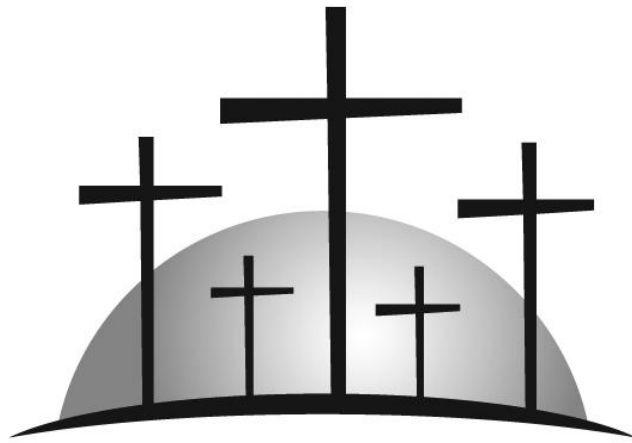




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Church Newsletter

November 2026

From the Pastors

"Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices; Who from our mothers' arms has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love and still is ours today. (LSB 895)

November is a month for giving thanks. In the United States, we have a long-standing tradition of gathering on the fourth Thursday of the month to remember our blessings as a people and nation. Truly as God's people, we have much to be thankful for. We praise God for his gifts to us.

As Luther reminds us in his explanation to the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer, Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as "food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like" (Small Catechism). Thanksgiving is something that Christians do not just once a year, but every day.

As Christians we are thankful and we especially rejoice in the gift of faith in Jesus Christ. November begins with the remembrance and celebration of faith in Christ, All Saints Day. This holiday grew out the desire of the early church to recognize and honor those children of God who had lived exemplary lives and demonstrated exemplary faith. The biblical definition of a saint is anyone who has been made holy by faith in Jesus. We often commemorate those saints who have died in the past year. But the biblical reminder is that saints are those who are living and dead. Saints are united in a common confession that our sins are forgiven because of the death and resurrection of Christ. All Saints Day gives us an opportunity to remember those mothers and fathers (and spiritual mothers and fathers) who have gone before us and shared their faith with us. It's a great opportunity to thank God for their efforts (and to personally thank those who are still with us).

November begins and ends with thanksgiving. Let's use the opportunities that are presented to worship God and give thanks for all his gifts to us.

O Give thanks to the LORD for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

Giving thanks for you!

Pastor Mark Schumm

General News

Daylight Savings Time Ends (November 1 at 2:00 a.m.)

Remember to "fall back," otherwise you will be really early to church. Set your clocks back one hour the night before Sunday, November 1.

Breakfast for Jesus!

Sat., Dec. 12th from 9:00am-10:30am

Calvary Lutheran School gymnasium

Join our ***Praising Hands Puppet Ministry*** for a morning of food, puppets, and crafts to celebrate the birth of our Savior. 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

November Memorials

In Memory of Jill Radcliffe:

Patricia Finke



In Memory of Ellen Vance:

Margie Leive



In Memory of Bob Wurster:

Les & Nancy Brandt

In Memory of Barbara Ryan:

John & Debbie Shaw, Bob Daugherty, John Ryan, Phyllis Birdwell, Ken Kettler, Paul & Diane Lee, John Leck & Family, Marv & Rhonda Hansen, Elise Wolf, Richard VanParis, Margie Leive, Phil & Jill Borst, Patricia Finke, Janet Grube

The Lutheran Witness

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Articles on how God is working in lives
Bible study topics

Current issues and events
Letters from the LCMS president
A Q&A section about Scripture and life

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Your renewal or new subscription request and payment are due **Sunday, November 8th** to ensure receipt of the January issue. We will not be able to take any orders after this date. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office with your payment. Thank You. (Please make checks payable to **Calvary Lutheran Church**)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

General News

Volunteering in Our Community

One of our goals as a congregation is to **CARE** for the world around us as we **SERVE** others in the name of Jesus.

