

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

July 12, 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 #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 glory, Father of love, peace comes from you alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:10-13

RESPONSIVE PSALM PRAYER: Psalm 65:1-13

L: You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

C: To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions.

L: Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out.

C: Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

L: Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

C: You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might.

L: You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

C: Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

L: You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

C: You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

L: You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

C: You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

L: May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:1-11

**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 13:1-9, 18-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 13th 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”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY

WOV #783 “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

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

“I Speak Jesus” by KingsPorch

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.

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

LBW #272 “Abide with Me”

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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*Enable us to keep our minds and hearts focused on you, O Lord.
Make us alert and aware of your loving presence among us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Earl Smith Family of Loretta Overholt

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Susan Millsap	Tracie Sisneros	Jim Perry	Mary Kempfer
Ron Minch	Chrissie Hall	Kim Ross	Kay Thomas
Angie Trenberth	Sondra Sipes	Rich Friemel	Barb Corbly
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	Gabbi Reynolds	William Benton	Steve Ritchie
Sharon Lohen	Mary Mallicoat	Merrill Wattjes	Joan Percival
Joyce Williamson	Bob & Jenny Hobby		

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

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

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

Terri Kirby, Sally Bauer

Harm Albers, Liam Kaiser

Loretta Elliott, Shirley Friemel

Sally Bauer

Monica Carico

Lloyd Schluter

Emily Deal, John Lux, Sue Coffin

WELCOME TO WORSHIP We welcome all who have come to glorify God in worship. May our hearts reach out to God and to one another in love. We are glad you are here.

FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Earl Smith* in memory of his wife, Roberta's, 72nd Birthday on July 13th.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING will be held next Sunday, July 19th, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service to address concerns with the closure of the preschool.

PRESCHOOL BOARD MEETING will be held at 4:30 p.m. this Monday, July 13th.

MARTHA'S TABLE meals for July will be delivered this Tuesday, July 14th.

BLOOD DRIVE The Rantoul Community ImpactLife Blood Drive will be held at American Lutheran Church this Wednesday, July 15th, from 11:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. in the Youth Hall. Call 1-800-747-5401 or go online at bloodcenter.org to schedule an appointment.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP will be helping with the Canteen Run next Monday, July 20th.

LEMONADE STAND The ALC Preschool-Daycare and Summer Camp will be offering a Friday afternoon Lemonade Stand from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. in front of the Preschool doors next Friday, July 24th. The children are learning customer service skills, building confidence, and having fun with this project.

WOMEN'S EVENT The WNALC would like to invite all ladies (no age requirement) to join us at The Fringe in Rantoul for an evening of food, miniature golf, or just good old fashion conversation with "the girls". We will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 24th, for a fun night. Bring a friend (outside of ALC) for a gift. Please RSVP to Deanne Rosenbeck at 217-621-8816 (call or text) or by email at dwattjes@hotmail.com. See you there!

CHRIST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL'S KNIGHT FOR CHRIST BENEFIT AUCTION will be held on Saturday, August 22nd, at the Ford County Fairgrounds in Melvin. Silent Auction begins at 4:00 p.m. Dinner will be from 4:00-6:00 p.m. followed by the live auction. Reservations are \$50.00 per person. RSVP required by August 3rd. Please call the CLHS office at 217-394-2547 to RSVP or for more information.

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 – 101

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.

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

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-43

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 12

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

Monday, July 13

12:30 p.m. Quilting
4:30 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 14

Martha's Table Meals Delivered

Wednesday, July 15

11:30 a.m. ImpactLife Blood Drive

Thursday, July 16

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, July 19

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

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