AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026

PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME
TEMPLE TALK

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 #699 "Blessed Assurance"**

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: Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 45:1-7

RESPONSIVE PSALM PRAYER: Psalm 96:1-13

L: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

C: Sing to the LORD and bless his name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

L: Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

C: For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

L: As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

C: Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

L: Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

C: Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

L: Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

C: Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

L: Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

C: Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.

L: He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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 22:15-22

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 #328 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"**
(Vs. 1, 3-4, 6-7)

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.

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 #507 "How Firm a Foundation"**

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

POSTLUDE

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Fill our minds with holy thoughts, O Lord, that we may think
what you would have us think and worship you with purity of heart. Amen.

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Genet Dixon DeAnn McMorris Janie Howe
Family of Shirley Barnes Family of Charles E. Hooper

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Loretta Elliott	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	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	Owen Schluter, Eli Schluter
GREETERS	Mary Peters, June Luna
LECTOR	Lorraine McElwain
PRAYER LEADER	Sheila Sherman
WORSHIP STEWARD	Sue Coffin
USHERS	Connor Suits, Emily Deal, John Lux

WELCOME Hebrews 5:7 reminds us that Jesus "offered up prayers and supplications" and was heard by the Father. As we gather for worship today, may we bring our own prayers before the Lord and draw closer to Him and to one another.

BROADCAST OF THE SERVICE TODAY is provided by *Tom & Mary Edwards* in celebration of their 56th Wedding Anniversary on October 17th.

FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Robert & Anita Pilarski* in celebration of their 29th Wedding Anniversary on October 18th.

FLOWERS TODAY (2) are provided by *Neal & Sally Bauer* in celebration of their 28th Wedding Anniversary on October 23rd.

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.

OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed this Friday, October 23rd.

POTLUCK DINNER will be held this 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.

SALADS & DESSERTS NEEDED for the Great Rivers Mission District Convocation luncheon being held next 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.

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.

ANNUAL QUILT SALE will be held starting next Sunday, October 25th. Quilts made by our ALC Quilters will be on display in the sanctuary and available for purchase for $40.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be held on Saturday, November 14th, at 8:30 a.m. in the ALC Youth Hall. All men of the church are encouraged to attend. To help prepare breakfast or donate food, please contact Tom Edwards at 217-840-1929.

EDEN PARK CEMETERY You may replace decorations on the graves in Eden Park Cemetery starting this Friday, October 23rd.

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 – 102

CANTEEN RUN is in need of blankets (single to king size). They can be used but please make sure they are clean. Also, please make sure they are not 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!

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:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

THIS WEEK

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

Monday, October 19

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, October 20

5:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. Elders Meet
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 21

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

Thursday, October 22

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Friday, October 23 OFFICE CLOSED

6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner with Teresa Peters

Saturday, October 24

9:00 a.m. GRMD Convocation

Sunday, October 25

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Women's Bible Study
3-5:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat
6:00 p.m. NO 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 _____

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