

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 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 #229 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

FIRST LESSON: Revelation 14:6-7

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 46

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

L: though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

C: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

C: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; God shall help her at the break of day.

L: The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

C: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

L: Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, what awesome things he has done on earth.

C: It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

L: "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

C: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 3:19-28

**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: John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 8th 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 #369 "The Church's One Foundation"

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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

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Seek Ye First”

(by Lafferty & Pachelbel, arranged by Wagner)

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 #721 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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

POSTLUDE

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*"On Reformation Sunday, we pray that our church and our lives
may be always open to the movement of the Holy Spirit."*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Barb Corbly

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Jeff Holsinger	Ethan Kempfer	Marty Mirocha	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	Robertta 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

Daphnie Albers, Owen Schluter

Liam Kaiser, Jack Flesner

Aubrie Albers

Deanne Rosenbeck

Lloyd Schluter

Sam & Joyce Holland, Katie Holland

WELCOME TO WORSHIP on Reformation Sunday. We rejoice in God's unchanging Word and saving grace.

FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Robert & Anita Pilarski* in celebration of their 28th Wedding Anniversary on October 18th.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT will take place this afternoon from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the park across the street from the church. There will be candy, games, food and more! Please plan to attend!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS next Sunday, November 2nd. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday night.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES are due to the church office by noon this Tuesday, October 28th, for the November newsletter.

PRESCHOOL ANNUAL VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON All veterans are welcome to join the preschool at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 11th, for songs, fellowship and a lunch. Please RSVP to the preschool at 217-893-8773 by this Tuesday, October 28th, if you are planning to attend.

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 this Friday, October 31st, to get a Large Catechism ordered. Cost is \$12.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION The congregation is invited to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Melvina Heap on Sunday, November 9th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at The Feed Mill On Front, 202 E. Front St., Fisher.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We are still 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.

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 – 110

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 7:4-17; Psalm 149; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

THIS WEEK

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

Monday, October 27

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Wednesday, October 29

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

Thursday, October 30

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, November 2 Daylight Saving Time Ends

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 Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025 – November 1, 2025

Prayer: Almighty God, gracious Lord, Father in Heaven, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word. Protect and comfort us in all temptations. Defend us against all our enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; 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:

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	<u>2 Maccabees 7:1-42</u>	<u>Psalm 10</u>	<u>Wisdom of Solomon 18:20-25</u>
Monday	<u>2 Maccabees 8:1-36</u>	<u>Psalm 11</u>	<u>Wisdom of Solomon 19:1-12</u>
Tuesday	<u>2 Maccabees 9:1-29</u>	<u>Psalm 12</u>	<u>Wisdom of Solomon 19:13-22</u>
Wednesday	<u>2 Maccabees 10:1-38</u>	<u>Psalm 13</u>	<u>Sirach 1:1-10</u>
Thursday	<u>2 Maccabees 11:1-38</u>	<u>Psalm 14</u>	<u>Sirach 1:11-20</u>
Friday	<u>2 Maccabees 12:1-31</u>	<u>Psalm 15</u>	<u>Sirach 1:21-30</u>
Saturday	<u>2 Maccabees 12:32-45</u>	<u>Psalm 16</u>	<u>Sirach 2:1-11</u>

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

RED PARAMENTS FOR THE DAYS OF REFORMATION AND PENTECOST

Reformation Day (Panel One)

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:1-5, Revised Standard Version)

One of the hallmarks of the beginning of the Reformation was that the people were given access to the Scriptures to read and study for themselves. The Reformation opened the door for common people to have access to God's truth. Martin Luther nailed his 99 thesis to a door at Wittenberg. Jesus Christ is the light of the world, he is the Word of God. Thus, we placed the open Bible on the cross. We also chose to include the circle representing the world as we are commanded by Jesus to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20a, Revised Standard Version).

The Day of Pentecost (Panel Two)

"And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit..." (Acts 2:2-4a, Revised Standard Version)

The people of God received the Holy Spirit. The white dove represents the Holy Spirit descending upon them. They were seen with tongues as of fire resting on their heads. The flames are waving, blown by the breath of the Holy Spirit. The flames extend back into the first panel because it is the Holy Spirit that connects the entire body of Christ to one another. The people represented have different faces and different appearance because every tribe and every nation has opportunity to receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit comes to us through the open door of our hearts as we receive him through our Baptism and as we continue to walk in the paths he has set before us.