

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Aaron Dawson

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 19, 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 #90 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

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: Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: AMEN

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 62:1-5

Pew Bible pg. 781

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 128

L: Happy are they all who fear the LORD, and who follow in his ways!

C: You shall eat the fruit of your labor happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

L: Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive shoots round about your table.

C: The man who fears the LORD shall thus indeed be blessed.

L: The LORD bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

C: May you live to see your children's children; may peace be upon Israel.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Pew Bible pg. 1202

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: John 2:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 2nd 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

**LBW #532 "How Great Thou Art"
(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 (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

WOV #649 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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*In 1 Corinthians 12, St. Paul wrote to Christians about the many spiritual gifts.
Holy Spirit, show me what gifts I have for serving you.*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Glenn Behnke – Lacon Rehab & Nursing Family of Pastor Dan Tuhy

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

John Keith	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

Carson McClain, Liam Hall

Emily Deal, Shirley Barnes

Justin & Liam Kaiser

Midge Seim

Joyce Holland

Lloyd Schluter

Sue Coffin, Emily Holland, Shirley Friemel

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Psalm 36 declares God's love to be steadfast, precious and a place of refuge. Welcome, friends. In God, you are loved and safe.

BROADCAST OF THE SERVICE TODAY is provided by *Juanita Bradley* in memory of her mother, Mona Erdman's, birthday on January 19th.

FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Earl Smith* in memory of his father, Ralph Smith's, birthday on January 19th.

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 The remainder of the 2025 offering envelopes are available to pick-up in the church office. If you would like envelopes and none were provided, please contact Judy Peck in the church office.

2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS have been mailed. Please contact Judy Peck in the church office at (217)893-4550 if you have not received your statement.

OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed this Monday, January 20th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

NO QUILTING There will be no quilting this Monday, January 20th, due to the holiday.

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 – 129

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2024 are past due to the church office. Please get your reports turned into the church office as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

PORTALS OF PRAYER The first quarter Portals of Prayer (January-March) are still 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:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19:7-14; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:16-30

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 19

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

Monday, January 20 OFFICE CLOSED

12:30 p.m. NO Quilting

Tuesday, January 21

6:00 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 22

1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday, January 23

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, January 26

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 Second Sunday after
the Epiphany of Our Lord**

January 19, 2025 – January 25, 2025

Prayer: Lord God, Heavenly Father, you showed your glory and led many to faithfulness by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us to faithfulness in him, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	Job 23:1-24:25	Psalm 72	Romans 15:14-29
Monday	Job 25:1-26:14	Psalm 73	Romans 15:30-16:16
Tuesday	Job 27:1-28:11	Psalm 74	Romans 16:17-27
Wednesday	Job 28:12-29:25	Psalm 75	1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Thursday	Job 30:1-31	Psalm 76	1 Corinthians 1:10-19
Friday	Job 31:1-40	Psalm 77	1 Corinthians 1:20-31
Saturday	Job 32:1-22	Psalm 78	1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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/>