



Weekly Scripture Readings & Sermon Summaries

February 2026

The Power of God

February 1, 2026 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Rev. Paul Shoemaker

In the early church, Christians were being challenged by people who said the Christian faith was foolish. Today, the faith of Christians is still challenged as foolish. We know the “word of the cross ... is the power of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:18 ESV

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Readings: Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

Featured Choir: LWML Indiana District Choir

Featured Art and Architecture: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Arcadia, Ind.

Salty Christians

February 8, 2026 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Rev. William Mueller

In His “Sermon on the Mount”, Jesus pulls us deeper into an understanding of our relationship with Him. He uses the metaphor of salt and light. Just a little bit of salt brings some great flavor. In complete darkness, even a small light will change everything. Yet in all this, Jesus still has a surprise for us!

Sermon Text: Matthew 5:13-20

Readings: Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 58:3-9a; Matthew 5:13-20

Featured Choir: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Decatur, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: Zion Lutheran Church, Decatur, Ind.

The Wrong Mountain

February 15, 2026 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Rev. Scott Zeckzer

There are times in our lives where we have “mountain top experiences.” The problem is that they do not last; they are forgotten. There is one “mountain top experience” that changed everything. Tune in to “Worship Anew” to find the *right mountain*.

Sermon Text: Matthew 17:1-9

Readings: Psalm 2:6-12; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Featured Choirs: Holy Cross Lutheran Church Men’s Chorus, Fort Wayne, Ind.; St. Paul Lutheran School, Munster, Ind.; St. Michael Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mason City, Iowa

The Great Exchange

February 18, 2026 – Ash Wednesday

Guest Pastor – Rev. Joe Hoem

Lent isn't about improving ourselves but about seeing what Christ has done for us. The One who knew no sin became sin in our place, bearing our guilt on the cross. In Him, we are made righteous, forgiven, and free to live as God's beloved.

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Readings: Psalm 51:1-13; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Featured Choirs: Lincoln Lutheran High School, Lincoln, Neb.; St. Paul's Lutheran School, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School, Centralia, Ill.; St. John Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

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

Jesus Also Was Tempted

February 22, 2026 – First Sunday in Lent

Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

The bad news is that we will be tempted by Satan throughout our earthly lives. The good news is that Jesus also was tempted by the devil in all the ways that we are, yet He never once sinned. He defeated Satan for us and now helps us overcome temptations of the devil.

Sermon Text: Matthew 4:1-11

Readings: Psalm 32:1-7; Genesis 3:1-13; Matthew 4:1-11

Featured Choir: Concordia Lutheran High School A Cappella Choir, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Soest), Fort Wayne, Ind.