

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Mission Sunday
October 12, 2025

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

TEMPLE TALK

Maddie Benson, NALC Director of Development

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 #403 "Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak"

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: Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen

FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 17:7-16

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 23

L: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

L: He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C: Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 4:4-20

**Please stand for the procession of the cross, bowing as it passes by,
and remain standing until the cross is returned to its base.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (pg. 62 LBW) (Please stand)

Congregation Sings: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th 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

Maddie Benson, NALC Director of Development

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #410 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

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

WOV #723 "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

DISMISSAL

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

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*“Lord, thank you for the pastors and leaders you’ve placed among us.
As we worship today, we pray that you strengthen and encourage them.
Help us honor their calling and support them with love and prayer.”*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Jeff Holsinger (brother-in-law/Janie Howe) Ethan Kempfer (great-nephew/Terry Doyle)
Marty Mirocha (friend/J.R. & Sondra Sipes) Melvina Heap

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Breen Sipes	Paul Albers	Karen Bruns	Rich Friemel
Clarence Stanfill	Martha Stanfill	Sondra Sipes	Ray Hoff
Daniel Rodriquez	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

ALTAR GUILD

ACOLYTES

GREETERS

LECTOR

PRAYER LEADER

WORSHIP STEWARD

USHERS

DeAnn McMorris, Sue Coffin

Aubrie Albers, Jake Holland

Linda Kirk, Marcie Rodgers

Justin Kaiser

Terry Doyle

Sheila Sherman

Stan Wolken, Sue Coffin, Andrew Peck

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Today we give thanks to God for our pastors—those He has given us “according to His heart” (Jeremiah 3:15, KJV), to lead, teach and care for His people with faith and love. May this time of worship bless them, even as they continue to bless us.

MISSION SUNDAY Maddie Benson, Director of Development is here today to help share the vision of the 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 immediately following today’s service in the Youth Hall with light refreshments available.

ANNUAL QUILT SALE The ALC quilters are having their annual quilt sale today and next Sunday, October 19th. Quilts on display in the Sanctuary are available for purchase for \$35.

PRESCHOOL BOARD MEETING will be held this Tuesday, October 14th, at 4:30 p.m. in the Bible Study/Confirmation Room. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings to learn more about the preschool.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING will be held on Thursday, October 23rd, at 10:00 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary. If you are already a part of Altar Guild or would like to become a part of Altar Guild, please plan to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend but would still like to be a part of this group, please talk to Sheila Sherman.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We are looking to add more people to our Home Communion Team. This would involve serving communion to a couple of homebound members once a month. Please contact Pastor Aaron or Mary Edwards if you have any questions or if you are interested in being a part of this team.

ST MALACHY SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL is being held today from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Turkey dinner will be served for \$20 (adults); \$15 (seniors); and \$12 (children 12 & under). There will also be local vendors, kids zone, bake sale, and a 50/50 drawing.

FROM PARISH NURSING There are Vials of Life located in the Narthex on the top shelf of the bookcase. These are complete sets. If you or your family need to update or have not filled one out before, please take as many as you need for your home. One vial per family member. If you need more, we have them in the Parish Nursing Office. If you need help filling them out or have any questions, please contact the church office and they will get you in contact with Debbi Dietz or Sheila Sherman.

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 – 141

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:

Genesis 32:22-30; Psalm 121; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 18:1-8

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 12

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – Mission Sunday
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
NO Women's Bible Study
Question & Answer w/Maddie Benson

Monday, October 13

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, October 14

4:30 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 15

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

Thursday, October 16

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Friday, October 17 – Saturday, October 18

6:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Youth Lock-In/Retreat

Sunday, October 19

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

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 _____

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

October 12, 2025 – October 18, 2025

Prayer: Almighty God, Father in Heaven, you are the source of every blessing; your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; 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 11:60-12:23	Psalm 146	Wisdom of Solomon 12:1-11
Monday	1 Maccabees 12:24-53	Psalm 147	Wisdom of Solomon 12:12-22
Tuesday	1 Maccabees 13:1-30	Psalm 148	Wisdom of Solomon 12:23-27
Wednesday	1 Maccabees 13:31-53	Psalm 149	Wisdom of Solomon 13:1-9
Thursday	1 Maccabees 14:1-49	Psalm 150	Wisdom of Solomon 13:10-19
Friday	1 Maccabees 15:1-24	Psalm 1	Wisdom of Solomon 14:1-11
Saturday	1 Maccabees 15:25-16:17	Psalm 2	Wisdom of Solomon 14:12-21

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

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO

TRUNK OR TREAT



Sunday October 26th

3-5 p.m. | American Lutheran Church

500 Church Drive, Rantoul IL (in the park across the street)

Candy • Games • Food & More!