Each month, we will recognize and thank a few members of our congregation who are sharing their time, talents, and hearts through volunteer service in our community. This month, we celebrate **Charline Darts, Becca Goldsberry, and Corina Hendershott** for the ways they are serving others through these organizations:

Charline Darts		American Red Cross
Becca Goldsberry		Junior League of Indianapolis
Corina Hendershott		The Refuge

Thank you, Charline, Becca, and Corina, for giving your time and talents to serve others! Your service is a wonderful example of God's love in action and a reminder that ministry happens both inside and outside the walls of our church.

If your heart is calling you to serve or you would simply like to learn more about one of these opportunities, please reach out to the contact person listed below.

"Your labor is not in vain." — 1 Corinthians 15:58

There is no better place to serve God than right where He has placed you. Every act of service, no matter how small, has significance and contributes to God's work in our world.

Let's celebrate how God is working through our congregation in our neighborhoods, our community, and beyond!

Christmas Card Sorting

Beginning November 25th, you can bring your Christmas cards that you have for Calvary members and drop them in the bins by both sets of doors. Christmas cards must be dropped off by **Wednesday, December 16th** to be sorted and distributed.

Calvary India Mission Giving Tree

November 28 through December 25, we invite you to stop by the lobby and select a tag from the Calvary India Mission giving tree. The Christmas gifts on the tags will be distributed to the tailoring and tuition students in India. You may keep the bangle or earrings as our gift to you. Please pray for God's blessings as we reach out in God's love to our Hindu and Muslim neighbors in India. For questions, please contact Rhonda Hansen.

General News

GriefShare

Faith-based grief support, help & encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, friend. Wednesdays, through November 11, 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.

GriefShare Surviving the Holidays

The holidays are often painful for adults grieving the loss of a loved one. Compassion Ministry is hosting a GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays" seminar.

Wednesday, November 18, 6:00 p.m. in Room 125. There is no cost to attend; a light supper and book will be provided. Please help us plan by contacting Mike Loudon or Roxanne Deardurff if you plan to attend.

2026 Church Outdoor Worship & Picnic Thank You

What a beautiful day it was to praise and worship our God in an outdoor setting. Thank you to all who attended, served, and supported this year's Outdoor Worship and Picnic at German Park. There were about 280 in Worship attendance and almost 300 attended the picnic. We pray you had a wonderful time reconnecting and catching up with your Calvary family, enjoying the good food and activities at German Park. The volunteers and Ministry teams make this event a success. Willing and serving hearts and hands are why this event is such a success. Picnic patrons, your financial support is greatly appreciated! God is so good, He blesses us through all of you.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

6.5" Pots (Poinsettias with 5 -7 blooms) \$12 each

Order deadline is **November 22nd**

Leave order with payment in the church office. (Checks payable to Calvary Lutheran Church and "Poinsettias" in the memo)

Name: _____

In memory of (optional) _____

In honor of (optional) _____

Phone Number: _____ Amount Attached: _____

Red _____ White _____

Thank you for beautifying our Sanctuary during this Christmas Season! Poinsettias will decorate the altar for Christmas and can be taken home Christmas Day after service.

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

Stewardship of Influence

Definition: Stewardship of Influence refers to the responsible management and use of one's social, spiritual, and personal influence to advance God's kingdom and purpose. It encompasses the idea that influence, like time, talents, and treasures, is a resource entrusted to individuals by God. This stewardship involves recognizing the impact one can have on others and using that influence to glorify God and serve others.

This concept is deeply rooted in Scriptures. Believers are called to be faithful managers of all that God has entrusted to them. While the Bible does not explicitly use the term "stewardship of influence" the principles are evident throughout. Jesus calls us to be "salt and light" stressing and emphasizing the influence that we have as living witnesses through the power of the Holy Spirit.

I think that the influence of believers is often minimized. Believers are called to be intentional about how they use their influence in all areas of life including family, work, church, school, and community. This influence is to reflect the character of Christ. Paul shares this as he exhorts Timothy to set an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity. Imagine those that have influenced your faith walk. How was their influence displayed and witnessed? How did their influence impact your daily walk?

We have the opportunity every day at Calvary to share God's Word. In doing so we pray that our influences are God pleasing and edifying for His Kingdom's work. In the school setting, influences are found everywhere. We ask God to enliven us to shine His Light to others witnessing His love with each other. No matter your age, we all have the ability to influence others by the use of our words, actions, and deeds.

