

# AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 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 #229 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

## 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: O Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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 26:1-11

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 91:1-13

*L: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty.*

**C: He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."**

*L: He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence.*

**C: He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**

*L: You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day;*

**C: of the plague that stalks in the darkness, nor of the sickness that lays waste at midday.**

*L: A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not come near you.*

**C: Your eyes have only to behold to see the reward of the wicked.**

*L: Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,*

**C: there shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

*L: For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.*

**C: They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

*L: You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.*

SECOND LESSON: Romans 10:8-13

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 4:1-13

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 #230 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

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 #779 "On Eagle's Wings"

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

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*God, when I'm tempted to trust other people or things more than you,  
lead me by your Spirit, as you led Jesus in the wilderness. Amen.*

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**NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Steve Schluter      Eugene Schmidt (brother/Dave & Peggy Schmidt)  
Maverick LeBouef (great-grandson/Rich & Shirley Friemel)  
Family of Scott Busboom (son of the late Wayne & Patty Busboom)

**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Tracie Sisneros	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
Levi Loschen	Ryan Falletti	Riley Falletti	Eli Baker

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**TABLE GUILD**

**ACOLYTES**

**BULLETIN GREETERS**

**GREETERS**

**LECTOR**

**PRAYER LEADER**

**WORSHIP STEWARD**

**USHERS**

Sheila Sherman, Terri Kirby

Connor Suits, Jack Flesner

Tom & Mary Edwards

Justin Kaiser, DeAnn McMorris

Lorraine McElwain

Shirley Friemel

Ron Howe

Jack & Brenda Spitz, Shirley Friemel

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** The apostle Paul wrote: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:13). So we call on God’s name and rejoice! Welcome!

**WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER SERVICE** A morning prayer service is being offered Monday through Friday during Lent. This service is held at 6:30 a.m. in the Chapel. We 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. Please plan to attend this service during the Lenten season.

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES & SOUP SUPPERS** Beginning this Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, Lenten Services will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel each Wednesday evening through April 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.

**VBS PLANNING MEETING** will be held next Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the Sunday School hour in the Youth Hall.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING** will be held on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, immediately following the Sunday School hour in the Youth Hall.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS** will be held on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the Sunday School hour in the Youth Hall. First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday.

**BLOOD DRIVE** The Rantoul Community Blood Drive will be held at American Lutheran Church next Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. in the Youth Hall.

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

**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](mailto: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 – 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** We are continuing to partner with Northview Grade School collecting gently used clothing, and new socks, underwear and shoes for children ages K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (size 5T to Men's & Women's size small). A donation tub is in the Narthex.

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Jeremiah 26:8-15; Psalm 4; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

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**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, March 9**

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

**Monday, March 10**

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

**Tuesday, March 11**

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

**Wednesday, March 12**

6:30 a.m. Weekday Morning Prayer Service  
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, March 13**

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

**Friday, March 14**

6:30 a.m. Weekday Morning Prayer Service

**Sunday, March 16**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. VBS Planning Meeting

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

## **Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the First Sunday in Lent**

March 9, 2025 – March 15, 2025

*Prayer: Lord God, Heavenly Father, our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word and, when we fall, raise us again and restore us 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	Ecclesiastes 8:1-9:18	Psalms 119:25-32	2 Corinthians 5:1-10
Monday	Ecclesiastes 10:1-11:10	Psalms 119:33-40	2 Corinthians 5:11-21
Tuesday	Ecclesiastes 12:1-14	Psalms 119: 41-48	2 Corinthians 6:1-10
Wednesday	Song of Solomon 1:1-3:11	Psalms 119: 49-56	2 Corinthians 6:11-18
Thursday	Song of Solomon 4:1-6:13	Psalms 119: 57-64	2 Corinthians 7:1-9
Friday	Song of Solomon 7:1-8:14	Psalms 119: 65-72	2 Corinthians 7:10-16
Saturday	Isaiah 1:1-31	Psalms 119: 73-80	2 Corinthians 8:1-15

**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