

# AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 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 #678 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

## 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: Almighty God, we have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; 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: Acts 5:12-32

### RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 148

*L: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights.*

**C: Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.**

*L: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.*

**C: Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

*L: Let them praise the name of the LORD; for he commanded, and they were created.*

**C: He made them stand fast forever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

*L: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;*

**C: fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

*L: mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;*

**C: wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;**

*L: kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;*

**C: young men and maidens, old and young together.**

*L: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.*

**C: He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

## SECOND LESSON: Revelation 1:4-18

### 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: John 20:19-31

*P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter. Congregation sings: Glory to you, O Lord. (After 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 #145 "Thine Is the Glory"

## 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

LBW #315 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

## DISMISSAL

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

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

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*"I'm grateful for the mix of doubt and faith the disciples exhibited;  
it puts me in good company. Jesus, bless me with increased belief,  
even when I cannot see you in person."*

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### NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Family of Gil Garside

### CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Susan Millsap	Chloe Messoro	Karen Flessner	Robertta 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	Joyce Keith	Merrill Wattjes
Bob & Jenny Hobby	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

Lloyd Schluter, Emily Deal

Jack Flesner, Logan Suits

Rod & Sandy Heiser

Sheila Sherman, Lindalou Hauersperger

Kyndall Cox

Monica Carico

Richard Peavler

Marleen Peavler, Jack & Brenda Spitz

**WELCOME** After Christ's resurrection, the disciples demonstrate many responses: not only faith and joy but also doubt and confusion. Welcome to worship — no matter where you are on your faith journey.

**PRESCHOOL FLOWER FUNDRAISER** is taking place now. A preschool board member is available in the Narthex to take orders.

**VBS 2025** There will be a planning meeting for VBS today after the Sunday School hour. Please plan to attend if you are helping with VBS. 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:mhlehmnn87@gmail.com), or call/text at 574-286-3506.

**BRUNCH POTLUCK CELEBRATION** in honor of Paul Wolters' retirement from ALC will be held next 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.

**WORSHIP WORKSHOP** will be held on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the main Sanctuary. This will be an informational meeting with Pastor Aaron for Worship Stewards, Ushers and Altar Guild members. Please mark your calendars and try to attend if you are able.

**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>.

**COLLEGE AGE/YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY** We will be starting a new Bible Study this summer for our College Age/Young Adults starting on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service. This is for graduating seniors and up and will be led by Pastor Aaron.

**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.

**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.

**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. Easter Worship Service – 252

**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).

**PRAYER CONCERN UPDATES** Please continue to call the church office periodically with updates on those currently listed in our prayer concerns.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** are still available to pick-up in the Narthex and in the entryway outside the church office.

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Acts 9:1-22; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:1-14; John 21:1-19

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**THIS WEEK**

**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

**Monday, April 28**

12:30 p.m.     Quilting

**Tuesday, April 29**

6:00 p.m.     Bible Study

**Wednesday, April 30**

5:00 p.m.     NO Choir Practice  
5:30 p.m.     Confirmation

**Thursday, May 1**

9:00 a.m.     Bible Study

**Sunday, May 4**

9:00 a.m.     Worship Service  
10:00 a.m.     Brunch Potluck Celebration for Paul Wolters  
10:00 a.m.     Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

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

**Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Second Sunday**  
**after the Resurrection of Our Lord**  
*April 27, 2025 – May 3, 2025*

*Prayer: Almighty God, Heavenly Father, with great joy we celebrate the Festival of our Lord's Resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the Resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever. Amen*

**Daily Lessons:**

Sunday	Jeremiah 4:1-31	Psalms 149	Philippians 3:12-21
Monday	Jeremiah 5:1-31	Psalms 150	Philippians 4:1-13
Tuesday	Jeremiah 6:1-30	Psalms 1	Philippians 4:14-23
Wednesday	Jeremiah 7:1-34	Psalms 2	Colossians 1:1-14
Thursday	Jeremiah 8:1-22	Psalms 3	Colossians 1:15-29
Friday	Jeremiah 9:1-10:25	Psalms 4	Colossians 2:1-15
Saturday	Jeremiah 11:1-23	Psalms 5	Colossians 2:16-23

**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





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)