Influence is either positive or negative, never neutral. - *Henrietta Mears*

Opening Doors for a Christian Education (Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization)

God has blessed families of Indiana with the choice of sending their children to the school that they feel best meets their needs with providing financial support. The LUTHERAN SGO of Indiana has changed the boundaries of the local school and greatly broadened them. You can open even more doors allowing students to enter the hallways of Calvary Lutheran Church and School. This opportunity will provide scholarship grants to students and their families. Contributions made by you for this purpose will be used to offer a Christian education so that children may not only receive a quality education, but to hear God's Word.

How do I help open these doors? Contribution forms for Lutheran SGO are available online at www.LutheranSGO.org. The state of Indiana will give you a tax credit of 50% of your donation. Example: If you give a gift of \$1000.00 you will receive an Indiana state tax credit of \$500.00. This is a unique opportunity. Funding for the over 200 scholarship grants for 2026-27 students enrolled at Calvary is \$125,000.00. Those desiring to contribute to this fund may do so through December 31 to receive the tax credit for this 2026 calendar year.

We ask the Lord to provide for the needs of others through the gifts of our hands.

Thanksgiving Holiday

School will be closed on Tuesday through Friday, November 24-27 in observation of the Thanksgiving Holiday. We ask the Lord to be with all those traveling. We rejoice in the opportunity to share this time with family and friends. School will resume on Monday, November 30. We give thanks to our God with a grateful heart.

Teachers Conference

The faculty will be attending the Indiana District Teachers in Indianapolis on Monday and Tuesday, November 23-24. The 23rd will be an eLearning Day. The conference will provide a wealth of professional growth sectionals and keynote speakers. It also provides an opportunity to build collaboration and fellowship.

Fall Back

We set our clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 a.m. Fall back for an extra hour of sleep. The mornings will be lighter with the afternoons darker earlier.

Operation Christmas Child

We are privileged each year to gather in support of Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse. Each year the students of Calvary Lutheran in Kindergarten through 4th grade meet with our adult ministry group to pack the boxes. This is coordinated through the assistance of Mrs. Barb Sorgius.

Boxes will be packed again on November 17 through the combined hearts and hands of our adult ministry members and students of Calvary. May God bless each hand that packs them and each hand that receives them.

Saints for a Day

Students in our 8th grade will travel to Lutheran High School for a shadow day on Wednesday, November 11. The students are paired with student mentors, visit and participate in classroom activities, meet with LHSI faculty and staff, and enjoy a pizza lunch during their visit. The students return to Calvary at 12:30 p.m. We ask the Lord to bless this time as God has opened doors beyond Calvary Lutheran enabling the students to continue their Christian Education in high school.



Annual Holiday Bazaar

Save the date for the Annual Holiday Bazaar!!!

The 57th Annual Holiday Bazaar will be **Sat., November 14, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Bazaar planning has begun! *You can find details at clcs.org/bazaar.*

Are you looking for a way to serve and have great fellowship with others at the same time? We are currently looking for many volunteers to help with the planning stages. Coordinators are needed to organize various aspects of the bazaar. Team members are needed to work with coordinators to accomplish tasks. It takes many hands and minds to make a successful bazaar. To volunteer please contact Karen Wright or sign-up at clcs.org/bazaarvolunteer.

Proceeds from this year's bazaar will benefit a new school playground tetherball set, support of the Compassion Ministry Team's *Memorial Cross* project, and support for *The Refuge* food pantry to provide assistance for Johnson and Marion County residents.

Booth sales are open. If you or someone you know is interested in having a booth at the bazaar they should contact Angie Ransdell. A booth can also be reserved at <https://calvary-women-in-mission.square.site/>.

Do you have an auction item? Are you willing to donate a service? Can you ask the company you work for to donate items and/or services? You can help make this year's SILENT AUCTION a great success! Pick up a form at the Women in Mission table or table outside the church office and return to the church office or Karen Hand's church mailbox. Items must be received by Sunday, October 18.

