



Worship Anew

Weekly Scripture Readings & Sermon Summaries August 2025

Regarding Possessions

August 3, 2025 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Our society often seems crazed with the desire to possess: to have some new product, to increase one's earthly possessions, to grow wealthy. Christ frequently encountered this same kind of attitude, and in response, he told the parable of the foolish rich man. This parable leads each one of us to ask, "What is my view regarding possessions?"

Sermon Text: Luke 12:13-21

Readings: Psalm 100; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

Featured Choirs: St. John Lutheran School of Plymouth, Wis.; Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Choir of Centralia, Ill.

Featured Art and Architecture: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Terril, Iowa

Do Not Be Anxious

August 10, 2025 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Do you feel as if you are being stretched beyond your limits? That your world is breaking apart? God holds the entire world in His hands. He gave His Son for us. *Do not be anxious!*

Sermon Text: Luke 12:22

Readings: Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-16; Luke 12:22-34

Featured Choir: St. John Lutheran School of Plymouth, Wis.

Featured Art and Architecture: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ames, Iowa

The Faith Race

August 17, 2025 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Shayne Jonker

Run the race of faith with joy and hope. Focus on Jesus. His joy was to save you. Your joy is to receive the salvation He won for you, to be welcomed at the end of your race into the open arms of your Savior, and to have Him put the victor's wreath on your head.

Sermon Text: Luke 12:49-50

Readings: Psalm 119:81-88; Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3; Luke 12:49-53

Featured Choir: Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Choir, Centralia, Ill.; Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: Zion Lutheran Church, Arcadia, Iowa

The Time is Coming

August 24, 2025 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. William Mueller

Isaiah prophesies about the last days and the gathering of believers from every nation. Who is at the center of this? How is He described as “the glory of God”? And our hearts are also searched to see if we are ready for the “outsider” to become an “insider”?

Sermon Text: Isaiah 66:18-23

Readings: Psalm 50:1-15; Isaiah 66:18-23; Luke 13:22-30

Featured Choir: St. Paul Lutheran School, Munster, Ind.; St. Paul Lutheran Church, Decatur, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: Faith Lutheran Church, Cumming, Ga.

It's Hard to Be Humble

August 31, 2025 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Paul Shoemaker

It's hard to be humble. Our pride encourages us to think more highly of ourselves than we ought. Our Lord Jesus humbled Himself and became like we are, yet without sin. In His humility He won for us the gift of life eternal. He encourages us to put aside our pride and, like Him, live a life of humble service.

Sermon Text: Luke 14:1-14

Readings: Psalm 131; Proverbs 25:2-10; Luke 14:1-14

Featured Choir: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Decatur, Ind.; Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School, Centralia, Ill.

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