

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 6, 2026

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

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 #535 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

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: O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 33:7-11

RESPONSIVE PSALM PRAYER: Psalm 119:1-8

L: Happy are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!

C: Happy are they who observe his decrees and seek him with all their hearts!

L: Who never do any wrong but always walk in his ways.

C: You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.

L: Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

C: Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.

L: I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

C: I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:8-14

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 18:15-20

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 18th 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 #481 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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

WOV #721 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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*O Lord, may my heart not be hardened, my ears not deaf,
my mind not wandering as I strive to worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.*

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Toni (Hinrichs) Santrock	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	Robert 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

Emily Deal, Sheila Sherman

Harmon Albers, Eli Schluter

Chrissie & Liam Hall

Sally Bauer

Dennis Albers

Sheila Sherman

Aubrie Albers, Sam & Joyce Holland

WELCOME TO WORSHIP On this marvelous Sunday, let us open our spirits to the loving presence of God that we may be spiritually fed and renewed by his grace.

OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed this Monday, September 7th, in observance of Labor Day.

NO QUILTING The quilters will not meet this Monday, September 7th, due to the holiday.

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

BLOOD DRIVE The ImpactLife Blood Drive will be held at American Lutheran Church next Wednesday, September 16th, from 11:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. in the ALC Youth Hall.

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 – 99

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:

Exodus 3:1-12; Psalm 23; Romans 10:5-17; Matthew 10

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 6

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 NO Women's Bible Study

Monday, September 7 OFFICE CLOSED

12:30 p.m. NO Quilting

Tuesday, September 8

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

Thursday, September 10

9:00 a.m. NO Bible Study

Sunday, September 13 RALLY SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Rally Sunday Celebration
 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!!!