Save things to be sold in The Attic (No shoes, clothing, building materials, large pieces of furniture, or large electronics). Please price the items at no less than \$.25 before bringing them to Calvary on Friday, November 13, between 3:30 and 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, November 14 between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m.

Is baking your thing? You can bake and freeze now. Then bring your goodies to Calvary on Friday, November 13 to be sold in the Country Kitchen. Please sign-up at clcs.org/countrykitchen to help ensure we have a variety of goodies.



Women in Mission

Ladies' Pinochle Club (Monday, November 9th)

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 **November 9th**.

Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.

Ladies' Bible Study (Saturday, November 7th, 8:30 a.m.)

The Ladies' Bible study will be on **Saturday, November 7th** and will be from the Lutheran Women's Summer 2026 Quarterly and shared by everyone. Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday, November 7th** at 8:30 a.m.



Ladies' Pickleball (Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.)

Have you ever wanted to try pickleball? Join other women for a relaxed friendly game where beginners are welcome. Come learn and play with us! We meet in the school gym most Saturday mornings. Check the weekly church calendar to confirm the schedule. Bring good tennis shoes and patience. Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.



Extravagant Sharing

The needs at the Emmaus Food Pantry are always great. During the months of November and December, Extravagant Sharing will not suggest specific items, but donations can always be placed on the Extravagant Sharing shelves in the narthex/lobby, near the men's restroom. Boxes of cereal are always in demand for the families needing support from the Emmaus Food Pantry. Certainly, a sweet treat could be a bonus for a family to receive.

Pat O'Connor, from Emmaus, continues to take your donations to the Emmaus Food Pantry. Thank you, Pat!!! During November and December, there will be many ways to support special appeals for donations from Calvary ministry teams to make Thanksgiving and Christmas brighter for our community. Continue to Extravagantly share your love of Jesus with our community.

Blankets for Babies Fall Dates

Blankets for Babies will meet again on **Tuesday, November 3rd from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.** Come join us – learn how to crochet – we have ladies who are great Teachers – practice yarn is provided.

Our baby blankets are given to the Life Center at Southern Plaza.

Questions or interested in joining? Susan Daniels.

Adult Ministry

Lunch Out! (Wednesday, November 4th, 11:00 a.m.)

For our "First Wednesday" in November outing, we're meeting at China Garden, 7015 Madison Avenue.

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, November 18th, 11:00 a.m.)

Presenter: Stephen Rensner

Program: Updated Information about Calvary Lutheran School

Lunch: Thanksgiving Feast

Cost: Suggested donation: \$5. Questions? Barb Sorgius, 317-783-2000.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes will be available again this year at Calvary. There are several ways you can support Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project, which provide gifts and the Gospel to children around the world:

1. Pick up a red & green shoebox at the narthex display; fill with gift items for girl or boy, ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14, and return to the collection bin. (\$10 donation for shipping)
2. Donate gift items by **November 15** and volunteers will fill shoeboxes.
3. **Sort donations and pack shoeboxes on Tuesday, November 17th, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**
4. Help deliver filled boxes to the local drop site.

Please bring gift items or filled shoeboxes to the church **by Sunday, November 15** and leave them in the donation bin in the narthex. Questions? Call the church office, (317) 783-2000.

Gift suggestions - Remember: Items must fit in a shoebox!

TOYS – small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, "travel size" Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc. SCHOOL SUPPLIES – pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc. NON – LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS – toothbrush, comb, washcloth, bar soap. OTHER – T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, and flashlights (with extra batteries.) These items cannot be included due to safety and shipping issues: candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war-related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items, glass containers or aerosol cans.

Compassion Ministry

Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

Calvary's canned food drive has begun! We look forward to your generosity as we support families in Calvary's church and school. In years past your giving has also enabled us to also support the food pantry at Emmaus as well as Hunger Inc. in Indianapolis. Paper sacks with suggested food donations are available in the narthex. You may place your donations in the bins in the narthex anytime through November 15. We also welcome your help as we sort and box food items on Sunday, November 15. Help is appreciated anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Thank you again for your generous giving!



Let us Pray for You!

Just a reminder that you can request prayers on the pink cards located at each of the three entrances to the sanctuary. Drop your requests in the offering box and our prayer team will lift your request in prayer. You may also request prayers online at clcs.org/prayer. Prayers are always kept confidential.

