

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

J.R. Sipes

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: Amen

OPENING HYMN

LBW #131 "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"

GREETING (pg. 57 LBW)

L: 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) - Spoken

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. L: 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. L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE (pgs. 58-59 LBW)

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

SALUTATION (pg. 62 LBW)

L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. L: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; 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 9:1-22

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 30

L: I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

C: O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

L: You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

C: Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

L: For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favor for a lifetime.

C: Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.

L: While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

C: Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

L: I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

C: "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

L: Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."

C: You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

L: Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 5:1-14

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 21:1-19

L: The Holy Gospel according to John the 21st chapter. Congregation sings: Glory to you, O Lord. (After the Gospel is read) L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Dennis Albers

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #144 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION (Spoken)

L: 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 #723 "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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*"Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning"
(Psalm 30:5, NIV). Whatever emotion each of us is feeling right now,
may this time of worship grant nourishment. Amen.*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Gene Elliott	McCallister Family (friends/Cory & Casey Roelfs)	Brian Dietz
	Family of Gil Garside	

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Susan Millsap	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	Joyce Keith	Merrill Wattjes	Bob & Jenny Hobby
Joan Percival	Joyce Williamson		

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

Keith Dohleman	Rita Bunting	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

Sondra Sipes, Sally Bauer

Liam Kaiser, Carson McClain

Anita Pilarski, Shirley Friemel

Jim & Pam Cheek

Dennis Albers

Joyce Holland

Terry Doyle

Sam & Joyce Holland, Emily Holland

WELCOME As Jesus met Saul (later called Paul) in a powerful light and voice on the road to Damascus, so he meets us here. It might be less dramatic, but it's no less real.

FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Mitch & Laura Suits* in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 3rd.

BRUNCH POTLUCK CELEBRATION in honor of Paul Wolters' retirement from ALC will be held today immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service.

WORSHIP WORKSHOP will be held this Thursday, May 8th, 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 try to attend if you are able.

GREAT RIVERS MISSION DISTRICT RETREAT will be held on Thursday, May 22nd, and Friday, May 23rd, at the Sacré Coeur Retreat Center in Magnolia, IL. This retreat is for all GRMD congregants and pastors. Please contact Nikki in the church office if you are interested in attending ASAP. Registration is due this Tuesday, May 6th.

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 will be 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.

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 Friday, May 16th. Thanks!

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY will be celebrated on 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.

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 25th, immediately following the Eden Park Cemetery Memorial Day Observance. This is for graduating seniors and up and will be led by Pastor Aaron.

ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 116

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.

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).

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 10:17-35; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-33

THIS WEEK

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
 NO Women's Bible Study

Monday, May 5

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, May 6

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, May 7

5:00 p.m. Choir Practice
5:30 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday, May 8

9:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Worship Workshop

Sunday, May 11

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

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



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



**Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Third Sunday
after the Resurrection of Our Lord
May 4, 2025 – May 10, 2025**

Prayer: O God, our Father, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	Jeremiah 12:1-13:27	Psalm 6	Colossians 3:1-11
Monday	Jeremiah 14:1-22	Psalm 7	Colossians 3:12-25
Tuesday	Jeremiah 15:1-21	Psalm 8	Colossians 4:1-9
Wednesday	Jeremiah 16:1-21	Psalm 9	Colossians 4:10-18
Thursday	Jeremiah 17:1-27	Psalm 10	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Friday	Jeremiah 18:1-19:15	Psalm 11	1 Thessalonians 2:1-12
Saturday	Jeremiah 20:1-21:14	Psalm 12	1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

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