

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 20, 2026

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

TEMPLE TALK

Deanne Rosenbeck, Mission Sunday

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 #249 "God Himself Is Present"

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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen

FIRST LESSON: Jonah 3:10-4:11

RESPONSIVE PSALM PRAYER: Psalm 145:1-8

L: I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your name forever and ever.

C: Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

L: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness.

C: One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

L: I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

C: They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will tell of your greatness.

L: They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

C: The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:21-30

**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 20:1-16

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 20th 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

**LBW #527 “All Creatures of Our God and King”
(Vs. 1, 5-7)**

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 #503 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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*Enable us, O Lord, to approach you with pure hearts and proper praise.
In Christ's name. Amen.*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Tracy O'Donnell Hannah Shebesta Family of Toni (Hinrichs) Santrock

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Robert Pilarski	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

Emily Deal, Sheila Sherman

Liam Kaiser, Aubrie Albers

Jackie Roelfs, Marcie Rodgers

Justin Kaiser

Sean O'Donnell

Sue Coffin

Logan Suits, Tom Edwards, Mitch Suits

WELCOME TO WORSHIP With warm hearts and hands, we welcome all who have come to worship the Lord. May this be a time of encouragement and inspiration for us all.

FLOWERS TODAY are provided for *Terry Doyle* in celebration of her birthday on September 10th and in thankfulness for all she does for our church by an anonymous member of the congregation.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will be studying the Psalms starting on October 1st. Please sign-up today on the bulletin board located in the back of the Sanctuary if you are planning to attend and have not already done so.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP will meet from 6:00-7:00 p.m. this evening.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES are due this Wednesday, September 23rd, for the October newsletter.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed this Wednesday afternoon and Friday afternoon.

MISSION SUNDAY We will celebrate Mission Sunday next Sunday, September 27th. Conrad L. Mandsager, Founder & President of ChildVoice will be our speaker. There will be a question & answer time following the service with light refreshments.

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 of attending will be a \$10 donation to cover lunch.

TREASURER POSITION DeAnn McMorris is looking to step down from the Treasurer position. Some of the position's duties include preparing the yearly budget and providing monthly reports to the Council. If you are 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.

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

PORTALS OF PRAYER for the 4th Quarter (October-December) are available to pick-up in the Narthex and in the entryway outside of the church office.

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 – 119

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.

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

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 20

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Women's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday, September 21

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, September 22

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

Wednesday, September 23 Office Closed-PM

1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday, September 24

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Friday, September 25 Office Closed-PM

Sunday, September 27 Mission Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Mission Sunday Q & A
Sunday School
Women's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

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