

# AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

TEMPLE TALK

Convocation Delegates

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bell Choir

“Ode to Joy” by Ludwig van Beethoven, arranged by Scott Parry

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 #500 “Faith of Our Fathers”**

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, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen*

## FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 23:16-29

## RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 119:81-88

*L: My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word.*

**C: My eyes long for your promise; I ask, "When will you comfort me?"**

*L: For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, yet I have not forgotten your statutes.*

**C: How long must your servant endure? When will you judge those who persecute me?**

*L: The insolent have dug pitfalls for me; they do not live according to your law.*

**C: All your commandments are sure; they persecute me with falsehood; help me!**

*L: They have almost made an end of me on earth, but I have not forsaken your precepts.*

**C: In your steadfast love give me life, that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth.**

## SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3

## 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 12:49-56

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 12<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.*

## PRESCHOOL PRESENTATION

## SERMON

Pastor Aaron Dawson

## HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #222 "O Bread of Life from Heaven"

## 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 #526 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

## DISMISSAL

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

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

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*"I bring to you, Jesus, the whole mix of emotions of my day and week.  
Thank you for taking me as I am. Amen."*

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**NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Clarence & Martha Stanfill      Sondra Sipes  
Family of David James (father/Scott James)  
Family of Zachary Naoumides (grandson/Leonard Stocks)

**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Ray Hoff	Daniel Rodriquez	Kim Wyre	Annette Carlson
Marlys Morris	Wilma Suits	Janet Kreaweki	Brian Dietz
Karen Flessner	Robertta 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

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**TABLE GUILD**

**ACOLYTES**

**GREETERS**

**LECTOR**

**PRAYER LEADER**

**WORSHIP STEWARD**

**USHERS**

Midge Seim, Terri Kirby

Liam Kaiser, Liam Hall

Emily Deal, Connie Early

Kyndall Cox

DeAnn McMorris

Ron Howe

Shirley Friemel, Emily Deal, John Lux

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** As we worship—indeed, as we live—we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses to our Lord Jesus Christ. So we can lay aside every weight and sin (Hebrews 12:1-2).

**BROADCAST OF THE SERVICE TODAY** is provided by *Neal & Sally Bauer* for blessings for the new school year.

**PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** will be held this Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. The congregation is invited to come out and see the classrooms, meet the new director and meet the new families coming to our preschool this year. Classes will start on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** will be held next Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, during the Worship Service. Please have your child bring their backpack to be blessed for this school year.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING** will be held next Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, after the Sunday School hour in the Confirmation/Bible Study room. Please plan to attend if you are helping with Sunday School this fall.

**MARTHA'S TABLE** meal for August will be delivered on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

**RE-DEDICATION SERVICE** There will be a Re-Dedication Service for the Sunday School Wing held on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**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 – 119

**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.

**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).

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Isaiah 66:18-23; Psalm 50:1-15; Hebrews 12:4-29; Luke 13:22-30

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**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, August 17**

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

**Monday, August 18**

12:30 p.m.   Quilting

**Tuesday, August 19**

4-6:00 p.m.   Preschool Open House  
6:30 p.m.   Elders Meet  
7:00 p.m.   Church Council Meeting

**Wednesday, August 20**

4-5:30 p.m.   Choir Practice

**Thursday, August 21**

9:00 a.m.   Bible Study

**Sunday, August 24**

9:00 a.m.   Worship Service  
10:00 a.m.   Adult Sunday School  
              Women's Bible Study  
              Young Adult Bible Study  
11:00 a.m.   Sunday School Meeting

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

**Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 17, 2025 – August 23, 2025**

*Prayer: Almighty and ever-living God, Heavenly Father, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us faithfulness which overcomes all doubts, through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

**Daily Lessons:**

Sunday	Micah 1:1-3:12	Psalm 111	Revelation 2:1-11
Monday	Micah 4:1-6:16	Psalm 112	Revelation 2:12-17
Tuesday	Micah 7:1-20	Psalm 113	Revelation 2:18-29
Wednesday	Nahum 1:1-3:19	Psalm 114	Revelation 3:1-6
Thursday	Habakkuk 1:1-2:20	Psalm 115	Revelation 3:7-13
Friday	Habakkuk 3:1-19	Psalm 116	Revelation 3:14-22
Saturday	Zephaniah 1:1-2:15	Psalm 117	Revelation 4:1-11

**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