

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 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 #328 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

(Vs. 1, 3-4, 6-7)

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: Almighty God, on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the king in all his glory; 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: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Pew Bible pg. 221

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 99

L: The LORD is King; let the people tremble. He is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

C: The LORD is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples.

L: Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One.

C: "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

L: Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One.

C: Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

L: He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

C: O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

L: Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill, for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 3:1-6

Pew Bible pg. 1255

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 9:28-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 9th 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

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HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #425 "O God of Mercy, God of Light"

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

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

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*I love a good "mountaintop experience," Jesus, but life isn't always like that.
As you call me into daily, "down-to-earth" ministry, help me follow in good faith.*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Tracie Sisneros Family of Joyce Higgins

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Glenn Behnke	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	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

Sheila Sherman, Emily Deal

Carson McClain, Liam Hall

Jack & Brenda Spitz

Jackie Roelfs, Marcie Rodgers

Chrissie Hall

Terry Doyle

Sheila Sherman

Donna Hustedt, David Hulse, Wendy Watkins

WELCOME TO WORSHIP as we celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord. May God's grace nurture and strengthen you today.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS next Sunday, March 9th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 8th.

CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFAST will be held today 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!

SPECIAL MUSIC GROUP The Worship & Music Committee is exploring the revival of some type of musical group (singing and/or bell choir) to periodically offer anthems or other selected special music during worship services beginning as early as Holy Week. If you are interested in participating, please contact the church office by this Monday, March 3rd.

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

WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER SERVICE A morning prayer service will be offered Monday through Friday during Lent. This will be held in the Chapel at 6:30 a.m. beginning Thursday, March 6th. We will follow the Morning Prayer liturgy on pages 131-137 (ending with the Benediction) in the LBW. This is a service which lasts about 30 minutes.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES & SOUP SUPPERS Beginning on Wednesday, March 12th, Lenten Services will be held at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday evening through April 9th. There will be a light meal of soup and sandwiches prior to the midweek Lenten Service. The meal will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Youth Hall. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex if you can help with providing for a meal.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION will be offered in Pastor's office during the Lenten season on Wednesday evenings before the Lenten meal from 5:00-5:30 p.m. and between the meal and service from 6:30-7:00 p.m. Dates offered will be March 12th, 19th, & 26th and April 2nd & 9th.

EDEN PARK CEMETERY This is a reminder to all lot owners - spring clean-up will start on March 15th. Any decorations that you want to save must be removed by March 14th. You are welcome to place flowers back at the grave sites after March 22nd.

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.

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 – 126

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:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-13; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 2

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

Monday, March 3

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, March 4

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, March 5

1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, March 6

6:30 a.m. Weekday Morning Prayer Service
9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Friday, March 7

6:30 a.m. Weekday Morning Prayer Service

Sunday, March 9 Daylight Saving Time Begins

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