

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 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 #734 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

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

SALUTATION (pg. 62 LBW)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; 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: Isaiah 12:1-6

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 32

L: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

C: Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

L: While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

C: For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

L: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

C: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

L: Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

C: You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

L: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

C: Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

L: Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

C: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Please rise)

Congregation Sings: Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 15th 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 #296 "Just as I am, without One Plea"

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. 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.**

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 (pg. 73 LBW) **(Please rise as you are able) Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. 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**

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 #752 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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*As we continue through Lent — which means “spring” — prepare our heart-soil,
dear Jesus, to sprout with new life and blossom in faith. Amen.*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Roberta Arthur Robert Hayn (nephew/Karen Flessner)

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Steve Schluter	Eugene Schmidt	Maverick LeBouef	Tracie Sisneros
Glenn Behnke	John Keith	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
Levi Loschen	Ryan Falletti	Riley Falletti	Eli Baker

TABLE GUILD

ACOLYTES

BULLETIN GREETERS

GREETERS

LECTOR

PRAYER LEADER

WORSHIP STEWARD

USHERS

Sheila Sherman, Terri Kirby

Daphnie Albers, Liam Kaiser

Aubrie Albers, DeAnn McMorris

Char Sons, June Luna

Sheila Sherman

DeAnn McMorris

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Tom & Mary Edwards, Shirley Friemel

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Like a loving father welcoming a prodigal child home and inviting the other to join the feast, God welcomes us all. Let us celebrate such amazing grace.

BROADCAST OF THE SERVICE TODAY is provided by *John & Sheila Sherman* in celebration of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary on March 30th.

FLOWERS TODAY are provided for *John & Sheila Sherman* in celebration of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary on March 30th by John & Phyllis and Pat & Dan.

FLOWERS TODAY (2) are provided by *Leonard & Mary Stocks* in celebration of their 24th Wedding Anniversary on March 31st.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS will be held today immediately after the Sunday School hour in the Youth Hall. First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held next Sunday, April 6th, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service to vote on a proposal for a new video system and sound system equipment upgrade.

WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER SERVICE The Morning Prayer Service continues to be held Monday through Friday during Lent. This service starts at 6:30 a.m. in the Chapel and lasts about 30 minutes. Please plan to attend this service during the Lenten season.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES are being held at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel each Wednesday evening through April 9th. There is a light meal of soup and sandwiches prior to the midweek Lenten Service 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 the meal.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION is being 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.

VBS 2025 is the week of June 9th-13th from 8:30-11:30a.m. If you are interested in helping out, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. The next meeting for anyone interested in helping will be held on Sunday, April 27th, after the Sunday School hour. Please see Heather Lehmann with any questions.

SHEETS NEEDED The Quilting group is in need of flat cotton sheets. These are used for liners in the quilts. Donations may be brought to the church office. Thank you in advance for any donation.

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 – 136

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 for Northview Grade School may be left in the donation tub in the Narthex. Gently used clothing, and new socks, underwear and shoes for children ages K - 5th (size 5T to men & women size small).

PORTALS OF PRAYER for April through June are available to pick-up in the Narthex and in the entryway outside the church office.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; Luke 20:9-20

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 30

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. First Communion Class

Monday, March 31

- 6:30 a.m. Weekday Morning Prayer Service
- 12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, April 1

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

Wednesday, April 2

- 6:30 a.m. Weekday Morning Prayer Service
- 3:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice (Council Room)
- 4:30 p.m. Choir Practice (Chapel)
- 5-5:30 p.m. Individual Confession
- 5:30 p.m. Confirmation
- 5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper
- 6:30-7 p.m. Individual Confession
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service in Chapel

Thursday, April 3

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

Friday, April 4

- 6:30 a.m. Weekday Morning Prayer Service

Sunday, April 6

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

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



EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20TH

If you would like to order an Easter Lily, please sign your name below and place it in the offering plate or return to the church office by Palm Sunday, April 13th. The lilies will be displayed in the front of the Sanctuary on Easter morning.

The cost for each lily is \$15.00. You may place the money in an envelope and mark the outside of the envelope "LILY" (be sure your name is on it) and place it in the offering plate by Easter Sunday.

(Please write your name below as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.)

NAME: _____

Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025 – April 5, 2025

Prayer: God of all mercy, Father in Heaven, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forevermore. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	Isaiah 26:1-27:13	Psalms 121	Galatians 3:10-20
Monday	Isaiah 28:1-29	Psalms 122	Galatians 3:21-29
Tuesday	Isaiah 29:1-24	Psalms 123	Galatians 4:1-11
Wednesday	Isaiah 30:1-33	Psalms 124	Galatians 4:12-20
Thursday	Isaiah 31:1-9; 32:1-20	Psalms 125	Galatians 4:21-31
Friday	Isaiah 33:1-24; 34:1-17	Psalms 126	Galatians 5:1-12
Saturday	Isaiah 35:1-10; 36:1-22	Psalms 127	Galatians 5:13-26

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