

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 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 #499 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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: God of love, 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 32:22-30

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 121

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

C: My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

L: He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

C: Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;

L: the LORD himself watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

C: so that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

L: The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

C: The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

**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: Luke 18:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 18th 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

Rev. Teresa Peters, Director of Youth and Family Ministry

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #320 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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 #469 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

DISMISSAL

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

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*“The days grow cooler as autumn moves forward.
Bless our worship, God of all seasons, with the warmth of your love.”*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Jeff Holsinger Ethan Kempfer Marty Mirocha

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Melvina Heap	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

Connor Suits, Eli Schluter

Phyllis Hafermann, Lindalou Hauersperger

Lorraine McElwain

Midge Seim

Deanne Rosenbeck

Rod & Sandy Heiser, Logan Suits

WELCOME TO WORSHIP “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God” (1 John 4:7, KJV). Take time to greet another worshiper with the love of the Lord.

BROADCAST OF THE SERVICE & FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Jim and Pam Cheek* in memory of their daughter Michelle Lynn Cheek Tatar who passed on October 16th, 2024. May God continue to heal her family.

ANNUAL QUILT SALE The ALC quilters are continuing to hold their annual quilt sale today. Quilts on display in the Sanctuary are available for purchase for \$35.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING will be held this 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.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT will take place next Sunday, October 26th, from 3-5:00 p.m. in the park across the street from the church. If you are willing to host a trunk, volunteer, or donate hot dog buns, hot dogs, or cookies, please contact Joyce Holland at 217-841-4319 or rrjah@aol.com.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will start an Adult Catechism study on Thursday, November 6th. Please call the church office or sign-up on the sheet located in the Narthex if you are wanting to attend by Friday, October 31st, to get a Large Catechism ordered. Cost is \$12.

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.

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 You may replace decorations on the graves in Eden Park Cemetery starting this Thursday, October 23rd.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for the fourth quarter (October-December) are still available to pick up in the Narthex and outside the church office.

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 – 123

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:

Revelation 14:6-7; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 19

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

Monday, October 20

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, October 21

6:30 p.m. Elders Meet
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 22

1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 23

9:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting

Sunday, October 26

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 Women's Bible Study
3-5:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat

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

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!

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

October 19, 2025 – October 25, 2025

Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, in Jesus Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, so that your Church throughout the world may persevere in steadfast faithfulness in the confession of your name, Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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 16:18-24	Psalm 3	Wisdom of Solomon 14:22-31
Monday	2 Maccabees 1:1-36	Psalm 4	Wisdom of Solomon 15:1-19
Tuesday	2 Maccabees 2:1-32	Psalm 5	Wisdom of Solomon 16:1-14
Wednesday	2 Maccabees 3:1-40	Psalm 6	Wisdom of Solomon 16:15-29
Thursday	2 Maccabees 4:1-50	Psalm 7	Wisdom of Solomon 17:1-11
Friday	2 Maccabees 5:1-27	Psalm 8	Wisdom of Solomon 17:12-21
Saturday	2 Maccabees 6:1-31	Psalm 9	Wisdom of Solomon 18:1-19

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