Christmas Gifts for Lutherwood

We will once again support the teens of Lutherwood with your gifts this Christmas. Watch for further announcements and the 'giving tree' in the narthex this Thanksgiving weekend.

Adopt-a-Dorm at Lutherwood

Calvary has a group of 7 ladies who are part of the Adopt-a-Dorm program at Lutherwood. They visit once a month providing devotions, snacks, games, activities, and crafts. The teen girls they serve have been trafficked and live at Lutherwood receiving counsel, schooling, Christian support, and hope. If you are interested in being a part of this outreach, contact Emily Spelde.

Cancer Support Continues

Just a reminder that cancer support is here for you, for a loved one, or for a friend. Through our Cancer Companions program we can provide you with prayer support and/or group support. We also have several devotional booklets to offer that speak directly to your cancer journey. Flyers are located on the church office counter with further information.



Contact either Rosalie Behning or Denise Fix.

Stewardship Ministry

“Calvary Connects” Campaign Update

October marked the one-year anniversary of the Calvary Connects Campaign launch. Calvary has been blessed with a generous response to the campaign. The initial goal of \$750,000 in pledges has been met and exceeded. As of October, over \$910,000 in pledges have been made. Contributions made pursuant to those pledges total over \$640,000. This generosity has allowed us to proceed with several phases of the project – most recently the remodeling of the men's restroom. Current work includes drywall surface preparation and painting in the Narthex as well as the installation of new carpeting in the sanctuary.

The Stewardship Ministry will continue to provide regular updates on the status of your pledges. The quarterly statements have a summary of your Calvary Connects pledges and giving. There will also be a letter sent at the beginning of each year indicating the pledge status as well.

4th Quarter Mission Envelopes Designation – Wycliffe Bible Translators

Gifts received in the 4th quarter of this year (October through December) either in the red-lined “Mission” envelopes or designated generically for “Missions” in your online giving or on the regular offering envelopes are going to the support the work of a daughter of our congregation and her husband, who are affiliated with Wycliffe Bible Translators. For several years, they have been a vital part of this Bible translation movement. As one of our Ministry Partners, Calvary continues to provide support to their ministry through our prayers and monetary gifts to Wycliffe.

Thrivent Members – Did you know...

Thrivent Members, did you know that Thrivent Financial budgets a significant amount of money each year to pay the transaction costs for gifts to charitable organizations? This includes gifts made by credit card. Each year, Thrivent budgets \$300,000 to pay online processing fees for personal donations made through Thrivent's online giving platform. Calvary is an eligible charitable organization.

Change in Charitable Deductions for Non-Itemizers

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBA) enacted in 2025 included a provision that allows taxpayers who don't itemize (non-itemizers) to deduct certain charitable deductions. Taxpayers who take the standard deduction (non-itemizers) have not typically been able to deduct charitable donations on their tax returns. The OBBA, however, creates a permanent deduction for charitable donations of up to \$1,000 per filer who takes the standard deduction beginning in tax year 2026*.

*Before you file, please read the complete guidelines provided by the [IRS Charitable Contributions Topic](#) or consult with a tax professional to ensure your donations meet all requirements.

Lutheran High School of Indianapolis

LuFest - February 19, 2027

Grab your friends and join us for an unforgettable night celebrating and supporting Lutheran High School at the beautiful Indiana Roof Ballroom. Early Bird Tickets are **NOW AVAILABLE** until December 18th at LuFest.org.

Applications Open

Open enrollment for the 2027-2028 school year is underway at Lutheran High School! Ready to become a Saint? Applications are open for students entering grades 9-12. Apply today and take the first step toward becoming a Saint! Questions? Contact Lindsay Ruth, Director of Admissions.

Building Addition Update for Calvary Luth School

Calvary Lutheran School Breaks Ground STEM and Resource Center

Calvary Lutheran Church and School is building on more than 75 years of Christian education with the groundbreaking of a new 4,200-square-foot STEM and Resource Center. Supported by a \$2.3 million Lilly Endowment Inc. grant, the expansion will provide dedicated spaces for hands-on STEM education, individualized academic support and collaboration among educators and families. The addition will include a 1,200-square-foot STEM laboratory, an 840-square-foot resource classroom, small group instruction spaces, a meeting and collaboration room, and a staff office.



