

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

August 30, 2026

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

TEMPLE TALK

Connor Schmidt

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: Amen

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (pg. 56 LBW)

L: 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

L: 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.

L: 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

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. C: Amen

OPENING HYMN

LBW #377 "Lift High the Cross"

GREETING (pg. 57 LBW)

L: 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)

L: 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) (Spoken)

L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. L: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord. C: Amen

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 15:15-21

RESPONSIVE PSALM PRAYER: Psalm 26:1-8

L: Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

C: Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

L: For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

C: I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

L: I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

C: I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,

L: singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

C: LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 12:9-21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (pg. 62 LBW)

Congregation Sings: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:21-28

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 16th chapter. Congregation sings: Glory to you, O Lord. (After Gospel is read) L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Sean O'Donnell

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #230 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (pg. 75 LBW) **(Please rise) Congregation Sings: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER (pg. 67 LBW) *L: 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*

BENEDICTION

L: 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 #104 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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*Give us a willing spirit, dear Lord, a spirit willing to worship
and serve you wholeheartedly.*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Robert Pilarski Toni (Hinrichs) Santrock

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Tom Finger	Rich Friemel	Angie Trenberth	Tracie Sisneros
Jim Perry	Mary Kempfer	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 Mislan			

ALTAR GUILD

ACOLYTES

GREETERS

LECTOR

PRAYER LEADER

WORSHIP STEWARD

USHERS

DeAnn McMorris, Sue Coffin

Aubrie Albers, Eli Schluter

June Luna, Lloyd Schluter

Deanne Rosenbeck

Andrew Peck

Ron Howe

Emily Deal, John Lux, Stan Wolken

WELCOME TO WORSHIP The psalmist reminds us that God's name is majestic in all the earth (see Psalm 8:9, NRSV). With love for God and for one another, let us approach the throne of grace from which all blessings flow. Welcome!

NO THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will be held this Thursday, September 3rd, or next Thursday, September 10th, as Pastor Aaron will be on vacation.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Deanne Rosenbeck is leading a 7-session study on Hosea by Jennifer Rothschild starting on Wednesday, September 16th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Women's Bible Study room. If you are interested, please contact Deanne by this Tuesday, September 1st, so that workbooks can be ordered. The cost of the workbook is \$22. Please text/call or email Deanne at 217-621-8816 or dwattjes@hotmail.com.

TREASURER POSITION DeAnn McMorris is looking to retire from the Treasurer position. Some of the position's duties include things such as preparing the yearly budget and providing monthly reports to the Council. If you would be interested in learning more about this position, please contact the Church Office.

FUNERAL MEAL DONATIONS We are looking for additional people that would be willing to bring a salad or a dessert for meals held after funerals. If you are not already on our list of people to call but would like to be, please call the church office at 217-893-4550.

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.

GREAT RIVERS MISSION DISTRICT CONVOCATION will be held here at American Lutheran Church from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 24th. Please register online at www.greatriversmissiondistrict.com/events so we can get an accurate headcount for lunch. Cost to attend will be a \$10 donation to cover lunch.

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.

ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 112

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.

DOORS LOCKED 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.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:1-8; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 30

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

Monday, August 31

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, September 1

5:00 p.m. NO Bell Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. NO Choir Practice

Thursday, September 3

9:00 a.m. NO Bible Study

Sunday, September 6

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



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

Immediately following the
9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Lunch will be provided.
(Brats, Smoked Pork Loin, & More)

There will be plenty of games & activities!
Something for Everyone!

Please plan to attend!!!