

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

June 21, 2026

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 us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen

OPENING HYMN

LBW #474 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

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: O God, the strength of those who hope in you: Be present and hear our prayers; and, because in the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, so that in keeping your commandments we may please you in will and deed; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen

FIRST LESSON: 2 Kings 5:1-19

RESPONSIVE PSALM PRAYER: Psalm 1

L: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

C: Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on his law day and night.

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

C: It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

L: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

C: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 6:1-11

**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

**LBW #559 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
(Please rise)**

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28:16-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 28th chapter. Congregation sings: Glory to you, O Lord. (After Gospel is read) P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SONG OF RESPONSE

LBW #564 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

SERMON

Pastor Preston Foster

HYMN OF THE DAY

WOV #770 “I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

HOLY BAPTISM (pg. 121-125 LBW)

Islay Skye Dawson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters...To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. C: AMEN

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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

P: Through Baptism God has made this new sister a member of the priesthood...and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (pgs. 69-71) & 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

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 #698 "We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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*"I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving"
(Psalm 69:30, NRSV). May God bless you as you praise and thank him today."*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Susan Millsap Dorene Pflugmacher (sister/Karen Flessner)

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Tracie Sisneros	Jim Perry	Mary Kempfer	Ron Minch
Chrissie Hall	Kim Ross	Kay Thomas	Angie Trenberth
Sondra Sipes	Rich Friemel	Barb Corbly	Ethan Kempfer
Marty Mirocha	Melvina Heap	Paul Albers	Kim Wyre
Annette Carlson	Wilma Suits	Brian Dietz	Roberta Arthur
Steve Schluter	Glenn Behnke	John Keith	Pen Pendleton
Denny Doyle	Rodney Larkin	Lee Briggs	Carla Adkins
Jessica Hawn	Earl Smith	Gabbi Reynolds	William Benton
Steve Ritchie	Sharon Lohen	Mary Mallicoat	Merrill Wattjes
Joan Percival	Joyce Williamson	Bob & Jenny Hobby	

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

Keith Dohleman	Dave Overholt	Loretta Overholt	LouAnn Baugher
Pr. Barb Busboom	Genet Dixon	Luella Loschen	Joan Mathis
Martha Stanfill	Paul Wolters		

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

Sue Coffin, DeAnn McMorris

Logan Suits, Eli Schluter

Ann Price, Connor Schmidt

Andrew Peck

Shirley Friemel

Sue Coffin

Mitch Suits, Marvin Ideus, TBA

WELCOME TO WORSHIP and a special greeting to those who follow in God's footsteps by sharing fatherly love. Happy Father's Day!

BROADCAST OF THE SERVICE & FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Steve & Connie Early* in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 19th.

ROSE TODAY is in celebration of the Baptism of *Islay Skye Dawson*, daughter of Pastor Aaron & Kristin Dawson. Islay was born on May 24th.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES are due to the church office by this Wednesday, June 24th, for the July Newsletter.

VBS MISSION PROJECT We are continuing to collect donations for this year's VBS Mission project, The Eagles Nest, which is a food pantry for food insecure teens attending RTHS. We feel this is such a worthwhile project which is why we've involved the congregation in gathering donations for this cause. The director said they like to keep the snacks on the healthier side for the most part but that doesn't mean they don't offer chips, etc. She mentioned that the teens love to bake so they would be very excited to receive boxed mixes. The pantry is open not only during the school year, but also through the summer. A sample of items she suggested (but are not limited to) include: Cake, brownie, cookie mixes; Canned frosting; Eggs; Aquafaba; Frozen pizzas/sandwiches; Mac and Cheese; Fruits/Vegetables; Beauty items; and pretty much anything teens like. One thing they will NOT accept is energy drinks. There will be a collection tub in the back of the church for your donations. Obviously, if you donate frozen or refrigerated items, please give them to one of us directly or place them in the refrigerator so we can get them out and delivered. And if you would rather give cash, just place it in the offering plate (marked) and we will make sure it gets to the Eagles Nest. We are taking donations for the entire month of June. Thanks for your generous support! Connie, Stacey & Joyce

PORTALS OF PRAYER for the 3rd Quarter (July-September) are available to pick-up in the Narthex and in the entryway outside of the church office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We are still in need of more volunteers to be Ushers and Worship Stewards. Please consider helping with this ministry. If you would be willing to help with this, please call Sue Coffin at 217-841-8632 or email her at suecof@gmail.com.

ATTENTION USHERS When you are ushering on a Sunday morning, please check-in with the Worship Steward on duty when you arrive at church. This assures the Worship Steward knows you have arrived and can assign you the area you are to cover.

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 – 104

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.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 9:1-19; Psalm 116:12-19; Galatians 1:11-20; John 20:19-23, 30-31

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 21

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

Monday, June 22

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Wednesday, June 24 Newsletter Articles Due

Thursday, June 25

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, June 28

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

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