

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

LBW #543 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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. 58-59 LBW)

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

SALUTATION (pg. 62 LBW)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Pew Bible pg. 187

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 119:129-136

L: Your decrees are wonderful therefore I obey them with all my heart.

C: When your word goes forth it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

L: I open my mouth and pant; I long for your commandments.

C: Turn to me in mercy, as you always do to those who love your name.

L: Steady my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

C: Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.

L: Let your countenance shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

C: My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 6:10-20

Pew Bible pg. 1228

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 7:14-23

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

Vicar Aaron Dawson

HYMN OF THE DAY

**LBW #230 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"
(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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (pg. 75 LBW) **(Please rise) Congregation Sings: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

LBW #389 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

DISMISSAL

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

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*“Lord ... whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts.”*
(“Lord of All Hopefulness,” Jan Struther)

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Tyler Edwards Family of Dolores Matzat

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Geraldine Gorecki	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	Genet Dixon	

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

Lloyd Schluter, Terri Kirby

Ivie Albers, Andrew Benton

Rod & Sandy Heiser

Jack & Brenda Spitz

Sally Bauer

Sondra Sipes

Sheila Sherman

David Hulse, Donna Hustedt, Wendy Watkins

WELCOME TO WORSHIP this Labor Day weekend. May God be in our work and our leisure, our fellowship and our praise.

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY led by Dennis Albers meets at 6:00 p.m. each Tuesday evening and is open to anyone that would like to attend. At this time, they will be meeting in the Confirmation/Bible Study Room. Please consider attending this study!

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

2024-2025 CONFIRMATION A Parent's Informational Meeting will be held this Wednesday, September 4th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Confirmation Room. *Please enter through the east Narthex doors.* 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 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.

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 next Sunday, September 8th.

SUNDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY The Book of Revelation has instilled courage in the lives of Christians throughout the world. God's message in Revelation assures believers that whatever they are experiencing in the world, Jesus is on His throne and ruling on high. His children can live boldly and confidently, knowing that God has set them in a divinely appointed time and place. The Sunday morning women's Bible study class invites you to join us for this study on Revelation starting on September 8th in the Bible study room directly after the church service. Hope to see you there. Blessings.

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.

UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE:

September 8th – Pr. Jim Lehmann (Communion)

September 15th – Neal White

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

September 29th – Neal White

ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 130

OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed this Monday, September 2nd, in observance of Labor Day.

NO QUILTING The quilters will not meet this Monday, September 2nd, due to the Labor Day holiday.

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

BROADCAST/FLOWER CHART is located just outside the Narthex to sign-up to sponsor the weekly WPXN radio broadcast or to provide flowers.

STUDENT CLOTHING DONATIONS We are again partnering with Northview Grade School collecting gently used clothing, and new socks, underwear and shoes for children ages K - 5th Grade (size 5T to Men's & Women's size small). A donation tub is in the Narthex.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10, 14-18; Mark 7:24-37

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 1

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

Monday, September 2 OFFICE CLOSED

12:30 p.m. NO Quilting

Tuesday, September 3

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, September 4

5:45 p.m. NO Fellowship Meal

6:00 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting

6:30 p.m. NO Prayer Service

Thursday, September 5

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting (tent.)

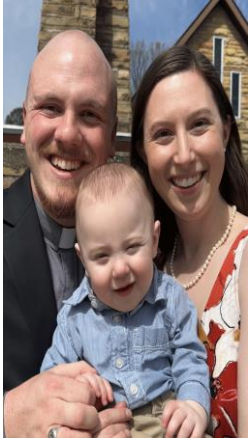
Sunday, September 8

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

PULPIT SUPPLY - SEPTEMBER 1ST



Today, we welcome Vicar Aaron Dawson to American Lutheran Church. 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 is accompanied by his lovely wife, Kristin, and their 15-month-old son, Asher. 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.

Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2024 – September 7, 2024

Prayer: Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his Commands; through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	1 Kings 6:1-38	Psalm 103	John 13:1-11
Monday	1 Kings 7:1-51	Psalm 104	John 13:12-20
Tuesday	1 Kings 8:1-34	Psalm 105	John 13:21-30
Wednesday	1 Kings 8:35-66	Psalm 106	John 13:31-38
Thursday	1 Kings 9:1-28	Psalm 107	John 14:1-11
Friday	1 Kings 10:1-29	Psalm 108	John 14:12-31
Saturday	1 Kings 11:1-43	Psalm 109	John 15:1-11

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