



# CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



## Church Newsletter

February 2026

*From the Pastors*

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:9-11 ESV

February 14 is St. Valentine's Day, a day that originally honored a Christian who lived in the Roman empire in the third century. A number of legends have developed around Valentine including his imprisonment for performing marriages of Roman soldiers (forbidden by the emperor) and the healing of his jailor's daughter. Another familiar story is his sending of a note to that daughter, signed "Your Valentine" which has spawned the popular tradition of sending hearts and cards to those we love on Valentines Day.

February 18 marks Ash Wednesday. This is the traditional beginning of the season of Lent (40 days not counting Sundays until Easter). Lent is a penitential season where we remember the road to the cross and the passion of our Lord. But Lent is also a season where we remember God's love. John's epistle reminds us that true love in our world is seen most clearly in God's love for fallen humanity. God's self-sacrificing and decisive active love for sinners sent Jesus into our world to be the one sacrifice for all sin.

During the season of Lent, we will be exploring the implications of God's love for us. Our midweek worship services focus our attention on the Passion of Jesus through the lens of St. Matthew's gospel. Our theme is *Not our Plans, HIS Plan* (Matthew 26:1-28:10). On the Sundays of our Lenten journey, we will be studying repentance and reconciliation in our series, *Questions of Forgiveness*. Please plan to join us!

It is at the cross at Calvary that we see the depth of God's love for us. And that love encourages and empowers us to share forgiveness and sacrificial, self-giving love with others in our world. As Christians, we share the love of Christ within our family, our congregation and school, and our community and world. May you know God's love and show God's love to those around you.

In the name of Jesus,

*Pastor Mark Schumm*

## General News



### 2025 Midweek Lent Worship Schedule

#### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 3:45 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
(With Communion and imposition of ashes)

#### MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES

Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

*Our midweek services will look at the Passion of Jesus through the lens of St. Matthew.  
Series Theme: **Not our Plans, HIS Plan** (Matthew 26:1-28:10).*



### **"Loss of a Spouse" Program (Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>)**

Calvary will be offering the "Loss of a Spouse" program for the first time on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. This two-hour, one-day event is produced by GriefShare and focuses on the specific issues and challenges that are faced when one loses a spouse. Please call Mike Loudon or Roxanne Deardurff with questions and to register for this event. This will help to ensure we have the appropriate materials and refreshments.

### **GriefShare (Wednesdays, March 4<sup>th</sup> - May 27<sup>th</sup>)**

Faith-based grief support, help & encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, friend. Wednesdays, March 4<sup>th</sup> – May 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Led by trained facilitators Mike Loudon and Roxanne Deardurff. Sessions include videos by experts in grieving, support group discussion, personal study/reflection. Open to everyone. Begin attending at any time; sessions are not sequential. Contact Mike Loudon or Roxanne Deardurff for more information.

### **Picnic with the Puppets!**

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 12:00-1:30 p.m.**

**Calvary Lutheran School gymnasium**

Ready for Spring? Come beat the winter blues with an indoor picnic featuring our Praising Hands Puppet Ministry. Enjoy an afternoon of food, puppets, and crafts. This is a free family event open to all ages. Parking is available in the North Lot for access through door #2.

Contact Calvary Lutheran Church (317-783-2000) with any questions.



## General News

### 50th Anniversary Recognition for Tony Spelde

Join us the weekend of Feb 21/22, as we celebrate 50 years of service in Calvary's music ministry for Tony Spelde. A special recognition will take place within the traditional worship services, and we will host a time for fellowship and connection in the café after service on Saturday and between services on Sunday. Please join us as we thank Tony for his faithful service over the years.



### Attention Thrivent Members—"Choice Dollars" Designation

If you have not directed your 2025 Thrivent Choice Dollars, please consider directing them to "Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church" or "Calvary Lutheran School". Visit [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-847-4836 to find out if you have Choice Dollars to direct.



### Save the Date—Vacation Bible School

**Mon., Jun 22—Fri., Jun 26 9:00-11:30 a.m.**

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.



