AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 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 **WOV #731 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

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: Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord. **C: Amen**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 25:1-9

RESPONSIVE PSALM PRAYER: Psalm 23
L: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
C: He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
L: He revives my souland guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.
C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
L: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
C: Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 4:1-9

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 22:1-14
P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 22nd 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 Pastor Aaron Dawson

HYMN OF THE DAY **LBW #492 "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"**

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 #260 "On Our Way Rejoicing"**

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

POSTLUDE

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Keep our minds and spirits focused on you, O Lord,
that we may not miss your message to us. Amen.

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

DeAnn McMorris Janie Howe Loretta Elliott
Family of Shirley Barnes Family of Charles E. Hooper

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Tracy O'Donnell	Hannah Shebesta	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	Merrill Wattjes	Joan Percival
Bob & Jenny Hobby	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	Terri Kirby, Sondra Sipes
ACOLYTES	Daphnie Albers, Logan Suits
GREETERS	Ann Price, Connor Schmidt
LECTOR	Joyce Holland
PRAYER LEADER	Pam Cheek
WORSHIP STEWARD	Midge Seim
USHERS	Judy Peck, Andrew Peck, Emily Holland

WELCOME to all who have gathered to praise God today. May we worship with grateful hearts and reach out to one another in the love and fellowship of Christ.

BROADCAST OF THE SERVICE & FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Jim and Pam Cheek* in memory of their daughter Michelle Lynn Cheek Tatar who passed on October 16th, 2024.

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS Pastor Aaron holds open office hours on Monday's and Tuesday's from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. and on Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. He is also available by appointment Sunday through Thursday.

TREASURER POSITION We are still looking for someone to take over as Treasurer for ALC as DeAnn McMorris is stepping down due to health reasons. This position only takes about *8-10 hours a month*. Please prayerfully consider taking over this position. You may contact the church office for more information.

OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed this Monday, October 12th, in observance of Columbus Day.

NO QUILTING The quilters will not meet this Monday, October 12th, due to the holiday.

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 by this Tuesday, October 13th. Cost of attending will be a $10 donation to cover lunch.

SALADS & DESSERTS NEEDED for the Great Rivers Mission District Convocation luncheon being held on Saturday, October 24th. They will need to be brought to the church kitchen by 10:00 a.m. that day. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex.

POTLUCK DINNER will be held on Friday, October 23rd, at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Hall for anyone interested in learning more about the Continental Youth Gathering that will be held here in the summer of 2028. Pastor Teresa Peters, NALC Director of Youth and Family Ministry, will be joining us to talk about this event. Please bring a dish to share.

CANTEEN RUN is in need of blankets. They can be used but please make sure they are clean. They can be anywhere from single to king size. No puffy comforters please as they are too heavy for the guys to carry around. We are also in need of men's hoodies or sweatshirts. Thank you in advance for any donations!

EDEN PARK CEMETERY All decorations you wish to save must be removed from Eden Park Cemetery by October 15th or the caretaker will remove them. After October 22nd, you may replace decorations on the graves.

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 – 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.

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:

Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-13; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 11

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, October 12 OFFICE CLOSED

12:30 p.m. NO Quilting

Tuesday, October 13

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

Wednesday, October 14

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

Thursday, October 15

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, October 18

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. 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

American Lutheran Church

TRUNK or TREAT





Sunday, October 25th from 3-5 p.m.

This is a trick-or-treat opportunity for kids AND a treat-giving opportunity for adults. Instead of going house-to-house trick-or-treating, kids will go from car to car. Adults will pass out treats from the trunk or tailgate of their vehicle.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

You can decorate as simple or as elaborate as you would like as long as it is kid and church-friendly. This event will be setup around the park across the street from the church. We will have games, activities and a weenie roast. All ages welcome!

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SIGN UP!

Let us know how you would like to participate by circling one or more of the following options. Tear this portion off and return in the offering plate or contact Deanne Rosenbeck at (217) 621-8816 or dwattjes@hotmail.com.

Food Volunteer **Hosting a Trunk** **Game Volunteer** **Cookies**

NAME _____

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO

TRUNK OR TREAT



Sunday October 25th

3-5 p.m. | American Lutheran Church

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