

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Twenty-six Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 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

WOV #731 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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: Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

FIRST LESSON: Daniel 12:1-3

Pew Bible pg. 938

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 16

L: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, You are my Lord, my good above all other."

C: All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

L: But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

C: Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

L: O Lord, you are my portion and my cup, it is you who uphold my lot.

C: My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

L: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

C: I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.

L: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

C: For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

L: You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 10:11-25

Pew Bible pg. 1261

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 13:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 13th 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 #453 “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”
(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 #369 “The Church’s One Foundation”

DISMISSAL

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

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*“Jesus, as you predicted, wars and disasters abound. Help us to not be led astray
but to trust in your power and goodness. (Mark 13:5-8, 26)”*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Ted Valentine Family of Shorty Baugher

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Dave Howe	Pen Pendleton	Denny Doyle	Pr. Barb Busboom
Rodney Larkin	Rich Friemel	Geraldine Gorecki	Lee Briggs
Debbi Dietz	Carla Adkins	Kim Wyre	Jessica Hawn
Earl Smith	Cindy Williams	Gabbi Reynolds	Ben Moser
William Benton	Steve Ritchie	Marla Osterbur	Sharon Lohen
Mary Mallicoat	Bob & Jenny Hobby	Nick Shepherd	Michael Markarian
Joyce Keith	Bob Selby	Merrill Wattjes	Joan Percival
Joyce Williamson			

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

Keith Dohleman	Rita Buenting	Ruth Lutz	Joan Mathis
Genet Dixon	Joyce Higgins	Dave Overholt	Loretta Overholt

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	Sue Coffin, DeAnn McMorris
ACOLYTES	Aubrie Albers, Ivie Albers
BULLETIN GREETERS	Jim & Pam Cheek
GREETERS	Emily Deal, John Lux
LECTOR	Sean O'Donnell
PRAYER LEADER	Sondra Sipes
WORSHIP STEWARD	Lloyd Schluter
USHERS	Kyndall Cox, John & Rhonda Keith

WELCOME The writer of Hebrews urges us to “not stop gathering together with other believers” but “encourage each other even more” (10:25, God’s Word Translation). So let us worship.

FELLOWSHIP TIME Please join us for donuts and coffee in the ALC Youth Hall today immediately following the service for a chance to visit with the Dawson’s.

FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Emily Deal* in memory of her mother, Wilma Borchers’ Birthday on November 20th, and in memory of her son, Ray Phillips’ Birthday on November 19th.

EDEN PARK CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING will be held this Tuesday, November 19th, at 5:30 p.m. in the ALC Youth Hall. All lot owners are encouraged to attend.

THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP DINNER will be held next Saturday, November 23rd, at 5:30 p.m. in the Confirmation/Bible Study Room and will be a catered meal including: turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, green beans, cranberry relish, rolls and pie. Cost is \$15 per person and must be paid to Lloyd Schluter today.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER ALC Preschool is beginning to sell Butter Braids! The preschool board members will be selling the Butter Braids before and after church on November 24th and December 1st. All orders need to be placed by December 2nd. For any questions or to place an order please email preschoolatalc@gmail.com or call 217-893-8773. Thank you all, for supporting the preschool.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING will take place on Sunday, December 1st, immediately following the Worship Service. Please plan to help if you can.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY The midweek Advent Bible Study is The Light of Grace. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4th. The lessons begin with a study on hope and peace, followed by peace and joy, and finally love. Since there are four lessons and only three Wednesdays, we will do one and a half lessons on the first two Wednesdays. Prior to the Bible study, a light meal will be served beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Youth Hall. Please contact the office if you are interested in attending so we can make sure we have enough study materials and can plan adequately for the meal.

ATTENTION WORSHIP ASSISTANTS If you are unable to fulfill your worship assistant job on a particular Sunday, please try to find a replacement. Once a replacement is found, please contact the church office and let Nikki know of the change for the bulletin. Also, when you arrive on Sunday morning, please check-in with the worship steward that day and let them know you are there.

UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE:

November 24th – Pr. Jay Johnson (Communion)

December 1st – TBA

December 8th – Pr. Jim Lehmann (Communion)

ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 140

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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for the fourth quarter (October-December) are still available to pick up in the Narthex and outside the church office.

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 51:4-6; Psalm 93; Jude 20-25; Mark 13:24-37

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 17

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time-Youth Hall

Monday, November 18

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, November 19

5:30 p.m. Eden Park Cemetery Association Meeting
6:00 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 20

12:00 p.m. Community Blood Drive
5:30 p.m. Confirmation
5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

Thursday, November 21

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, November 23

5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner

Sunday, November 24

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

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

Aaron Dawson is visiting today as a pastoral candidate for Call to ALC. He grew up in Benton, Illinois, where his younger sister and parents still live. He began discerning a call to pastoral ministry at the age of 15. He was accepted into The Institute of Lutheran Theology with the help of his mentor and father-in-law, Pastor Preston Foster, at the age of 20. In 2020, he began serving Trinity Lutheran Church in Shumway, Illinois, as pulpit supply. Over the next few months, he began accepting more responsibility. In the fall of 2022, Trinity and St. John's of Shelbyville, IL, formed a temporary two-point parish and became his internship site. After completing his internship, he began serving as vicar and "acting pastor" at St. John Lutheran Church in Metropolis, Illinois. His responsibilities include leading the deacon's mass, visitation of the sick, teaching, preaching, counseling, and administration.

In 2020 Aaron married his mentor's daughter Kristin. She holds a Master's Degree in Music Therapy and is a board-certified music therapist. Kristin also recently began the process to become a deaconess in the North American Lutheran Church in October. In May of 2023, Aaron and Kristin welcomed their first son Asher into the world. Kristin and Aaron would like to thank the congregation at American Lutheran Church for the opportunity to visit and for Aaron to interview to be your new pastor.

Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Twenty-six Sunday after Pentecost

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Prayer: Lord God, Heavenly Father, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the Day of Judgement, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	2 Chronicles 11:1-12:16	Psalm 9	Acts 18:24-19:7
Monday	2 Chronicles 13:1-22	Psalm 10	Acts 19:8-20
Tuesday	2 Chronicles 14:1-15:19	Psalm 11	Acts 19:21-34
Wednesday	2 Chronicles 16:1-17:19	Psalm 12	Acts 19:35-20:6
Thursday	2 Chronicles 18:1-34	Psalm 13	Acts 20:7-16
Friday	2 Chronicles 19:1-20:19	Psalm 14	Acts 20:17-38
Saturday	2 Chronicles 20:20-21:20	Psalm 15	Acts 21:1-6

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