

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 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 #415 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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 and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

FIRST LESSON: Amos 6:1-7

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 146

L: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

C: Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.

L: When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

C: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

L: who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise forever;

C: who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

L: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

C: the LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

L: The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 3:1-13

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 16:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 16th 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

LBW #457 "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

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 #252 "You Servants of God"

DISMISSAL

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

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*“Jesus, you welcomed the little children (Mark 10:14). Help me come to you today
with childlike faith — curious, honest, and ready to receive your love.”*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Breen Sipes Paul Albers Family of Lance Baugher
Family of Sandra Macknowski (sister/Dave Overholt)

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Karen Bruns	Rich Friemel	Clarence Stanfill	Martha Stanfill
Sondra Sipes	Ray Hoff	Daniel Rodriguez	Kim Wyre
Annette Carlson	Marlys Morris	Wilma Suits	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	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	Luella Loschen	Genet Dixon
Dave Overholt	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

Emily Deal, Sheila Sherman

Logan Suits, Carson McClain

Sheila Sherman, DeAnn McMorris

Andrew Peck

Joyce Holland

Ron Howe

Marleen Peavler, Andrew Peck, Judy Peck

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Come as you are — weary or joyful, hopeful or unsure. Here, in God's house, we are met with grace. May worship today draw us closer to the heart of Jesus and the peace of God's presence.

FLOWERS TODAY (2) are provided in celebration of *Loretta Fruhling Elliott's* 90th Birthday on September 30th from her family.

FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Sean & Tracy O'Donnell* in celebration of their 10th Wedding Anniversary on October 3rd.

OPEN HOUSE for the 90th Birthday of Loretta Fruhling Elliott will be held this afternoon from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the ALC Youth Hall. All are invited to attend.

GREAT RIVERS MISSION DISTRICT CONVOCATION will be held here at ALC from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 11th. Registration is at 9:00 a.m., Worship starts at 9:30 a.m. Cost to attend is \$10 to cover for lunch. Please call the church office or visit their event page at: <https://www.greatriversmissiondistrict.com/events> by Friday, October 3rd, to register.

SALADS & DESSERTS NEEDED for the Great Rivers Mission District Convocation luncheon which will be held on Saturday, October 11th. They will need to be brought to the church kitchen by 10:00 a.m. that day. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex.

DISASTER RESPONSE SILENT AUCTION QUILT This military themed quilt was recently donated and is on display in the Narthex. Because of its special interest, we are offering it up for auction within our District and the funds raised will be used for Disaster Response expenses. Please email your name, phone number and amount of your bid to tdoyle2@msn.com from now until October 10th. In-person bids may be offered during the Convocation and the winner will be selected that day. The winner need not be present to win.

MISSION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 12TH Mark your calendars now for our Mission Sunday on Sunday, October 12th. Maddie Benson, Director of Development will be here to help share the vision of NALC for our youth/family and seminarians. She is part of the Leadership Core Team of the NALC. There will be a Question-and-Answer time available after the worship service in the Youth Hall, with light refreshments available. Your Benevolence Committee would like to invite all as we are all Champions of Youth Ministry.

PORTALS OF PRAYER The fourth quarter Portals of Prayer (October-December) are available to pick-up in the Narthex and outside of the church office.

EDEN PARK CEMETERY All decorations you wish to save must be removed from Eden Park Cemetery by October 15th or the caretaker will remove them. After October 22nd, you may replace decorations on the graves.

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 – 143

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.

ATTENTION USHERS Please check in with the worship steward on duty when you arrive to ensure that they know you are here and can assign you the area you are to cover.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 62; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:1-10

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 28

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

Monday, September 29

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Wednesday, October 1

1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
4:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Thursday, October 2

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, October 5

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

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

Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 2025 – October 4, 2025

Prayer: God of love, Father in Heaven, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; 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:

Note: The following first and third readings are Deuterocanonical books.

Although they should be in all Bibles, they are most often only found in study Bibles or Bibles misnamed, Catholic Bibles. They can also be found online at

<https://www.biblegateway.com/versions/Revised-Standard-Version-Catholic-Edition-RSVCE-Bible/#booklist>

Sunday	1 Maccabees 4:36-61	Psalm 132	Wisdom of Solomon 4:10-20
Monday	1 Maccabees 5:1-36	Psalm 133	Wisdom of Solomon 5:1-14
Tuesday	1 Maccabees 5:37-68	Psalm 134	Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-23
Wednesday	1 Maccabees 6:1-31	Psalm 135	Wisdom of Solomon 6:1-16
Thursday	1 Maccabees 6:32-63	Psalm 136	Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-25
Friday	1 Maccabees 7:1-32	Psalm 137	Wisdom of Solomon 7:1-14
Saturday	1 Maccabees 7:33-8:16	Psalm 138	Wisdom of Solomon 7:15-30

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

American Lutheran Church



Sunday, October 26th from 3-5 p.m.

This is a trick-or-treat opportunity for kids AND a treat-giving opportunity for adults. Instead of going house-to-house trick-or-treating, kids will go from car to car. Adults will pass out treats from the trunk or tailgate of their vehicle.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Our optional theme will be **Favorite Movie**. But don't let the theme scare you away from participating, you are more than welcome to decorate however you choose. A quick search on the internet or Pinterest can also give you a good starting point!

You can decorate as simple or elaborate as you would like as long as it is kid and church-friendly. We'll be asking everyone to vote for their favorite trunk. Top trunk will win a prize!

This event will be setup around the park across the street from the church. We will have games, activities and a weenie roast. All ages welcome!

SIGN UP! Let us know how you would like to participate by circling one or more of the following options. Tear this portion off and return in the offering plate or contact Joyce Holland at 217.841.4319 or rrjah@aol.com.

Hosting a Trunk Hot Dog Buns 1-Dozen Cookies

Game Volunteer Food Volunteer Hot Dogs

NAME _____