

# AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Christ the King Sunday

November 23, 2025

## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Bell Choir

"Simple Gifts" Shaker Melody, Arranged by Patricia Sanders Cota

## 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 #108 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

## 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.*

## KYRIE (pgs. 57-58 LBW)

*P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy.*

*P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy. P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: Amen**

## HYMN OF PRAISE (pgs. 60-61 LBW)

**Refrain:** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,**  
**whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain.**  
**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain.**  
**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**  
**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain.**  
**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain.**

## 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 everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: Amen*

## FIRST LESSON: Malachi 3:13-18

### RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 95:1-7

*L: Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.*

**C: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

*L: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.*

**C: In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.**

*L: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.*

**C: Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

*L: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!*

## SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:13-20

**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: Luke 23:27-43

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

Pastor Aaron Dawson

## HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #377 "Lift High the Cross"

**NICENE CREED** 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*

**CLOSING HYMN**

**LBW #170 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”  
(Vs. 1, 3, 4, & 6)**

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

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*“As we gather in this season of gratitude, let us pause and reflect on God’s goodness.  
May our hearts be still, our minds be focused and our worship be filled  
with thanksgiving to the One who provides all we need.”*

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**NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Family of Robert Pflugmacher

**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Sondra Sipes	Rich Friemel	Barb Corbly	Jeff Holsinger
Ethan Kempfer	Marty Mirocha	Melvina Heap	Breen Sipes
Paul Albers	Karen Bruns	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	Clarence Stanfill	Martha Stanfill

**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

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**ALTAR GUILD**

**ACOLYTES**

**GREETERS**

**LECTOR**

**PRAYER LEADER**

**WORSHIP STEWARD**

**USHERS**

Terri Kirby, Sally Bauer

Liam Kaiser, Harm Albers

Sheila Sherman, DeAnn McMorris

Sean O'Donnell

Sally Bauer

Lloyd Schluter

Travis, Nikky & Jack Flesner

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** Today we honor Christ the King, the shepherd who gathers and rescues us, the one in whom all things hold together (Jeremiah 23:1–6; Colossians 1:11–20). We joyfully welcome all worshipers to this celebration of his reign—ushering us into the peace and justice of God’s kingdom. Come, take your place among the gathered faithful, and offer your worship to the King of all.

**BROADCAST OF THE SERVICE TODAY** is provided by *Marless Swan* in memory of her husband, Daryl, who passed away on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**FLOWERS TODAY** are provided by *Emily Deal* in memory of her mother, Wilma Borchers’ Birthday on November 20<sup>th</sup>, and in memory of her son, Ray Phillips’ Birthday on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION** will be held immediately following today’s Worship Service to discuss ALC hosting the 2028 Continental Youth Gathering.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS** Decorating for the Advent and Christmas season will be held today following the Question & Answer Session. There will be no Sunday school.

**CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed this Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, in celebration of Thanksgiving.

**PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER** ALC Preschool is selling Butter Braids, pizzas and cookies. Please stop by the preschool or church office to see an order form. All orders need to be placed by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES** will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. A light meal of soup and sandwiches will be held in the Youth Hall before services at 6:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex for these meals.

**CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT EXCHANGE** The WNALC (Women of North American Lutheran Church) will be hosting a Christmas Ornament Exchange on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10:00 a.m. This is open to ALL women (no age requirement). You will need to bring a Wrapped Christmas Ornament valued between \$5-\$10. The exchange is similar to a White Elephant gift exchange. We ask that you bring a brunch item of your choice to share. We will have a time of fellowship, eating and fun as we start the joyous time of Christmas. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Deanne Rosenbeck at 217-621-8816. We look forward to sharing this time with you.

**QUILTERS** will not meet for the remainder of 2025. They will resume meeting on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**MILITARY FLAGS** The Christian & military flags outside of the church have been taken down for the winter to save on maintenance. They will be put back up in the spring.

**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 – 144

**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.

**VIALS OF LIFE** are available to pick-up in the Narthex on the top shelf of the bookcase. 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.

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 24:36-44

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**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, November 23**

9:00 a.m.    Worship Service  
10:00 a.m.    Special Q & A Session  
Immediately  
Following:    Hanging of the Greens  
                  Women's Bible Study

**Monday, November 24**

12:30 p.m.    NO Quilting

**Wednesday, November 26**

4:00 p.m.    NO Bell Choir Practice  
5:00 p.m.    NO Choir Practice

**Thursday, November 27**    Office Closed



**Friday, November 28**    Office Closed

**Sunday, November 30**

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

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



It's time to order your poinsettias.  
They will be placed around the church by  
Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

If you wish to order a Poinsettia plant, please fill out the form below and place in the offering plate.

The cost for each plant is \$18.25. You may place the money in an envelope in the offering plate. Please mark on the outside of the envelope, "Poinsettia", and include your name.

**ORDER DEADLINE** — Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER A POINSETTIA PLANT  
AT A COST OF \$18.25 A PLANT.

**(Please write your name below as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.)**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_