

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 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 #551 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE (pgs. 58-59 LBW)

P: 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)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen

FIRST LESSON: Leviticus 18:1-5; 19:9-18

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 41

L: Happy are they who consider the poor and needy! The LORD will deliver them in the time of trouble.

C: The LORD preserves them and keeps them alive, so that they may be happy in the land; he does not hand them over to the will of their enemies.

L: The LORD sustains them on their sickbed and ministers to them in their illness.

C: I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you."

L: My enemies are saying wicked things about me: "When will he die, and his name perish?"

C: Even if they come to see me, they speak empty words; their heart collects false rumors; they go outside and spread them.

L: All my enemies whisper together about me and devise evil against me.

C: "A deadly thing," they say, "has fastened on him; he has taken to his bed and will never get up again."

L: Even my best friend, whom I trusted, who broke bread with me, has lifted up his heel and turned against me.

C: But you, O LORD, be merciful to me and raise me up, and I shall repay them.

L: By this I know you are pleased with me: that my enemy does not triumph over me.

C: In my integrity you hold me fast, and shall set me before your face forever.

L: Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, from age to age. Amen. Amen.

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:1-14

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: Luke 10:25-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 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 #406 "Take My Life, that I May Be"

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

WOV #771 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

DISMISSAL

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

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“Everyone who gathers here today brings their own joys and concerns. Dear Jesus, wrap your loving arms around us, providing the unique care we each need. Amen.”

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Family of Ruth Lutz

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Kim Wyre	Annette Carlson	Marlys Morris	Wilma Suits
Janet Kreaweki	Brian Dietz	Karen Flessner	Roberta Arthur
Steve Schluter	Eugene Schmidt	Tracie Sisneros	Glenn Behnke
John Keith	Pen Pendleton	Denny Doyle	Pr. Barb Busboom
Rodney Larkin	Rich Friemel	Geraldine Gorecki	Lee Briggs
Carla Adkins	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	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

GREETERS

LECTOR

PRAYER LEADER

WORSHIP STEWARD

USHERS

Sue Coffin, DeAnn McMorris

Carson McClain, Ivie Albers

DeAnn McMorris, Shirley Friemel

Chrissie Hall

Jim Cheek

Deanne Rosenbeck

Sam & Joyce Holland, Emily Holland

WELCOME Scripture urges us: “Turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul” (Deuteronomy 30:10). Let us indeed turn to God, in love and worship, petition and trust. Welcome to worship!

FLOWERS TODAY are provided in celebration of *John & Sheila Sherman's* Birthdays on July 12th from their family.

FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Earl Smith* in memory of his wife, Roberta's, 71st Birthday on July 13th.

BROADCAST OF THE SERVICE TODAY is provided by *John & Sheila Sherman* in celebration of their birthdays on July 12th.

AUGUST NEWSLETTER ITEMS are due to the church office by Monday, July 21st.

MARTHA'S TABLE meal for July will be delivered on Tuesday, July 22nd.

GRADUATION SERVICE FOR PASTOR AARON will be held here at ALC on Saturday, July 26th, for his graduation from the Institute of Lutheran Theology. Pastor Tim Swenson will present Pastor Aaron with his diploma. The service will be held at 3:00 p.m. with a potluck to follow. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex for the potluck.

CHRIST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL'S KNIGHT FOR CHRIST BENEFIT AUCTION will be held on Saturday, August 23rd, at the Ford County Fairgrounds in Melvin. Silent Auction begins at 4:00 p.m. Dinner will be from 4:00-6:00 p.m. followed by the Live Auction. Reservations are \$50.00 per person. RSVP required by August 1st. Please call the CLHS office at 217-394-2547 to RSVP or for more information.

LEMONADE STAND The ALC Summer Camp kids continue to have a lemonade stand each Friday afternoon during summer camp from 1:00-4:00 p.m. (It is held inside if there is inclement weather). Proceeds will be going to the Kids Foundation.

ROOTED SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY for college students and young adults continues to be held on Sunday mornings following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service each week. They meet in the first Sunday School room outside of the Chapel.

SOUND BOOTH HELP NEEDED We are still 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 accepting donations of flat cotton sheets to be used for liners in the quilts. Donations may be brought to the church office.

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 – 125

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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for the 3rd Quarter (July-September) are still available to pick-up in the Narthex and in the entryway outside of the church office.

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

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Genesis 18:1-14; Psalm 27:1-14; Colossians 1:21-29; Luke 10:38-42

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 13

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

Monday, July 14

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Wednesday, July 16

11:30 a.m. Community Blood Drive
4-5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, July 17

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Friday, July 18 OFFICE CLOSED-PM

Sunday, July 20

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

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

Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025 – July 19, 2025

Prayer: Almighty God, Heavenly Father, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	Ezekiel 40:1-49	Psalms 76	James 2:14-26
Monday	Ezekiel 41:1-26	Psalms 77	James 3:1-12
Tuesday	Ezekiel 42:1-43:12	Psalms 78	James 3:13-18
Wednesday	Ezekiel 43:13-44:14	Psalms 79	James 4:1-17
Thursday	Ezekiel 44:15-45:12	Psalms 80	James 5:1-12
Friday	Ezekiel 45:13-46:24	Psalms 81	James 5:13-20
Saturday	Ezekiel 47:1-48:7	Psalms 82	1 Peter 1:1-12

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