



## **Weekly Scripture Readings & Sermon Summaries September 2026**

### **A Word from His Mouth**

**September 6, 2026 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Rev. Paul Shoemaker**

God's Word is of love, forgiveness, and restoration. It is also a Word of correction and discipline. Ezekiel, the prophet, spoke this Word of God to Israel. God entrusts His Word to us so that we, too, may share His Word so all may know His love and forgiveness and that we are restored to Him for all eternity.

*Sermon Text: Ezekiel 33:7-9*

*Readings: Psalm 32:1-7; Ezekiel 33:7-9; Matthew 18:1-20*

*Featured Choir: St. Paul's Choristers, Fort Wayne, Ind.*

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

### **Forgiveness Cancels Paybacks**

**September 13, 2026 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Rev. William Mueller**

The account of Joseph forgiving his brothers appears to be so nice and neat. We read it and marvel at the grace Joseph extends to his (at one time) ruthless brothers. But then we are confronted with the truth that we are also called to forgive like Joseph. How can we? We begin to discover the answer when we examine the "payback."

*Sermon Text: Genesis 50:15-21*

*Readings: Psalm 103:1-12; Genesis 50:15-21; Matthew 18:21-35*

*Featured Choir: Holy Cross Treble Choir, Fort Wayne, Ind.*

*Featured Art and Architecture: Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.*

# **God Is Not Fair!**

**September 20, 2026 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Rev. Scott Zeckzer**

We want things to be fair. I want what I deserve, but God does not work that way. Thanks be to God that He is not fair but generous.

*Sermon Text: Matthew 20:15*

*Readings: Psalm 116:12-13, 15-17; Isaiah 55:6-9; Matthew 20:1-16*

*Featured Choirs: Valley Lutheran High School, Saginaw, Mich.; Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School, Centralia, Ill.*

*Featured Art and Architecture: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Rockford, Ill.*

# **The Sins of Our Youth**

**September 27, 2026 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III**

The sins of our youth and all of our past sins can rise up to haunt us. But the Good News of Jesus our Savior gives us comfort, reassurance, and the strength to move forward in life as mature Christians.

*Sermon Text: Psalm 25:7*

*Readings: Psalm 25:1-10; Ezekiel 18:25-32; Matthew 21:23-27*

*Featured Choir: St. Paul Preble Adult Choir, Decatur, Ind.*

*Featured Art and Architecture: St. Peter Lutheran Church, North Judson, Ind.*