

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

August 9, 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 #294 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

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: Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen

FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 19:9-18

RESPONSIVE PSALM PRAYER: Psalm 85:8-13

L: I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

C: Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

L: Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

C: Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

L: The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

C: Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 10:5-15

**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 14:22-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 14th 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 #731 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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.

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 #476 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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May your Holy Spirit come into each of our hearts this day, O Lord. Amen.

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Tom Finger Rich Friemel Family of Rodney Larkin

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Angie Trenberth	Susan Millsap	Tracie Sisneros	Jim Perry
Mary Kempfer	Ron Minch	Chrissie Hall	Kim Ross
Kay Thomas	Sondra Sipes	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
Lee Briggs	Carla Adkins	Jessica Hawn	Gabbi Reynolds
William Benton	Steve Ritchie	Sharon Lohen	Mary Mallicoat
Bob & Jenny Hobby	Merrill Wattjes	Joan Percival	Joyce Williamson

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

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

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
Matthew Mislán			

ALTAR GUILD

ACOLYTES

GREETERS

LECTOR

PRAYER LEADER

WORSHIP STEWARD

USHERS

DeAnn McMorris, Sue Coffin

Ivie Albers, Kali Schluter

Wendy Watkins, Jeannette Arbuckle

Sean O'Donnell

Terry Doyle

Midge Seim

Jim & Pam Cheek, Marleen Peavler

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Come friends; let us worship the Creator/Redeemer of us all. With hands stretched out toward others, we rejoice that we are privileged to worship the Lord our God. Welcome all!

DOORS LOCKED Beginning today, the following doors will be left unlocked after the church service begins: both sanctuary doors on the east and west and the sanctuary door on the south. All other doors will be locked shortly after the church service begins and unlocked right before the church service ends. This is being initiated to help ensure the safety of our parishioners. Thank you.

ON VACATION Nikki will be on vacation this week. Judy Peck will be in the office from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. each day except Wednesday, August 12th, when the office will be closed all day. Please call the church office if a need arises or stop by during these times.

CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR will tentatively plan to resume practices beginning this Tuesday, August 11th. The proposed practice schedule will be Bells at 5pm and Choir at 6pm on Tuesday evenings. Please see Kristin Dawson after church in the Martin Luther Room or call/text 618-638-6506 for more information.

PRESCHOOL END-OF-SUMMER CELEBRATION will be held this Thursday, August 13th, from 3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Please come help celebrate with the Preschool and Summer Camp children, teachers, and parents. There will be a bounce house, games, and a movie. Pizza, chips, water and lemonade will be provided. Donations of desserts will be happily accepted. If you would like to help with this, please contact Midge, 217-493-0787.

WOMEN OF THE WNALC All women of the church are invited to go to the Beef House Dinner Theatre in Covington, IN, on Saturday, September 19th, for a Matinee show. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Please make your reservation by this Friday, August 14th, by calling Pam Cheek at 217-714-1353. The cost is \$72. If we have 20+ reservations, the cost is \$62. Money is due Monday, August 31st, by cash or check made payable to ALC. Please call Pam to reserve your spot! We hope to fill the church bus and more!

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will be studying the Psalms starting in October. We will be ordering workbooks for this study, so if you would like to attend, please let Pastor or the church office know.

FUNERAL DISHES If you have brought a dish recently for a funeral luncheon, please check the kitchen counter for those that have not been picked up. Thank you!

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 – 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.

FOOD PANTRY The Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable food items. Donation boxes are located in the Narthex and in the entryway outside the church office.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 9

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

Monday, August 10 OFFICE CLOSED-PM

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

Tuesday, August 11 OFFICE CLOSED-PM

5:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, August 12 OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, August 13 OFFICE CLOSED-PM

9:00 a.m. Bible Study
3:30 p.m. Preschool End-of-Summer Celebration

Friday, August 14 OFFICE CLOSED-PM

Sunday, August 16

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