

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 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 #532 "How Great Thou Art"

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: Pour out upon us, O Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 15:1-6

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 33:12-22

L: Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

C: The LORD looks down from heaven and beholds all the people in the world.

L: From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth.

C: He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works.

L: There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

C: The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save.

L: Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, on those who wait upon his love,

C: to pluck their lives from death, and to feed them in time of famine.

L: Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

C: Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy name we put our trust.

L: Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, as we have put our trust in you.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-16

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 12:22-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 12th 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 #333 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Rain Down"

(by Jaime Cortez, arranged by John Carter)

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 #476 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

DISMISSAL

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

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*“God, as you did Abram, you urge us not to be afraid, and you point to the sky,
where night is the backdrop for countless stars —
signs of your shining goodness (Genesis 15:1-6). Thank you.”*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Sondra Sipes

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Ray Hoff	Daniel Rodriquez	David James	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	Joan Mathis	Genet Dixon	Luella Loschen
Dave & Loretta Overholt			

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

Midge Seim, Terri Kirby

Kali Schluter, Ivie Albers

Jackie Roelfs, Marcie Rodgers

Pam Cheek

Terry Doyle

Midge Seim

Jack & Brenda Spitz, Marvin Ideus

WELCOME Life is often hard, for many reasons. So, we gather to be fed and strengthened by Jesus, our Good Shepherd; to be assured of his presence and goodness. Welcome to worship!

FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Paul & Linda Keith* in celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary on August 12th.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today immediately following the Worship Service concerning the payoff of the mortgage on the new addition.

NO QUILTING The quilters will NOT meet this Monday, August 11th.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will start the Revelation study this Thursday, August 14th. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex if you are wanting to attend.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD There will be a Re-Dedication Service for the Sunday School Wing held on Wednesday, September 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. This will be a full communion service.

WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY Join us for Jennifer Rothschild's 7-session Bible Study titled Psalm 23. The class will start on Wednesday, September 17th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Confirmation Room. Please contact the church office or Deanne Rosenbeck at 217-621-8816 (text or call) by August 29th to get your workbook ordered. The price for your book will be \$22.00.

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.

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).

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:

7/27 9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 162

8/3 9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 130

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.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Jeremiah 23:16-29; Psalm 119:81-88; Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3; Luke 12:49-56

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 10

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

Monday, August 11

12:30 p.m. NO Quilting

Wednesday, August 13

4:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Thursday, August 14

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, August 17

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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025 – August 16, 2025

Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, Father in Heaven, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour out upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	Amos 1:1-3:15	Psalm 104	1 John 5:13-21
Monday	Amos 4:1-5:27	Psalm 105	2 John 1:1-13
Tuesday	Amos 6:1-7:17	Psalm 106	3 John 1:1-15
Wednesday	Amos 8:1-9:15	Psalm 107	Jude 1:1-13
Thursday	Obadiah 1:1-21	Psalm 108	Jude 1:14-25
Friday	Jonah 1:1-3:10	Psalm 109	Revelation 1:1-11
Saturday	Jonah 4:1-11	Psalm 110	Revelation 1:12-20

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