**Interested in volunteering?** Email Kara Hiatt.

### Family Bingo Night

The Children's Ministry Team is hosting a Family Bible Bingo Night, **Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00-7:00 p.m. This event is open to all ages and family types. We are also asking the wider Calvary family to consider supporting this event by donating prizes (e.g., \$3-\$15 items for kids and adults, such as art items, games, toys, candy). Please, no adult puzzles or toddler toys. Ensure all items are new. Bring donations to the church office by **Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**.



## General News

### Calvary's Easter Egg Hunt

Save the date for the Calvary Easter Egg hunt:

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

We will have food and a variety of family activities prior to the egg hunt. More details will be shared over the next couple of months. Please join us!



Volunteers are needed! Please contact Marv Hansen if you would like to help.

### **February Memorials**

#### ***In Memory of Jill Radcliffe:***

*Janet Grube, Bill & Christina Laut*

#### ***In Memory of Mary Lou Romack:***

*Bob Romack*

#### ***In Memory of Harold Laut:***

*Janet Laut*

#### ***In Memory of Pastor Mark Moog:***

*Ray & Kathy Ford*

#### ***In Memory of Larry Jupin:***

*Loann Menzel*



### **Sunday School Attendance Awards Fall 2025-26**

#### **Faithful**

Gracelyn Andrews

Madison Andrews

Reece Hernandez

Layla Honebrink

Tyson Honebrink

Annabeth Jackson

Willard Jackson

Paisley Langhammer

Landon Madden

Lucas Marrero

Oliver Marrero

#### **Perfect**

Kam En Mang

Eliana Marrero

Logan Marrero

Nang Sian Piang



## Executive Director

### ***From Your Executive Director***

This has been an unusual winter, to say the least. From bitter cold early in the season to spring-like conditions early in January then back to bitter cold the middle of the month, the swings up and down have been staggering. It has confused my flowers that bloom in spring, with many of them departing from dormancy, only to be beaten back into submission by the cold.

Yes, it has been a season of change!

Speaking of change, I hope you've seen the changes that took place the last few months of 2025 in our facility. The new café area is finally complete, the women's restroom is completely remodeled, the garage was rehabbed with new siding, roof, and doors. After 29 years, we also replaced the HVAC system in the gym (and it was a used system when we installed it, so we certainly got our money's worth). Other things are in process: the doors from the gym to the sidewalk, original to that facility from 1963, are being replaced, and we have a plan to address the drainage problem that has caused flooding of our narthex on more than one occasion.

These are just the tip of the iceberg. There are many other things that need to be updated or renovated: the men's restrooms in the narthex. The 29-year-old carpet in the narthex and sanctuary needs replaced. Lighting in the narthex also needs updated.

But wait! There's more! There are other parts of the building that need updating: the restrooms by the library. The locker rooms and restrooms by the gym. And ideally, a new control system for our heating and cooling units, replacing the 1970s era control system, to reduce energy use and better control the overall campus temperature.

Why do we need to do all these projects? Remember, parts of our building date back to 1950. Other parts to the early 1960s. Others to the 1980s, and 1990s. We've had a good run with our building, and we now need to reinvest to keep our building in good condition for the next 50 years or more.

None of these are inexpensive projects. This is why you have been hearing, and reading, about the Calvary Connects project, our first significant fund drive since we paid off our mortgage several years ago. While some of these projects have already been paid out of our financial reserves, we cannot spend everything we have: we must always retain what can best be called a "rainy day fund" for future or unexpected costs.

We are blessed as a congregation to have the resources to fund some of these, and extremely blessed that many of our members have stepped forward with a commitment to the campaign. For these, we are so very thankful.

Our congregation was a mission church started before the stock market crash of 1929 and established as a formal congregation during the Great Depression. Through WWII, the strife of the 1960s, runaway inflation in the late 1970s, and even the COVID pandemic, our members have always placed their faith in God, and our congregation has benefited and grown. Here we are today, an incredible family of Christ, where one can hear His Word and receive His Sacrament weekly, where children receive a Christian education, where we support missions to other countries: we truly live our mission of Engaging People in Christ, by Connecting, Learning, and Caring.