Students, Staff, and Leaders gathered October 8th to break ground



Principal Steve Rensner; Exec Dir Rob Blazek;
Amber Conrad, School MT; Cris Dorman, Shuck Constr.;
Pastor Kurt Ebert



Tom Schultz, Building Comm; Tess Redding, Resource
Jason Scheidt, STEM; Mariah McIntyre, Wellness Spec.
Dawn Schultz, Assistant Principal

Youth Ministry

FLIGHT (High School Youth Group)

The high school youth group meets weekly on **Sunday from 12:00-1:30 p.m.**

Contact Brian Krohmer at bkrohmer@clcs.org to be added to the email list for event updates.



LAUNCH (5th-6th grades)

All 5th and 6th grade youth are invited to the next LAUNCH event on **Wednesday, November 11th from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**



SAIL (7th-8th grades)

All 7th and 8th grade youth are invited to the next SAIL event on **Saturday, November 18th from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**



Youth Chili and Soup Cook-Off and Dessert Auction (Sunday, November 8th)

Get your recipe books out and your loose change ready because the Calvary Youth Cook-off and Dessert Auction is back! We will continue last year's tradition where you may enter your favorite chili, soup, or mac and cheese recipe for the competition OR you may submit a dish for the dessert auction.

Join us in the gym on **Sunday, November 8th from 12:00-1:30 p.m.** following the late service.

All money raised will benefit the youth attending the 2027 Summer High School Mission Trip.

Admission for this event is \$5/person with a max of \$20/family.



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November 2026

The Saint in the Sycamore

November 1, 2026 – All Saints' Day

Rev. Daniel Eggold

Zacchaeus, the wealthy tax collector, climbed a sycamore tree just hoping to catch a glimpse of Jesus. But Jesus saw him first — calling him down, staying at his house, and bringing salvation to a sinner. On this All Saints' Day, rejoice that Jesus spots you too, wherever you are, and makes sinners His saints.

Sermon Text: Luke 19:1-10

Readings: Psalm 130; Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Luke 19:1-10

Featured Choirs: St. Peter's Adult Choir, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Holy Cross Treble Choir, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Does Jesus Know You?

November 8, 2026 – Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Scott Zeckzer

Jesus is coming. Are you ready for His coming again? While it is important to know Jesus, it is more important that Jesus knows you.

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:13

Readings: Psalm 70:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Featured Choirs: Zion Lutheran School, Decatur, Ind.; Holy Cross Sanctuary Choir, Fort Wayne, Ind.

The Breastplate and Helmet

November 15, 2026 – Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Our spiritual enemies - the devil, the unbelieving world, and our own sinful nature - are constantly trying to put fear, worry, discouragement, and sinful anger into our hearts, and falsehood and deception into our minds. Thus, the apostle Paul urges us to put on the breastplate and helmet - equipment from God. With these we will be protected from our enemies.

Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:8

Readings: Psalm 90:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

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

We Are What We See!

November 22, 2026 – Last Sunday of the Church Year

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

What are your eyes fixed upon? In Jesus' parable of the sheep and the goats, two groups stand before the king equally surprised; yet their lives were shaped by entirely different visions. Discover how focusing on yourself blinds you to Christ, while focusing on Jesus opens your eyes to the people and needs He places before you. Truly, we are what we see!

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:37, 44

Readings: Psalm 95:1-7a; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46

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

Come Lord, Come

November 29, 2026 – First Sunday in Advent

Rev. Scott Zeckzer

Are you ready for the Lord's coming? He is coming on the Last Day in power and might, but until that time, He comes in humbleness and mercy.

Sermon Text: Isaiah 64:1

Readings: Psalm 80:1-7; Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 11:1-10

Featured Choirs: St. Peter's Adult Choir, Fort Wayne, Ind.; St. Michael Adult Choir, Fort Wayne, Ind.; St. Paul's Choristers, Fort Wayne, Ind.

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