

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Aaron Dawson

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 26, 2025

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (pg. 56 LBW)

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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 #369 “The Church’s One Foundation”

GREETING (pg. 57 LBW)

L: 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)

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. L: 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. L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: Amen

SALUTATION (pg. 62 LBW)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: AMEN

FIRST LESSON: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Pew Bible pg. 511

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 19:7-14

L: The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

C: The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

L: The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

C: More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

L: By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

C: Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

L: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

C: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

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: Luke 4:16-30

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 4th chapter. Congregation sings: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Jim Cheek

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #501 "He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!"
(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

L: 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

L: 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 #82 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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*Sometimes my heart feels cold, like the snowy ground during a northern winter.
Nurture seeds of growth deep inside me, Great Gardener,
so I may soon bloom with love and faith.*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Glenn Behnke – Lacon Rehab & Nursing

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	Sally Bauer, Midge Seim
ACOLYTES	Ivie Albers, Connor Suits
BULLETIN GREETERS	Phyllis Hafermann, Lindalou Hauersperger
GREETERS	Lloyd Schluter, Kyndall Cox
LECTOR	Sheila Sherman
PRAYER LEADER	Aubrie Albers
WORSHIP STEWARD	Ron Howe
USHERS	John & Rhonda Keith, Leah Graves

WELCOME TO WORSHIP May you sense the care and guidance of Father, Son and Holy Spirit during worship, faith education and Christian fellowship today.

OUT OF TOWN Pastor Aaron and Kristin are in San Antonio, TX, attending the Pastoral Development Days/First Five Gathering and Clergy Retreat through Thursday. Then they will return to southern Illinois for Pastor's ordination on Friday, January 31st.

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.

OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed this Tuesday, January 28th, in the afternoon.

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!

INSTALLATION SERVICE for Pastor Aaron Dawson will be held on Sunday, February 9th, at 4:00 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary. A dinner will immediately follow in the Youth Hall. The congregation is invited and encouraged to attend!

PASTOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION If you would like to get ahold of Pastor Aaron, you may call him on his cell phone (618)200-0352 or email him at rev.daws25@gmail.com.

ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 122

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2024 are past due to the church office. Please get your reports turned into the church office by 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

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:

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13; Luke 4:31-44

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 26

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

Monday, January 27

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, January 28 OFFICE CLOSED-PM

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, January 29

1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday, January 30

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, February 2

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

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/>

**Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Third Sunday after
the Epiphany of Our Lord**

January 26, 2025 – February 1, 2025

Prayer: Almighty God, Heavenly Father, you sent your Son to proclaim your Kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, so that we, too, may bring Good News to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	Job 33:1-33	Psalm 79	1 Corinthians 2:6-16
Monday	Job 34:1-37	Psalm 80	1 Corinthians 3:1-15
Tuesday	Job 35:1-16	Psalm 81	1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Wednesday	Job 36:1-33	Psalm 82	1 Corinthians 4:1-13
Thursday	Job 37:1-38:18	Psalm 83	1 Corinthians 4:14-21
Friday	Job 38:19-41	Psalm 84	1 Corinthians 5:1-13
Saturday	Job 39:1-30	Psalm 85	1 Corinthians 6:1-11

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