

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Baptism of Our Lord January 12, 2025

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 #253 "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

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

P: Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7

Pew Bible pg. 759

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 29

L: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

L: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

C: The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

C: he makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

L: The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

C: The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

L: And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

C: The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

L: The LORD shall give strength to his people; the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 6:1-11

Pew Bible pg. 1182

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: Luke 3:15-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 3rd 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

HYMN OF THE DAY

**WOV #690 "Shall We Gather at the River"
(Please rise as you are able)**

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 (Sung)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN

LBW #260 "On Our Way Rejoicing"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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*In baptism you called Jesus — and you call us — “beloved.”
May we grow in your love, God, and share it with others.*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

John Keith Family of Pastor Dan Tuhy

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Dave Amborn	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	Gabbi Reynolds	Ben Moser	William Benton
Steve Ritchie	Sharon Lohen	Mary Mallicoat	Nick Shepherd
Bob & Jenny Hobby	Michael Markarian	Joyce Keith	Merrill Wattjes
Joan Percival	Joyce Williamson		

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

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

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
Eli Baker			

TABLE GUILD

ACOLYTES

BULLETIN GREETERS

GREETERS

LECTOR

PRAYER LEADER

WORSHIP STEWARD

USHERS

Sally Bauer, Midge Seim

Kyndall Cox, Liam Kaiser

Donna Hustedt, David Hulse

Joshua James, Maddy Graves

Chrissie Hall

Shirley Friemel

DeAnn McMorris

Leon & Cheryl Freese, Aubrie Albers

WELCOME TO WORSHIP May you experience the love of Jesus in the midst of this congregation. Welcome!

NAME TAGS Please help Pastor Aaron and his wife, Kristin, learn all of our names here at ALC by wearing name tags for the next several weeks. Name tags are located on a table in the Narthex.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available to pick-up in the Narthex. After today, they will be available in the church office. If you would like envelopes and none have been provided, please contact Judy Peck in the church office.

SUNDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – HEAVEN Who goes there? Where is it? What will we do there? Questions like these arise when we consider an eternal future beyond this physical life. How can we know the truth about what comes next? With the Heaven Bible Study, you'll discover answers to some of your deepest and most pressing questions about heaven and realize how your hope for tomorrow should shape how you live today. The Sunday morning women's Bible study class invites you to join them for this study of Heaven starting today in the Bible study room directly after the church service.

BLOOD DRIVE The Rantoul Community Blood Drive will be held at American Lutheran Church this Wednesday, January 15th, from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the Youth Hall. Please note the new time.

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2024 are due to the church office by this Friday, January 17th.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, February 9th, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service. The Nominating Committee will present the following nominees for office on the Church Council:

Elder: Terry Doyle Trustees: Justin Kaiser, Deanne Rosenbeck, Midge Seim

Our Constitution allows for additional members to be nominated if submitted by a "Voting Member" of the congregation. Request is to be received by the Pastor ten days prior to the date of the election (January 30th). All such requests to be in writing and signed by three members. Members so nominated will be included on the ballot along with those nominated by the Nominating Committee.

VBS 2025: Seeking new leadership for VBS this year. The Kellie/Kelly team is needing to step back and this leaves a need for a new VBS Director and VBS Decorator. These roles can be done as a team. Please prayerfully consider and please ask questions! A meeting will be held once interest is found. Contact Kellie Schluter at 217/417-4015 as soon as possible. These roles are so rewarding as you get to watch God work the entire week through smiling, happy kids!

ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 134

PORTALS OF PRAYER The first quarter Portals of Prayer (January-March) are available to pick up in the Narthex and outside of the church office.

RANTOUL FOOD PANTRY Please remember that donation boxes are available in the Narthex and outside the church office for the Food Pantry.

BROADCAST/FLOWER CHART The cost to sponsor the broadcast on WPXN is \$50. The cost to provide flowers for Sunday is \$25. Please sign up on the chart outside the Narthex and call the office with the details to print in the bulletin.

STUDENT CLOTHING DONATIONS We are continuing to partner 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 62:1-5; Psalm 128; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 12

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

Monday, January 13

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, January 14

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, January 15

11:30 a.m. Community Blood Drive

5:30 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday, January 16

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, January 19

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

Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Festival of the Baptism of Our Lord
January 12, 2025 – January 18, 2025

Prayer: Father in Heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are Baptized into Jesus Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	Job 15:1-35	Psalm 65	Romans 11:28-36
Monday	Job 16:1-22	Psalm 66	Romans 12:1-13
Tuesday	Job 17:1-16; 18:1-21	Psalm 67	Romans 12:14-21
Wednesday	Job 19:1-29	Psalm 68	Romans 13:1-14
Thursday	Job 20:1-29	Psalm 69	Romans 14:1-12
Friday	Job 21:1-34	Psalm 70	Romans 14:13-23
Saturday	Job 22:1-30	Psalm 71	Romans 15:1-13

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

ANNOUNCING



*the Ordination of
Aaron Matthew Dawson*

to the Holy Office
of Word and Sacrament Ministry

Friday ~ 31 January 2025
6:30 p.m.

Live Streaming Online at:
<https://www.facebook.com/CTKNALC/>