



Weekly Scripture Readings & Sermon Summaries **July 2026**

Jesus Gives You Rest

July 5, 2026 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Our bodies need rest. Of greater importance is rest for our souls. Only one Person can give this, who says to us, "Come to Me, and you will find rest for your souls."

Sermon Text: Matthew 11:28-30

Readings: Psalm 145:1-9; Zechariah 9:9-10; Matthew 11:28-30

Featured Choirs: Holy Cross Sanctuary Choir, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Indiana LWML District Choir

Featured Art and Architecture: Welcome Home Soldier Monument, Albia, Iowa

Now What?

July 12, 2026 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

You have heard — or read — God's Word. Now what? The question isn't "How do we make the Word more life changing?" Instead, how does this life-changing Word shape and guide our lives as we live in response to it?

Sermon Text: Matthew 13:23

Readings: Psalm 65:9-13; Isaiah 55:10-13; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Featured Choirs: Indiana LWML District Choir

Featured Art and Architecture: St. John Lutheran Church, Sherwood, Ohio

Weeds Among Wheat

July 19, 2026 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Shayne Jonker

Christians must always contend with false teaching and false Christians. Jesus said so. There is nothing wrong with the good seed that Christ sows. The pure Gospel rightly proclaimed produces faithful Christians, but the devil deliberately sows bad seed where the good seed has been sown.

Sermon Text: Matthew 13:24-25

Readings: Psalm 119:57-64, 89; Isaiah 44:6-8; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Featured Choirs: Holy Cross Sanctuary Choir, Fort Wayne, Ind.; St. Paul's Choristers, Fort Wayne, Ind.; St. Paul Preble Adult Choir, Decatur, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: Zion (Cicero) Lutheran Church, Edgerton, Ohio

Priorities

July 26, 2026 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Paul Shoemaker

What is your priority in life? Jesus' priority was to do the will of His Father. That means that His priority was *you*. His priority was to pay in full the penalty of your sins so you could be in heaven forever.

Sermon Text: Matthew 13:44-52

Readings: Psalm 125; Romans 8:28-39; Matthew 13:44-52

Featured Choir: Valley Lutheran High School Golden Voice Choir, Saginaw, Mich.

Featured Art and Architecture: Lake George Lutheran Chapel, Fremont, Ind.