If you have made a pledge to the Calvary Connects campaign, thank you. If you have not, I ask that you pray on what commitment you can make to help us continue our almost 100-year-old mission, as we continually receive God's blessings in all we do.

In His and Your service,

Bill Laut

### **STEM \* STEAM \* STREAM**

Acronyms are found everywhere. Ask a teenager to text a message and more acronyms, abbreviations, and initialisms will be on the message than completely spelled out accepted words. The military is known for their use of acronyms, initialisms, and abbreviations. This use in communication has been utilized for decades. It is most and only beneficial if the use is communicated within a field known by both the sender and the receiver. When I first saw **LOL** on a text message, I thought that it meant "Lots of Love." I wondered why that was sent when describing in the previous text something that was supposed to be humorous.

Understanding is the key to all communication. Both acronyms and initialisms are made up of the first letter or letters of the words in a phrase. The word *acronym* typically applies when the resulting thing can be read as a word; for example, *radar* comes from "radio detection and ranging" and *scuba* comes from "self-contained underwater breathing apparatus." The word *initialism* only applies when the resulting thing is read as an abbreviation. For example *DIY*, which comes from "do it yourself," is pronounced by saying the names of the letters. STEM continues to be a hot topic of emphasis within the educational field. Science Technology Engineering Mathematics have been the focus for student development within the classroom and beyond. This combined study is to help formulate and help to prepare individuals for future occupational adventures as well. STEAM adds the academic discipline of ART. This carries another layer of talents and skills to be learned and explored. Calvary incorporates STREAM. This acronym adds the R for Religion. Each day God's Word is taught in truth and purity. At Calvary, all areas of instruction are touched with God's Word. This is our emphasis and focus each day.

National Lutheran Schools Week was held during the month of January. Lutheran schools across the nation celebrated this gift from the Lord. We thank and praise God for the opportunity each day to share His Word one with another. We thank God for this congregation for directing and supporting the Day School ministry for the past 76 years. We look forward to the next generation that continues to first seek the Lord through this Christian instruction. Full STREAM ahead!!

### **Early Registration / Open Enrollment for 2025-26**

New Applications and Re-enrollment continue to be accepted through January 31 for the 2026-27 school year for all Preschool sessions as well as Kindergarten – 8th Grades for Calvary members, returning students and their siblings. New enrollments from the community begin on February 1.

As Calvary's school has continued to grow, space availability in the classrooms has become limited. Be sure to re-enroll your children early to ensure they maintain their placement! Early Registration enables Calvary to plan and prepare staffing and facility needs for the upcoming school year. Returning students will be assessed a late fee of \$100 per student if they enroll after January 31.

If you know someone looking for a school home for their family, you can refer them to Ms. Heather McFarland, Calvary's Director of Admissions. She can be reached at 317-783-2305 or online at [www.choosecalvary.com](http://www.choosecalvary.com). We are excited to plan for another year of Christian Education for our students!

## Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

### **President's Day observed**

School will not be in session on Friday-Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> in observance of Presidents' Day. God indeed grants to people the needed abilities to complete the tasks and service that they have been elected to do and accomplish. We thank God for the gifts that He has and continues to give to this country in our presidents.

### **Scholarship Grant Fund**

We thank and praise God for the gift of love shared by 46 individuals/ families who contributed nearly \$120,000.00 in 2025 towards our SGO goal of \$95,500.00. Over 240 students received scholarship grants for the 2025-26 school year. All donations to this fund receive an Indiana state 50% tax credit. We thank all for their generous hearts and hands contributing to the needs of others. Thank you.

### **Shared Ministry**

We thank our Facilities Ministry team for the daily cleaning and other preparation enabling the school doors to be opened each day. From lawn maintenance to snow removal to classrooms vacuumed and rest rooms cleaned, we are blessed to be able to open each day with the lights shining and heat radiating. Thank you for this shared ministry.



## NEWS FROM LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF INDIANAPOLIS

### **LuFest - February 6, 2026**

We look forward to celebrating LuFest with you at the beautiful Indiana Roof Ballroom. Don't have a ticket? You can still support Lutheran High School and have fun participating in the Silent Auction taking place at [LuFest.org](https://www.LuFest.org).

