

# AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 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 #346 "When Peace, like a River"**

## 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, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen*

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 18:1-14

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 27:1-14

*L: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?*

**C: When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**

*L: Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;*

**C: and though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.**

*L: One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;*

**C: to behold the fair beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.**

*L: For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.*

**C: Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.**

*L: Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the LORD.*

**C: Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.**

*L: You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, LORD, will I seek.*

**C: Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

*L: You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.*

**C: Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will sustain me.**

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:21-29

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 10:38-42

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10<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 #294 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

### 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 #390 "I Love to Tell the Story"**

## DISMISSAL

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

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

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*“With a basket of summer fruit, God showed Amos a sign (8:1-2).  
What summer messages do you have for me, O God, in ripening gardens,  
starry skies, long bright days, warmer weather?”*

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**NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:**

David James      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

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**TABLE GUILD**

**ACOLYTES**

**GREETERS**

**LECTOR**

**PRAYER LEADER**

**WORSHIP STEWARD**

**USHERS**

Sue Coffin, DeAnn McMorris

Logan Suits, Liam Hall

Lindalou Hauersperger, Linda Kirk

Sean O'Donnell

Shirley Friemel

Ron Howe

Shirley Friemel, Connor Suits, Judy Peck

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** Welcome to guests and long-time friends, as we worship in the name of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**CHILD PROTECTION POLICY/SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING** will be held immediately following the Sunday School hour today for anyone that is helping with youth and/or Sunday School ministries.

**ATTENTION USHERS** When you are ushering on a Sunday morning, please check in with the worship steward on duty when you arrive at church. This ensures that the worship steward knows you have arrived and can assign you the area you are to cover.

**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.

**MARTHA'S TABLE** meal for July will be delivered this Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**GRADUATION SERVICE FOR PASTOR AARON** will be held here at ALC next Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 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. Please plan to attend this wonderful celebration!

**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.

**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).

**FROM ST JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH-DANFORTH** Our church is invited to attend the installation of Rev. Ronald Rasmussen as the pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Danforth on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. followed by a reception with a light meal. Pastor Keith Forni, Great Rivers Mission District Interim-Dean, will officiate. Pastor Carl Rasmussen will be preaching. Our prayers, presence (if possible), and support are appreciated.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL'S KNIGHT FOR CHRIST BENEFIT AUCTION** will be held on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Please call the CLHS office at 217-394-2547 to RSVP or for more information.

**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 – 134

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (July-September) are still available to pick-up in the Narthex and in the entryway outside of the church office.

**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.

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Genesis 18:17-33; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13

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**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, July 20**

9:00 a.m.   Worship Service  
10:00 a.m.   Adult Sunday School  
              Young Adult Bible Study  
              Women's Bible Study  
11:00 a.m.   Child Protection Policy & Sunday School Training

**Monday, July 21**

12:30 p.m.   Quilting

**Wednesday, July 23**

4:30 p.m.   Bell Practice

**Thursday, July 24**

9:00 a.m.   Bible Study

**Saturday, July 26**

3:00 p.m.   Pastor Aaron's Graduation Service  
              Followed by potluck

**Sunday, July 27**

9:00 a.m.   Worship Service  
10:00 a.m.   Adult 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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
*July 20, 2025 – July 26, 2025*

*Prayer: O Lord, Heavenly Father, pour out upon us the spirit to think and do what is right, so that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; 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 48:8-35	Psalm 83	1 Peter 1:13-25
Monday	Daniel 1:1-2:16	Psalm 84	1 Peter 2:1-10
Tuesday	Daniel 2:17-49	Psalm 85	1 Peter 2:11-25
Wednesday	Daniel 3:1-30	Psalm 86	1 Peter 3:1-12
Thursday	Daniel 4:1-37	Psalm 87	1 Peter 3:13-22
Friday	Daniel 5:1-31	Psalm 88	1 Peter 4:1-11
Saturday	Daniel 6:1-28	Psalm 89	1 Peter 4:12-19

**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