

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 2, 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.

C: 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.

P: Most merciful God, C: 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: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives the sins of all who trust on the merit of Jesus Christ alone. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

P: However, to all unrepentant sinners and despisers of God, of His Words, and of His Holy Sacraments, I say from God's Word and in the name of Jesus Christ, that God has kept their sins and will certainly punish in time and eternity, so long as they, during this time of grace, refuse to turn from them and to repent. We wish them from the heart that they would repent.

C: Amen

OPENING HYMN

LBW #364 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

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. 60-61 LBW)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain.

SALUTATION (pg. 62 LBW)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. C: Amen

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Pew Bible pg. 788

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 71:1-6

L: In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.

C: In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.

L: Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

C: Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

L: For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, my confidence since I was young.

C: I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

Pew Bible pg. 1203

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 4:31-44

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

(After the Gospel is read) P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Aaron Dawson

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #406 "Take My Life, that I May Be"

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (pg. 66 LBW) **(Please rise) Congregation Sings: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER (pg. 67 LBW) *P: Merciful Father, C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

GREAT THANKSGIVING (pgs. 68-69 LBW)

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth....as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD (pg. 72 LBW) **Congregation Sings: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING, CANTICLE & PRAYER (pgs. 72 LBW) **(Please rise as you are able) Congregation sings: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

LBW #346 "When Peace, like a River"

DISMISSAL

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

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*Jesus, this Valentine's month and all year long, help me live in love so that,
whatever else I do, I will not be "a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal"
(1 Corinthians 13:1, NRSV).*

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
Glenn Behnke	Luella Loschen		

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

Sondra Sipes, Midge Seim
Logan Suits, Jack Flesner
Tina & Joshua James
Jack & Brenda Spitz
Dennis Albers
Monica Carico
Deanne Rosenbeck
Judy Peck, David & Debbie Keith

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Traditionally, the church on this day remembers the presentation of Jesus by his parents in the temple. We too present ourselves to God: our praise, petitions, sorrows and joys. Welcome.

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

FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Geri Remmers* in memory of Pastor Marvin Remmers who went to his Heavenly Home with Jesus 20 years ago on February 1, 2005.

ANNUAL REPORTS will be available to pick-up following the service today. Please bring your copy to the Annual Meeting next Sunday. One per family, please.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held next 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.

INSTALLATION SERVICE for Pastor Aaron Dawson will be held next Sunday, February 9th, at 4:00 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary. Rev. Carlin Ours, Great Rivers Mission District Dean, will be presiding. A dinner will immediately follow in the Youth Hall. Please plan to attend!

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!

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.

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.

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

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION If you are a baptized believer, trusting that the life giving and sustaining power and presence of Christ is truly present in bread and wine, we welcome you to the Lord's table. Children who commune in their home congregations are welcome to commune; those who are not currently communing at the Lord's table are invited to come forward for a blessing keeping their hands to their sides. The center of each tray holds light colored, non-alcoholic juice for those with special circumstances. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request for those with allergies

ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 127

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 6:1-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20; Luke 5:1-11

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 2

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

Monday, February 3

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, February 4

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, February 5

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

Thursday, February 6

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, February 9

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting
Following
Meeting: Sunday School & Women's Bible Study
4:00 p.m. Pastor Aaron's Installation & Dinner

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

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

February 2, 2025 – February 8, 2025

Prayer: Blesséd are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to see with our own eyes him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, 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 40:1-41:11	Psalm 86	1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Monday	Job 41:12-42:17	Psalm 87	1 Corinthians 7:1-11
Tuesday	Proverbs 1:1-33	Psalm 88	1 Corinthians 7:12-24
Wednesday	Proverbs 2:1-3:12	Psalm 89	1 Corinthians 7:25-35
Thursday	Proverbs 3:13-4:9	Psalm 90	1 Corinthians 7:36-8:13
Friday	Proverbs 4:10-5:23	Psalm 91	1 Corinthians 9:1-14
Saturday	Proverbs 6:1-35	Psalm 92	1 Corinthians 9:15-27

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