

Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 30, 2026 | 9:30am

Life in Christ is not an easy way to live. On the contrary, to be a disciple of Jesus is a costly endeavor! It means being tested and tried, it requires great patience and perseverance, and it means acting the opposite of what our most basic instincts compel us to do. Instead of being vengeful, it means forgiving. Instead of fussing and fighting, it means living in harmony with fellow believers.

Welcome *and* Announcements

Please sign the welcome pad at the end of your pew

Prayer of the Day

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: Holy God, strengthen us to follow your commands in humble obedience along life's journey. Show us the way of sacrificial love for the sake of your world as we lose our old lives and find true life in Christ; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lift High the Cross (vss. 1,3,4,5)

Reclaim No. 269

Confession and Forgiveness of Sin

P: Friends in Christ, our heavenly Father has called us to be His people, leading us to green pastures and still waters. Yet, there are times when we have wronged our fellow sheep and wandered from our Shepherd. But we are not abandoned. Trusting in the goodness of our God and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit within us, let us tell the whole truth about ourselves, confess our sins, and seek God's ceaseless mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Loving and forgiving God,

C: we confess that we are held captive by the power of sin and have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger and outsider. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

P: People of God, hear this glad news: Jesus Christ has come so that you might have new and abundant life. In his name and by his authority alone, I forgive you all your sins. May you be strengthened in God's love, comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Praise

A song of thanksgiving for the forgiveness we have in Jesus Christ

Glory be to God in heaven, Peace on earth, good will and grace;

We rejoice and sing thanksgiving, Hearts uplifted, songs of praise!

Lord, we bless You, Lord, we thank You, God Almighty, strong and true;

Lamb of God, our sin You carry, Grant us peace, our hearts renew.

You alone, O Christ, are holy, You alone the Lord Most High,
With the Spirit ever reigning, In the Father's glory nigh.
Now we sing our adoration, Praise resounds from shore to shore;
Glory, honor, power, blessing Be to God forevermore!

Children's Sermon

First Reading | Jeremiah 15:15-21

Pew Bible Pg. 746

The prophet Jeremiah asserted that the Lord knew his case and what his enemies had done. Jeremiah was impatient and pleaded with the Lord to rescue him. But the Lord answered: "If you will return to me, you will be the one to share my Word." The people would fight against him, but Jeremiah would not be moved.

Responsive Reading | Psalm 26

The psalmist sang to the Lord, asking him to judge his faithfulness. He asserted that he had been true to God and that God should test him and try him to assess his faithfulness. "I do not sit with men of falsehood," claimed the psalmist. Instead, he kept his eyes on God's steadfast love and mercy.

R: Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

C: Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and my mind.

R: For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness.

C: I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.

R: I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

C: I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord,

R: proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

C: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

R: Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

C: in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

R: But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

C: My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the Lord.

Second Reading | Romans 12:9-21

Pew Bible Pg. 1097

Paul advised the Christians in Rome to be loving to one another — not a fake love that was in word only, but a genuine love that sought not to punish or get revenge. We are called to live in harmony with one another and to seek to outdo one another by doing good.

R: Word of God; Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Thy word is a lamp upon my feet and a light unto my path. *(Repeat)*

Gospel Reading | Matthew 16:21-28

Pew Bible Pg. 951

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 16th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

the Gospel text is read

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

The Old Rugged Cross (vss. 1,2,4)

Reclaim No. 139

Offering Presentation

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive
And gladly, as thou blesest us, to thee our first fruits give.

The Apostles' Creed

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.

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in this peace and in community with one another, let us confess our faith:

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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Each petition ends with the words "Lord, in your mercy." Respond by saying, "Hear our prayer."

The Lord’s Prayer

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Reclaim No. 138

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, loving and serving in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Those Serving Today

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Reader: Pat McGregor

Ushers: Ron and Sue Brooks

Greeters: Sue Mayer

Tech Team: Doug Krahmer, Mike Youngerberg, and Vicki Youngerberg

This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	August 30	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	August 31	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	September 2	1:00pm	Worship Committee
Thursday	September 3	11:30am	EEO Committee
Sunday	September 6	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

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Announcements

Welcome to Worship! Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ and the Augustana District, LCMC. To learn more about our association of churches, please visit www.lcmc.net.

Thank-you for your **tithes and offerings** to help further the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church. An offering plate has been placed by the entrance doors into the Sanctuary for your convenience. Venmo users can scan the QR code found in the pew racks.

As we look ahead to the start of **Sunday School** next month, we invite you to be part of raising up the next generation of disciples at Resurrection Lutheran. Teaching is simple and rewarding! Our screen-free curriculum is easy to use, and we offer full training and in-classroom teaching partners to support you every step of the way. Contact Pastor Aaron to learn more.

Helen Kurth's new cell phone number is 507-317-5447.

Pastor Aaron will be **out of the office** this Friday, September 4th through Monday, September 7th to attend a family wedding. Pastor Scott Peterson, a retired LCMC pastor, will be here to preach and lead worship next Sunday. Lectionary Bible Study will not meet this Wednesday.

A weekly Bible study for women will begin at RLC on Tuesday, September 15th. Featuring material from **Precept Ministries**, the study is titled "*Living Victoriously in Difficult Times*" and is designed for ladies eager to explore Scripture firsthand and discover life-changing truths for challenging seasons. Class will meet every Tuesday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM through October 20th. To learn more, contact Carol Severson. The cost for the workbook is \$6.50.

Pack your lawn chairs, yard games and appetite! You're invited to our annual **Backyard Bash** on Sunday, September 13th, from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM on the south lawn. We'll be grilling up fresh hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings, plus chips and ice cream for dessert. Enjoy a relaxing evening under the trees with live entertainment from Father Paul van de Crommert (aka "Cowboy Crommert"), featuring a mix of sacred music, folk tunes, and John Denver favorites. A free-will offering will be collected to support RLC's Mercy Ministry Fund.

A new year of growth, learning, and fun is right around the corner! **Sunday School** kicks off on Sunday, September 13th, following worship. There's a place at the table for every child ages 5 and up as we dive into God's Word and build a foundation of faith that lasts a lifetime.

The church council is pleased to announce that **Bob and Sara (Heller) Zimprich** have been accepted as new members of Resurrection Lutheran! Please help us make them feel welcome.

Birthdays this week: Oliver Olstrom (2nd) and Andry Ranaivoson (4th)

Anniversaries this week: Bruce & Donna Krahmer (31st) and Clark & Jane Diel (1st)

Take Up Your Cross

Find the 39 **bold** words from Matthew 16:21-28 (ESV)

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Then **Jesus** told his **disciples**, “If **anyone** would come after me, let him **deny himself** and **take up** his **cross** and **follow** me. For whoever would **save** his **life will lose** it, but whoever loses his life for my **sake** will **find** it. For what will it **profit** a man if he **gains** the **whole world** and **forfeits** his **soul**? Or what shall a man give in **return** for his soul? For the **Son of Man** is going to come with his **angels** in the **glory** of his **Father**, and then he will **repay each person** according to what he has done. **Truly**, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not **taste death** until they **see** the Son of Man **coming** in his **kingdom**.”