### **Lutheran High School Admissions**

Space is limited at Lutheran High School! If you haven't already, it's time to save your seat! New students need to submit an application. Returning students need to submit their re-enrollment. Both should be done as soon as possible at [LHSI.ORG](https://www.LHSI.ORG). Questions? Contact Deidre Barnett. #ItsAGreatDaytoBeaSaint

### **Save the Date! - May 9, 2026**

Join us for our 50th Celebration taking place at Lutheran High School on May 9, 2026. This will be a free event taking place in the late afternoon and evening that will include a program and dinner. Stay tuned for more information!





## Women in Mission

### Ladies' Pinochle Club (Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>)

Whether it's your first time or you're an old pro, join us for Pinochle. We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Pinochle will meet **February 9<sup>th</sup>**. Questions?

Contact Sandra Wilson.



### Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m.

The November Ladies' Bible study will be on **Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** and will be from the Lutheran Women's Summer 2025 Quarterly and shared by everyone.

Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** at 8:30 a.m.



### Extravagant Sharing

Why bring **canned pork and beans, ramen noodles and/or boxes of cereal** to church in the month of February? By placing these items on the Extravagant Sharing shelves in the church narthex many in our community will have their need for food met at The Emmaus Lutheran Food Pantry in Fountain Square. It is certainly a needed service for so many, and we have the opportunity to reach out to those in need with support and the love of Jesus. Freely give the help so many need. Thank you and God bless your extravagantly giving hearts!



### Blankets for Babies Fall Schedule

Blankets for Babies will **not** meet during February.

We will start back up in March for Spring!

Questions or interested in joining? Contact Susan Daniels.



## Adult Ministry

### Lunch Out! (Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.)

For our "First Wednesday" in February outing, we're meeting at Verde Mexican Restaurant, located at the Greenwood Mall (formerly Bar Louie).

Adults of all ages are welcome – come join us for good food and some fun Christian fellowship.

Questions? Contact Barb Sorgius, 317-783-2000.



### Lunch & Learn (Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.)

**Presenter:** Kyle Allen

**Program:** "Medical Mishaps and Resilient Recovery"

**Lunch:** Chick-fil-A Chicken Strips, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, and Dessert.

**Cost:** Suggested donation: \$5.

Questions? Barb Sorgius, 317-783-2000.

## Youth Ministry

### FLIGHT (High School Youth Group)

The high school youth group meets weekly on **Sunday nights from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Contact Brian Krohmer to be added to the email list for event updates.



### LAUNCH (5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades)

All 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to the next LAUNCH event on **Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**



### SAIL (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades)

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to the next SAIL event on **Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**



## Compassion Ministry

### **Thank You for Helping the Homeless**

Many thanks to congregational members and school families for supporting the homeless in Indianapolis this winter. Your generosity has helped over 100 homeless persons living under the bridge to keep warm and provided for in these cold winter months. Jesus said, *"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."* Matthew 25:40



### **Help us Send a College Care Package**

Care packages to our 25 college students have been prepared once again. These will be available in the narthex the weekend of February 7/8. Each package contains snacks, school supplies, Kleenex, Chapstick, a note of encouragement, and a Bible verse with a cost of approximately \$9 to mail. Your help in mailing them is appreciated. The students are thankful that we remember them in this fun way. Many thanks again to Linda Bugher and Ann Arnold who spearhead this initiative.



(Please mail your packages by no later than February 14. It would be a wonderful Valentine's surprise!)

### **Cancer Companions**

We are still welcoming any member and non-members to be encouraged through our Cancer Companions program. We will offer prayer support through a prayer partner or meet with others undergoing cancer through group support. If you or someone you know would benefit from this support, please contact either Rosalie Behning or Denise Fix.



## Stewardship Ministry

### **Calvary Connects Update**

As you are aware, in September, we initiated a capital campaign (Calvary Connects) to enhance our ministry by making much needed improvements to our facilities. Two of the projects for this campaign (the Café and the women's restroom in the Narthex) are already completed. The flooring and wall coverings in the Sanctuary and Narthex are expected to be the next phase for this project. While we are still getting pricing for the project, it is expected that all the phases of the project to have a total cost of approximately \$1,250,000. Calvary's leadership initially designated \$500,000 from our reserves as a challenge match to encourage participation in the capital campaign.

