

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

TEMPLE TALK

Justin Kaiser

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 #390 "I Love to Tell the Story"

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: Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 66:18-23

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 50:1-15

L: The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

C: Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.

L: Our God will come and will not keep silence before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

C: He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of his people.

L: "Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

C: Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge.

L: Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

C: I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your offerings are always before me.

L: I will take no bull calf from your stalls, nor he-goats out of your pens;

C: for all the beasts of the forest are mine, the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

L: I know every bird in the sky, and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

C: If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

L: Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

C: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.

L: Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 12:4-29

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 13:22-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 13th 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/BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SERMON

Pastor Aaron Dawson

HYMN OF THE DAY

WOV #771 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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 #221 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

DISMISSAL

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

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*“Sometimes I feel like young Jeremiah — clueless about how to share your message,
God (Jeremiah 1:6). May something in worship today touch my spirit
so I can speak naturally to someone about your love.”*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Clarence & Martha Stanfill
Family of David James Family of Zachary Naoumides

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Sondra Sipes	Ray Hoff	Daniel Rodriquez	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

Jack Flesner, Logan Suits

Chrissie Hall, Janie Howe

Lorraine McElwain

Deanne Rosenbeck

Lloyd Schluter

Jim & Pam Cheek, Tom Edwards

WELCOME TO WORSHIP We worship in the name of God, creator and protector of all; and of Jesus, our Savior and friend; and of the Holy Spirit, our comforter and guide. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS will be held today during the Children's Sermon.

NO YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY will be held this Sunday, August 24th, or next Sunday, August 31st.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING will be held today after the Sunday School hour in the Youth Hall. Please plan to attend if you are helping with Sunday School this fall.

OUT OF THE OFFICE Pastor will be on vacation this week through next weekend. Please call the church office if any need arises during this time.

MARTHA'S TABLE meal for August will be delivered this Tuesday, August 26th.

NO BELL OR CHOIR PRACTICE There will be NO Bell Choir or Choir practice held this week. The next Bell Choir practice will be held on Wednesday, September 3rd, and the next Choir practice will be held on Wednesday, September 10th.

RE-DEDICATION SERVICE 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.

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 – 124

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:

Proverbs 25:2-10; Psalm 131; Hebrews 13:1-17; Luke 14:1-14

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 24

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 Women's Bible Study
 NO Young Adult Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Sunday School Meeting

Monday, August 25

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Wednesday, August 27

NO Choir or Bell Practice

Thursday, August 28

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, August 31

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 Women's Bible Study
 NO Young Adult Bible Study

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

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

August 24, 2025 – August 30, 2025

Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	Zephaniah 3:1-20	Psalm 118	Revelation 5:1-14
Monday	Haggai 1:1-2:23	Psalm 119:1-8	Revelation 6:1-17
Tuesday	Zechariah 1:1-2:13	Psalm 119:9-16	Revelation 7:1-12
Wednesday	Zechariah 3:1-5:10	Psalm 119:17-24	Revelation 7:13-17
Thursday	Zechariah 6:1-8:23	Psalm 119:25-32	Revelation 8:1-13
Friday	Zechariah 9:1-10:12	Psalm 119:33-40	Revelation 9:1-12
Saturday	Zechariah 11:1-12:14	Psalm 119:41-48	Revelation 9:13-21

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