

# AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Easter Sunday

April 20, 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 #151 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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 gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: Amen*

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 65:17-25

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 16

*L: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."*

**C: All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

*L: But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.*

**C: Their libations of blood I will not offer nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

*L: O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.*

**C: My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

*L: I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.*

**C: I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.**

*L: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.*

**C: For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

*L: You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

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 24:1-12

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24<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.*

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #143 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

BAPTISM (pg. 121-125 LBW)

Tate Michael Dean Carver

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

**LBW #352 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!" (Vs. 1, 6-8)**

## DISMISSAL

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

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

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*“The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation”  
(Psalm 118:14, NRSV).*

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**NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Susan Millsap    Chloe Messoré

**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Karen Flessner	Roberta Arthur	Robert Hayn	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	Michael Markarian
Bob & Jenny Hobby	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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<b>TABLE GUILD</b>	Lloyd Schluter, Emily Deal
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Peyton Cox, Kali Schluter
<b>BULLETIN GREETERS</b>	Ron & Janie Howe
<b>GREETERS</b>	Tom & Mary Edwards
<b>LECTOR</b>	Pam Cheek
<b>PRAYER LEADER</b>	Sally Bauer
<b>WORSHIP STEWARD</b>	Lloyd Schluter
<b>USHERS</b>	Jim & Pam Cheek, Sue Coffin

**WELCOME** Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Welcome to worship as we rejoice in our Lord's resurrection, and ours!

**BROADCAST OF THE SERVICE TODAY** is provided by *Joan Cleary* in memory of her husband, Jack, and her parents, Fred & Anna Fruhling.

**FLOWERS TODAY** are provided by *DaVeda Reitz* in celebration of the Baptism of her great-grandson, Tate Michael Dean Carver.

**ROSE TODAY** is provided in celebration of the Baptism of *Tate Michael Dean Carver*, son of Brayden Carver and Autumn Salyer. Tate was born on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana. His sponsors are Chad & Katrina Wright and DaVeda Reitz.

**EASTER LILIES** Thank you to everyone who ordered Easter Lilies for this glorious Easter Season. Lilies may be taken home today following the Worship Service.

**PRESCHOOL FLOWER FUNDRAISER** is being held in the month of April. A preschool board member is available in the Narthex to take orders.

**OFFICE CLOSED** The church office will be closed this Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**NO QUILTING** The quilters will NOT meet this Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**VBS 2025** There will be a planning meeting for VBS next Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, after the Sunday School hour. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for anyone interested in volunteering. Please see Heather Lehmann with any questions or contact her by email at [mhlehmann87@gmail.com](mailto:mhleumann87@gmail.com), or call/text at 574-286-3506.

**BRUNCH POTLUCK CELEBRATION** in honor of Paul Wolters' retirement from ALC will be held on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex to bring breakfast casseroles, fruit, juice or pastries.

**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.

**GREAT RIVERS MISSION DISTRICT RETREAT** will be held on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the Sacré Coeur Retreat Center in Magnolia, IL. This retreat is for all GRMD congregants and pastors. Please plan to arrive Thursday after lunch. Departure will be after lunch on Friday. The cost to attend is \$189 per person which covers your room and three meals. Please contact Nikki in the church office if you are interested in attending or would like more information. Registration is due by Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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 – 168

**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 - 5<sup>th</sup> (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:**

Acts 5:12-32; Psalm 148; Revelation 1:4-18; John 20:19-31

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**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, April 20** EASTER SUNDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
- 9:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. NO Sunday School or Women's Bible Study

**Monday, April 21** Office Closed

- 12:30 p.m. NO Quilting

**Tuesday, April 22**

- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study

**Wednesday, April 23**

- 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Chapel)
- 5:30 p.m. Confirmation

**Thursday, April 24**

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Sunday, April 27**

- 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 Resurrection of our Lord**

*April 20, 2025 – April 26, 2025*

*Prayer: Lord God, Heavenly Father, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious Resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the Resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forevermore. Amen*

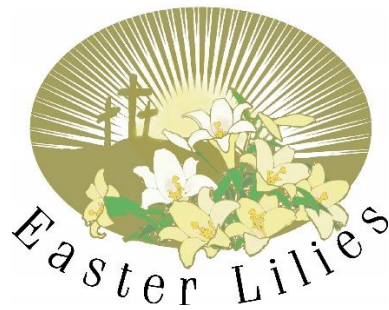
**Daily Lessons:**

Easter Sunday	Isaiah 59:1-60:22	Psalm 142	Ephesians 6:10-24
Easter Monday	Isaiah 61:1-62:12	Psalm 143	Philippians 1:1-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 63:1-64:12	Psalm 144	Philippians 1:12-30
Wednesday	Isaiah 65:1-66:24	Psalm 145	Philippians 2:1-11
Thursday	Jeremiah 1:1-19	Psalm 146	Philippians 2:12-24
Friday	Jeremiah 2:1-37	Psalm 147	Philippians 2:25-30
Saturday	Jeremiah 3:1-25	Psalm 148	Philippians 3:1-11

**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



Neal & Sally Bauer (2)  
The Carico's – He is Risen!  
Karen Flessner  
Phyllis Hafermann  
Jim & Jamie Hamby  
Sam & Joyce Holland – Hallelujah! He is Risen!!  
Jim & Sherry Johnson (4) – For our Beautiful Granddaughters-  
Katelyn, Lauren, Victoria & Taylor  
Kevin & DaNora Kaiser  
John & Rhonda Keith and Family  
Shawny Langley – In Memory of Vivian Hill  
In Loving Memory of Bill & Betty McKaufsky  
DeAnn McMorris  
Ron & Annie Minch  
Sean & Tracy O'Donnell  
Pen Pendleton  
Geri Remmers – In Memory of  
Pastor Marv Remmers & Great Granddaughter, Rena  
Scott & Marcie Rodgers  
Gary & Deanne Rosenbeck – In Memory of Parents  
John & Sheila Sherman  
Midge Seim (2)  
JR & Sondra Sipes (2)  
Earl Smith – In Memory of Bert Smith  
Leonard & Mary Stocks  
Wendy Watkins





Join us for VBS 2025:

## **SUPER SQUAD: POWERED BY GOD!**

**When:** June 9th- June 13th

**Where:** American Lutheran  
Church (500 Church Dr.  
Rantoul, IL 61866)

**Time:** 8:30 AM-11:30 AM

**Who:** 3 yrs-incoming 6th graders

**Scan the QR code to sign-up**

**or visit:** [vbspro.events/p/5aa94e](https://vbspro.events/p/5aa94e)

