

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 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

WOV #652 "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

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: Lord God, mercifully receive the prayers of your people. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Pew Bible pg. 810

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 1

L: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

C: Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on his law day and night.

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

C: It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

L: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

C: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Pew Bible pg. 1205

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 6:17-26

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 6th 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

WOV #699 "Blessed Assurance"

DISMISSAL OF OFFICERS

(See Insert)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

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

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 (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 #721 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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

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*God, I come to you with many preoccupations.
Settle my spirit in the embrace of your love and peace. Amen.*

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

John Keith	Dave Amborn	Pen Pendleton	Denny Doyle
Pr. Barb Busboom	Rodney Larkin	Rich Friemel	Geraldine Gorecki
Lee Briggs	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
Owen Schluter, Kyndall Cox
Marcie & Pierce Rodgers
DeAnn McMorris, Sheila Sherman
Deanne Rosenbeck
Mary Edwards
Terry Doyle
Tom Edwards, Jim & Pam Cheek

WELCOME TO WORSHIP God plants us like trees beside streams of living water, provided by Jesus himself (Psalm 1:3; John 4:14). All who are thirsty, come and drink!

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 a few more weeks. Name tags are located on a table in the Narthex.

OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed this Monday, February 17th, in observance of Presidents' Day.

QUILTERS will be meeting this Monday, February 17th, at 12:30 p.m. in the quilting room. Please join them!

COUNCIL MEETING TIMES The Transitional Council Meeting (all old & new council members) will be held this Tuesday, February 18th, at 7:00 p.m. The new council will then hold their regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFAST will be held on Sunday, March 2nd, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service in the ALC Youth Hall. This breakfast will be provided and served by the youth of our church. A freewill offering will be taken. Please plan to attend and support our youth!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be held on Wednesday, March 5th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary. Holy Communion will be served, and ashes will be imposed.

ANNUAL REPORTS There are still annual reports available to pick-up on the bookcase in the Narthex if you have not received one.

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 – 141

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:

Genesis 45:3-15; Psalm 103:1-13; 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42; Luke 6:27-38

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 16

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

Monday, February 17 OFFICE CLOSED

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, February 18

6:00 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Transitional Council Meeting
7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 19

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

Thursday, February 20

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, February 23

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

DISMISSAL OF OFFICERS

P=Pastor

M=Council Members who have completed their term

C= Congregation

P: Would those council members who have completed their terms or resigned in good standing please step forward.

M: Members step forward.

P: [Names] you heard the call when the Lord asked, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And you responded:

M: Here am I Lord, send me.

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, these officers have served our congregation and our community. Let us bless them for the work that the Holy Spirit has done through them.

C: Well done good and faithful servant(s). You have been faithful over what the Lord has given you. Enter into the joy of your master.

P: You, who are faithful, we bid you stand down and enjoy a season of rest.

M: "Lord, now you are letting your servant go in peace, Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation that you have prepared in the sight of every people, a light to reveal you to the nations, and for glory to your people Israel."

C: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit +. As it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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

February 16, 2025 – February 22, 2025

Prayer: Lord God, Heavenly Father, mercifully receive the prayers of your people. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them; 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	Proverbs 14:1-35	Psalm 100	1 Corinthians 12:12-26
Monday	Proverbs 15:1-33	Psalm 101	1 Corinthians 12:27-31
Tuesday	Proverbs 16:1-33	Psalm 102	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Wednesday	Proverbs 17:1-28	Psalm 103	1 Corinthians 14:1-12
Thursday	Proverbs 18:1-19:29	Psalm 104	1 Corinthians 14:13-25
Friday	Proverbs 20:1-30	Psalm 105	1 Corinthians 14:26-40
Saturday	Proverbs 21:1-31	Psalm 106	1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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