138; Romans 11:33–12:8; Matthew 16:13-20

Featured Choir: Holy Cross Sanctuary Choir, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Evansville, Ind.

Dying to Live

August 30, 2026 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Shayne Jonker

What can you give in exchange for your life? The answer is nothing. But here's the glory of the cross: Jesus gave His life in exchange for your life. In fact, He gave His life in exchange for the life of the world. So, take up the cross that Jesus gives you. In Jesus, embrace your death to sin. You have nothing to lose and a whole life to gain.

Sermon Text: Matthew 16:24

Readings: Psalm 26; Jeremiah 15:15-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Featured Choirs: Holy Cross Treble Choir, Fort Wayne, Ind.; St. Paul Jubilate, Munster, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Munster, Ind.