

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 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 #406 "Take My Life, that I May Be"

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: Almighty God, 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen

FIRST LESSON: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 100

L: Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

C: Know this: The LORD himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his name.

C: For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:1-11

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 12:13-21

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

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HYMN OF THE DAY

WOV #781 "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

DISMISSAL

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

CLOSING HYMN

LBW #327 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

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*“Like a kind parent, dear God, you take us in your arms, lift us to your cheek,
teach us to walk, heal our injuries and bend down to feed us (Hosea 11:1, 3-4).
Thank you for showering us with your love.”*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Ray Hoff Daniel Rodriquez Family of Rita Buenting

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

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

Peyton Cox, Aubrie Albers

Justin & Liam Kaiser

Monica Carico

Sally Bauer

DeAnn McMorris

David Hulse, Donna Hustedt, Wendy Watkins

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Good morning and welcome! God has invited us here; we are at home in his presence. Let us worship!

BROADCAST OF THE SERVICE & FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Sam & Joyce Holland* in celebration of their 51st Wedding Anniversary on August 3rd.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held next Sunday, August 10th, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service concerning the payoff of the mortgage on the new addition. Letters have been mailed to all eligible voting members.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY for college students and young adults will NOT meet today as Pastor Aaron is leaving immediately after church to attend activities for Lutheran Week and the NALC Convocation.

NALC CONVOCATION is being held August 6th-8th in Pittsburgh, PA. Our ALC delegates are Neal & Sally Bauer and Deanne Rosenbeck.

NO BIBLE STUDY There will be NO Thursday Morning Bible Study on August 7th, due to Pastor Aaron attending the NALC Convocation. They will start the Revelation study on Thursday, August 14th.

LEMONADE STAND This Friday, August 8th, is the final ALC Summer Camp kids lemonade stand. It will be held from 1:00-4:00 p.m. (It is held inside if there is inclement weather). Proceeds are going to the Kids Foundation.

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.

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.

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.

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 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-16; Luke 12:22-40

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 3

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

Monday, August 4

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Wednesday, August 6

NO Bell or Choir Practice

Thursday, August 7

9:00 a.m. NO Bible Study

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

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

Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 2025 – August 9, 2025

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

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	Hosea 3:1-5:15	Psalm 97	1 John 2:1-17
Monday	Hosea 6:1-8:14	Psalm 98	1 John 2:18-29
Tuesday	Hosea 9:1-11:12	Psalm 99	1 John 3:1-10
Wednesday	Hosea 12:1-14:9	Psalm 100	1 John 3:11-24
Thursday	Joel 1:1-20	Psalm 101	1 John 4:1-6
Friday	Joel 2:1-32	Psalm 102	1 John 4:7-21
Saturday	Joel 3:1-21	Psalm 103	1 John 5:1-12

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