

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

TEMPLE TALK

Deanne Rosenbeck

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 #479 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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: Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; 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 43:16-21

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 126

L: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

C: Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

L: Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

C: The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

L: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negev.

C: Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

L: Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 3:4-14

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 20:9-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 20th 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 #482 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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. 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

LBW #107 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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*Lent comes from a word that means spring, and spring is “springing” this April morning.
May our faith spring up in new life as well, through this time of worship.*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Karen Flessner Roberta Arthur Robert Hayn

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

Lloyd Schluter, Emily Deal
Connor Suits, Owen Schluter
Ann Price, Connor Schmidt
Emily Deal, John Lux
Deanne Rosenbeck
Aubrie Albers
Midge Seim
Travis, Nikky & Jack Flesner

WELCOME TO WORSHIP God makes paths through the sea and rivers in the desert (Isaiah 43:16, 19). Whatever obstacle you face, God will open the way of life for you.

BROADCAST OF THE SERVICE TODAY is provided by *Juanita Bradley* in memory of her dad, Harold Erdman's, Birthday on April 8th.

FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Earl Smith* in memory of his and his wife, Roberta's, 41st Wedding Anniversary on April 7th.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately following today's service to vote on a proposal for a new video system and sound system equipment upgrade.

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

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 The final midweek Lenten Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel this Wednesday, 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.

CHRIST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL DRIVE-THRU PORK CHOP DINNER will be held next Sunday, April 13th, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the High School located at 201 W. Lincoln St. in Buckley. Free-will donations will be appreciated.

EASTER VIGIL SERVICE will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 19th, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in St. Joseph.

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 – 142

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:

Deuteronomy 32:36-39; Psalm 118:19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:1-23:56

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 6

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

Monday, April 7

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

Tuesday, April 8

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

Wednesday, April 9

6:30 a.m. Weekday Morning Prayer Service
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 10

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

Friday, April 11

6:30 a.m. Weekday Morning Prayer Service

Sunday, April 13 PALM SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
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 Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025 – April 12, 2025

Prayer: Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forevermore. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	Isaiah 37:1-38	Psalm 128	Galatians 6:1-10
Monday	Isaiah 38:1-22; 39:1-8	Psalm 129	Galatians 6:11-18
Tuesday	Isaiah 40:1-31	Psalm 130	Ephesians 1:1-10
Wednesday	Isaiah 41:1-29	Psalm 131	Ephesians 1:11-23
Thursday	Isaiah 42:1-25	Psalm 132	Ephesians 2:1-10
Friday	Isaiah 43:1-28	Psalm 133	Ephesians 2:11-22
Saturday	Isaiah 44:1-28	Psalm 134	Ephesians 3:1-21

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