AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Dawson

All Saints' Sunday

November 1, 2026

PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

INVOCATION
P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation: Amen**

THE LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE
P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. God comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.
C: Thanks be to God!
P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we, too, might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly, be united with Him in a resurrection like His.
C: Thanks be to God!

OPENING HYMN **LBW #176 "For All Your Saints, O Lord"**

LITANY **(Please be seated)**
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **C: Be present merciful Lord.**
P: Lord have mercy. **C: Lord have mercy.**
P: Christ have mercy. **C: Christ have mercy.**
P: Lord have mercy. **C: Lord have mercy.**
P: O Christ, hear us. **C: In mercy hear us.**
P: Holy Trinity, one eternal God. **C: Have mercy on us.**
P: Be gracious to us. **C: Spare us good Lord.**

P: Let us remember all the saints from our congregational family and all the saints before God.
C: We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught Your Church that it is an ageless communion of saints.

P: We thank You for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption You promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Your Christ for the redemption of the world.
C: Prepare a place for us among those who are already resting in You. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, empowering us to love in the anticipation of an eternal reunion.

P: Our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ says, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, **C: and you will find rest for your souls.**
P: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. **C: And you will find rest for your souls."**

P: God of grace and glory, we remember before You today our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep into Your rest:

Clarence Stanfill	Janet Johnson	Tonita Santrock
Marlys Morris	Samuel Day	Charles E. Hooper
Dolores Ehler	Loretta Overholt	Shirley Barnes
Joyce Keith	Marless Swan	Genet Dixon

P: And heavenly Father, we rejoice with thanksgiving at these new saints You have claimed as Your own, through the waters of baptism this year:

Blaton Appelman	Mykah Abernathy	Mychael Appelman
Islay Dawson		

HYMN **LBW #314 "Who Is This Host Arrayed in White"**

As the light comes to each row, please keep the lit candle upright and tilt the candle to be lit to avoid burns and spilled wax. As you receive the light, pass it to the next person.

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, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord: Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

CHOIR ANTHEM "Songs of Hope and Comfort Medley"
(Arranged by Stan Pethel)

FIRST LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

RESPONSIVE PSALM PRAYER: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

L: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
C: I will glory in the LORD; let the humble hear and rejoice.
L: Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt his name together.
C: I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.
L: Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
C: I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.
L: The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them.
C: Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who trust in him!
L: Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.
C: The young lions lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
L: The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-3

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"**

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th 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 #315 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 #337 "Oh, What Their Joy"**

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

POSTLUDE

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Today, we remember the faithful believers who have gone before us. May their witness encourage us as we worship the God who remains faithful through every generation.

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

John Sherman Jeffrey Lachenmyer
Millie Shebesta (great-granddaughter/Geri Remmers)
Family of Genet Dixon Family of Karen Fleming

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

DeAnn McMorris	Loretta Elliott	Tracy O'Donnell	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
Bob & Jenny Hobby	Joan Percival	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	Sue Coffin, Lloyd Schluter
ACOLYTES	Davis Albers, Connor Suits
GREETERS	Chrissie & Liam Hall
LECTOR	Dennis Albers
PRAYER LEADER	Monica Carico
WORSHIP STEWARD	Sue Coffin
USHERS	Lloyd Schluter, Kaitlyn Holland, Joyce Holland

WELCOME On this wonderful day that is designated All Saints' Sunday, we have come to invoke the presence of God. We welcome with joy all worshipers. Remember with gratitude all who have been faithful to God throughout the centuries.

FLOWERS TODAY are from Shirley Barnes' Memorial Service that was held here at ALC yesterday morning.

ANNUAL QUILT SALE Quilts made by our ALC Quilters are on display in the sanctuary and available for purchase for $40 until next Sunday, November 8th.

THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP DINNER will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 21st, at Timberline Grove (formerly The Linden) 224 W. Wheat Ave. ***Please note the change of location.*** It will be a catered meal including: turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, corn casserole, rolls and pie. Cost is $20 per person and needs to be paid to the church office or Lloyd Schluter by Thursday, November 12th.

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.

WNALC EVENT—LECTIO DIVINA (Devotional Reading) WORKSHOP Have you ever been curious about prayerfully encountering God through scripture? If so, women of any age are invited to attend a brief workshop on "Lectio Divina," or Devotional Reading, on Saturday, November 14th, from 1-3pm in the Confirmation room. We will briefly learn about this ancient spiritual practice that can enrich our prayer lives and how we interact with God's Word. No RSVP is needed, but please reach out to Kristin Dawson 618-638-6506 with questions. Tea and light snacks will be provided. Please bring your bibles, a notebook, and an open heart and mind!

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

CANTEEN RUN is still 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!

PORTALS OF PRAYER for the fourth quarter (October-December) are still available to pick up in the Narthex and outside 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 – 126

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.

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:

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 1

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, November 2

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, November 3

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

Wednesday, November 4

6:00 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday, November 5

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, November 8

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