

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 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 #522 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

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: God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; 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 10:17-35

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 23

L: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

L: He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C: Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

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 10:22-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 10th 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 #474 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

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 #554 "This Is My Father's World"

DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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“Thank you, God, for the special women in my life [mom, grandmas, aunts, nieces, friends, wife, daughters]. I pray for their well-being.”

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Gene Elliott McCallister Family Brian Dietz
Family of Robert Hayn (nephew/Karen Flessner)
Family of Joane Wilson (sister-in-law/Karen Flessner)

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Susan Millsap	Karen Flessner	Roberta Arthur	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	Joan Percival	Joyce Williamson
Bob & Jenny Hobby			

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

Keith Dohleman	Rita Buenting	Ruth Lutz	Joan Mathis
Genet Dixo	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

Sondra Sipes, Sally Bauer

Kyndall Cox, Aubrie Albers

Chrissie & Liam Hall

Joshua James, Lloyd Schluter

Jim Cheek

Shirley Friemel

Deanne Rosenbeck

Rod & Sandy Heiser, Shirley Friemel

WELCOME and Happy Mother's Day! Today we remember that no matter the state of our human relations with parents, children and others, Jesus our Good Shepherd loves and cares for us without fail.

BROADCAST OF THE SERVICE TODAY is provided by *Juanita Bradley* in memory of her parents, Harold & Mona Erdman's, Wedding Anniversary on May 11th.

FLOWERS TODAY are provided in celebration of all the mothers in our congregation. Happy Mother's Day!

GRADUATES We will be celebrating our 2025 graduates in the June Newsletter. If you will be graduating this year from 8th Grade, High School or College, please provide the church office with your name, the school you will be graduating from, and any degree you will be receiving (if college) by this Friday, May 16th. Thanks!

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY will be celebrated next Sunday, May 18th. Please come and celebrate our seven confirmands: Aubrie Albers, Kyndall Cox, Jack Flesner, Liam Kaiser, Carson McClain, Connor Suits & Logan Suits.

EDEN PARK MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE will be held immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, May 25th.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE will be held on Thursday, May 29th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Please plan to attend this celebration reminding us that Jesus does live, in His human but resurrected body. He has gone to prepare a place for us to join Him. He lives! Hallelujah!

VBS VOLUNTEERS Thank you to everyone who was able to help organize VBS for this year! We still need several volunteers to help be group leaders, and to help with supervision during the week. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Email or text/call Heather Lehmann with any questions. She can be reached at mhlehmann87@gmail.com or 574-286-3506. The next meeting will be Sunday, June 1st, for anyone volunteering for VBS.

VBS DONATIONS NEEDED There are notecards in the foyer labeled with supplies needed for this year's VBS! Please take what you are willing and able to donate. There is a box in the narthex to put the supplies. Please have them here by Sunday, June 1st. We appreciate any help you are able to provide.

SOUND BOOTH HELP NEEDED We are needing additional people to help in the Sound Booth. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Neal White (217-840-4471) or the church office (217-893-4550).

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

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 – 126

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.

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 11:1-18; Psalm 150; Revelation 21:1-7; John 16:12-22

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 11

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 NO Women's Bible Study

Monday, May 12

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, May 13

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, May 14

5:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, May 15

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, May 18

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

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

Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Fourth Sunday
after the Resurrection of Our Lord
May 11, 2025 – May 17, 2025

Prayer: Almighty God, Heavenly Father, you show the light of your truth to those in darkness, to lead them into the way of righteousness. Give strength to all who are joined in the family of the Church, so that they will resolutely reject what erodes their faithfulness and firmly follow what the Faith requires; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	Jeremiah 22:1-30	Psalm 13	1 Thessalonians 3:1-13
Monday	Jeremiah 23:1-40	Psalm 14	1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
Tuesday	Jeremiah 24:1-25	Psalm 15	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Wednesday	Jeremiah 26:1-24	Psalm 16	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Thursday	Jeremiah 27:1-22	Psalm 17	1 Thessalonians 5:12-28
Friday	Jeremiah 28:1-17	Psalm 18	2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
Saturday	Jeremiah 29:1-32	Psalm 19	2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

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)

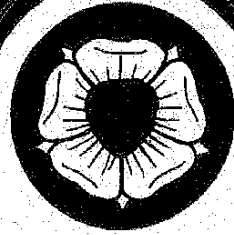
Time: 8:30 AM-11:30 AM

Who: 3 yrs-incoming 6th graders

Scan the QR code to sign-up

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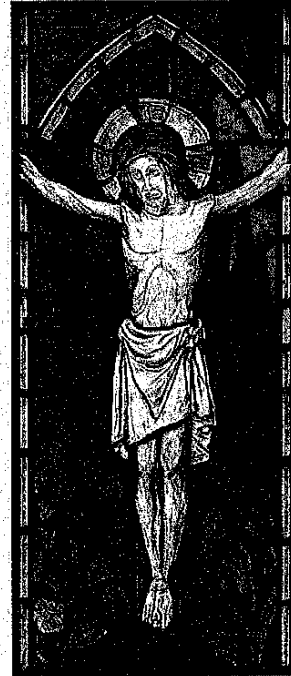




ROOTED

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS & YOUNG
ADULTS



Taught by Pastor Aaron
Starting May 25, 2025

Sundays, Following Divine Service
American Lutheran Church • Rantoul, IL
During the Sunday School Hour

COME AND BE ROOTED IN THE WORD.

In an ever-shifting world, Christ remains our sure foundation. Join fellow young adults and college students as we explore Scripture, strengthen our faith, and build Christian community grounded in the Gospel and the historic Lutheran confession

- Casual, engaging discussion
- Coffee provided ☕
- Real-life application of Biblical truth

**YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET
AND A LIGHT TO MY PATH!**

— Psalm 119:105



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