

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: Amen

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (pg. 56 LBW)

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

ALL: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

LBW #369 “The Church’s One Foundation”

GREETING (pg. 57 LBW)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

KYRIE (pgs. 57-58 LBW)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE (pgs. 60-61 LBW)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain.

SALUTATION (pg. 62 LBW)

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. P: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son, Jesus Christ as Lord. AMEN

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 29:11-19

Pew Bible pg. 743

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 14

L: The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

C: The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

L: Everyone has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one.

C: Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?

L: See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous.

C: Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but the LORD is their refuge.

L: Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 5:22-33

Pew Bible pg. 1227

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (pg. 62 LBW)

Congregation Sings: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 7th chapter. Congregation sings: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. Congregation sings: Praise to you, O Christ. (Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Rev. James T. Lehmann STS

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #370 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
(Please rise as you are able)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (pg. 66 LBW) (Please rise) Congregation Sings: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (pg. 67 LBW) *P: Merciful Father, C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

GREAT THANKSGIVING (pgs. 68-69 LBW)

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD (pg. 72 LBW) Congregation Sings: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING, CANTICLE & PRAYER (pgs. 73 LBW) (Please rise as you are able) Congregation sings: Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

LBW #518 "Beautiful Savior"

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

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*“Praise to you, O Lord! Though you are above all and beyond all,
you come close to us and hold us in gentle care. We worship you.”*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Tyler Edwards (son/Tom & Mary Edwards)
Family of Dolores Matzat (cousin/Paul Wolters)
Genet Dixon Geraldine Gorecki Family of Irene Galindo

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Lee Briggs	Rich Friemel	Debbi Dietz	Carla Adkins
Kim Wyre	Jessica Hawn	Loretta Overholt	Jennifer Birkey
Earl Smith	Cindy Williams	Gabbi Reynolds	Ben Moser
Denny Doyle	William Benton	Steve Ritchie	Marla Osterbur
Sharon Lohen	Mary Mallicoat	Nick Shepherd	Bob & Jenny Hobby
Michael Markarian	Joyce Keith	Bob Selby	Merrill Wattjes
Joan Percival	Joyce Williamson		

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

Keith Dohleman	Rita Buenting	Shorty Baugher	Ruth Lutz
Janet Withers	Joan Mathis		

MILITARY (Bolded names are known to be in an area of higher danger):

Jon Stiebner	Alex Short	Brandon Elrod	Kasey Fenimore
Brian Griswold	Levi Loschen	Ryan Falletti	Riley Falletti

TABLE GUILD

ACOLYTES

BULLETIN GREETERS

GREETERS

LECTOR

PRAYER LEADER

WORSHIP STEWARD

USHERS

DeAnn McMorris, Sue Coffin
Kyndall Cox, Logan Suits
Connie Early, Geri Remmers
Tom & Mary Edwards
DeAnn McMorris
Mary Edwards
Lloyd Schluter
Katie Holland, Jack & Brenda Spitz

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Friends and guests, welcome to worship in the name of Jesus, who is both Savior and Friend and who welcomes all.

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY is not just a men's Bible study. This study led by Dennis Albers is open to anyone that would like to attend. They will resume meeting at 6:00 p.m. next Tuesday, September 3rd. Normally they meet in the SS room just outside of the Chapel but due to the flooring project, they will be meeting in the Confirmation/Bible Study Room for a few weeks. Please consider attending this wonderful study.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE will not be held this week or next week. A decision will be made by Sunday, September 8th, as to when and where they will resume meeting.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will be held this Thursday at 9:00 a.m. in the Confirmation/Bible Study Room.

2024-2025 CONFIRMATION A Parent's Informational Meeting will be held next Wednesday, September 4th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Confirmation Room. A second meeting will be held on Thursday, September 5th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Confirmation Room only if someone is unable to attend on Wednesday. Please note: This meeting is mandatory for parents to attend in order for their child to be in Confirmation Instruction. Please call the church office (217-893-4550) or Sean O'Donnell (217-714-2776) if you are wanting your child to attend Confirmation this year but cannot make it to either of these meetings. Confirmation Instruction will begin on Wednesday, September 11th.