As of January 2026, we are well over halfway to our initial goal of \$750,000 in pledges from our members. With over \$600,000 pledged by our members to date, we have more than met the \$500,000 challenge. With approximately \$600,000 pledged to date we are at about 80% of our goal of \$750,000.

If you have not yet made a pledge to the Calvary Connects campaign, please prayerfully consider doing so by completing one of the pledge cards found at the entrances to the sanctuary.

### **Lenten Midweek Offering Envelopes**

Looking ahead to the Lenten offering designation, contributions received in the purple-trimmed Lent envelopes or designated as "Lent" or through online giving will be used to support the Student Assistance Fund. The Student Assistance fund provides scholarships for Calvary members studying to be church workers. These scholarships are made possible by funds from both the Wessler Family Endowment and the Student Assistance Fund. Anyone who is considering pursuing an education in church work and would like more information on scholarship opportunities please reach out to the Stewardship Ministry Team.

### **February 2026 Partner in Ministry – Lutheran Hour Ministries**

Each month the Stewardship Ministry Team designates a different Calvary Partner in Ministry each month. Emphasizing a different ministry that Calvary supports each month provides a better understanding of the many ways your gifts are being used and to emphasize how extensive Calvary's reach is. This month's Ministry Partner is Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM). For a complete list of Calvary Partners in Ministry please visit the "Partners" page at our website. <https://www.clcs.org/partners/>

Through its North American headquarters and ministry centers on six continents, LHM (also known as the Lutheran Laymen's League) reaches more than 60 countries, often bringing Christ to places where no other Christian evangelistic organizations are present. The Lutheran Hour airs weekly on more than 1,800 radio stations and the American Forces radio network. LHM passionately proclaims the Gospel around the world more than 195 million times each week. <https://www.lhm.org/>

Gifts received in the first quarter of this year (January through March) either in the red-lined "Mission" envelopes or designated generically for "Missions" in your online giving or on the regular offering envelopes will go to the support of Lutheran Hour Ministries.

### **A CALL TO PRAYER**

*"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14*

How we all long for healing in our land. We fret, we complain, we debate, we accuse . . . but do we pray?

Did you know that during World War II when London faced nightly blitzkriegs the people fell to their knees in prayer? Each night at 9:00 p.m. when the Big Ben's chimes would peal out the hour, all British society would come to a standstill and pray for at least one minute for their land. They prayed for protection, for their leaders, soldiers, and loved ones, and for the defeat of the Nazi regime. Winston Churchill came to endorse the effort and the chimes of "Big Ben minute" were broadcast throughout the nation by the BBC at precisely 9:00 p.m. And Britain persevered and victory did come, preserving their freedom and freedom for western civilization as well.

After the war a German intelligence officer when interrogated said: "During the war, you had a secret weapon for which we could find no countermeasure, and which we did not understand. But it was very powerful. It was associated with the striking of Big Ben each evening. I believe you called it 'the Silent Minute.'"

Can we at Calvary do likewise? Imagine if every member would commit to pray at this hour, what wonders could be accomplished! We pray that God would not find us sleeping but watching and praying. As one of our hymns so aptly says:

Rise, my soul to watch and pray; From your sleep awaken!  
Be not by the evil day, Unawares o'ertaken;  
For the foe, Well we know, Is a harvest reaping  
While the saints are sleeping. (LSB #663)

We might not hear the chimes of Big Ben calling out the hour, but we can hear God's voice calling out to us:

*"Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." Psalm 50:15*

## Worship Anew

**Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc.**

Toll-Free: (888) 286-8002 [www.worshipanew.org](http://www.worshipanew.org)

**Sunday 7:00 a.m. - WRTV-TV 6.1 (ABC) Sunday 11:30 a.m. - Direct TV Channel 377**

### **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: Choir of the Council of Presidents of the LCMS; 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.



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**Worship: Saturdays 5:30 PM**

**Sundays 8:00 & 10:45 AM**

**Family Education Hour (Bible Study & Sunday School) 9:25 AM**

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