ACOLYTE TRAINING will be held on Sunday, September 15th, immediately following the worship service for any child wanting to become an acolyte.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY I would like to invite the women of our church to join me in an 8-Session Bible Study by Jennifer Rothschild, entitled Amos, An Invitation to the Good Life. "As we read Amos together, we're going to turn each condemnation into an invitation. Amos is full of invitations to seek God and live. It's full of invitations to feel assured by God, live humbly and justly for Him, and receive hope of renewal and restoration. 'So don't let the bad news or sad outcomes keep you from reading. "If hope is the narrator, then the book will end OK." Starting Wednesday, September 25th, we will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the Bible Study Room and accept Jennifer's invitation to Amos. Please contact Deanne Rosenbeck by September 9th, so that your study book of Amos can be ordered. The cost will be \$22. You can call the church office, text Deanne Rosenbeck at 217-621-8816 or by email at [dwattjes@hotmail.com](mailto:d wattjes@hotmail.com) to register for this class.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTING DELAYED Due to the flooring project, the Children's Sunday School year will not start until Sunday, October 6th. There will still be an installation of the SS and Preschool teachers on Sunday, September 8th.

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION If you are a baptized believer, trusting that the life giving and sustaining power and presence of Christ is truly present in bread and wine, we welcome you to the Lord's table. Children who commune in their home congregations are welcome to commune; those who are not currently communing at the Lord's table are invited to come forward for a blessing keeping their hands to their sides. The center of each tray holds light colored, non-alcoholic juice for those with special circumstances. ***Gluten-free wafers are available upon request for those with allergies.

UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE:

September 1st – Vicar Aaron Dawson

September 8th – Pr. Jim Lehmann (Communion)

September 15th – Neal White

September 22nd – Pr. Phil Gronbach (Comm.)

ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:

8/18 Worship Service – 128

BROADCAST/FLOWER CHART If you would like to sponsor the weekly radio broadcast on WPXN, the cost is \$50. To provide flowers for Sunday, the cost is \$25. Please sign up on the appropriate chart outside the Narthex then notify the church office the details to print in the bulletin prior to that date.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 119:129-136; Ephesians 6:10-20; Mark 7:14-23

THIS WEEK**Sunday, August 25**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

Monday, August 26

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, August 27

6:00 p.m. NO Bible Study

Wednesday, August 28

5:45 p.m. NO Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. NO Prayer Service

Thursday, August 29

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, September 1

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

Radio Broadcast Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. on WPXN 104.9FM

Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 2024 – August 31, 2024

Prayer: God of all creation, Father in Heaven, you reach out to call people of all nations to your Kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son, Jesus Christ as Lord. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	2 Samuel 23:1-39	Psalm 96	John 11:17-27
Monday	2 Samuel 24:1-25	Psalm 97	John 11:28-44
Tuesday	1 Kings 1:1-53	Psalm 98	John 11:45-57
Wednesday	1 Kings 2:1-46	Psalm 99	John 12:1-11
Thursday	1 Kings 3:1-28	Psalm 100	John 12:12-19
Friday	1 Kings 4:1-34	Psalm 101	John 12:20-36
Saturday	1 Kings 5:1-18	Psalm 102	John 12:37-50

Morning Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

Mid-Day Prayer Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever. Amen

Evening Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

PULPIT SUPPLY - SEPTEMBER 1ST



Next Sunday, September 1st, we will be visited by Vicar Aaron Dawson who will be preaching and presiding at service. Vicar Aaron, originally of Benton, Illinois, is currently serving as Acting Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Metropolis, Illinois, with permission from the General Secretary. Vicar Aaron holds a Bachelor of Arts Ministry from the Institute of Lutheran Theology where he is currently working on the last year of his Master Divinity. The Vicar began serving Trinity Lutheran Church in Shumway, Illinois, due to their pastoral vacancy in 2020 at the request of General Secretary Mark Chavez. In 2022, Trinity and St. John's of Shelbyville formed a two-point parish that served as his internship site. Upon completion of his internship, Vicar Aaron went to serve St. John Lutheran Church of Metropolis, Illinois.

Vicar Aaron was accepted into the NALC candidacy process in 2020. In October, he will appear before the candidacy committee for his final interview to be approved for ordination. As soon as he is approved, he will be allowed to enter the call process a semester before graduation.

Vicar Aaron will be accompanied by his lovely wife, Kristin. Kristin, who is originally from Metropolis, Illinois, is a Board-Certified Music Therapist and holds a Master of Music Therapy from Saint Mary of the Woods College in Terre Haute, Indiana. They will be bringing their 15-month-old son, Asher.