

Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 6, 2026 | 9:30am

The birth of Jesus, the Son of God, was a moment in time that changed humanity forever. Through this One, God came to dwell among us as Immanuel, to walk the paths that humans walk and to share in the human experience. This Jesus is fully human and yet no ordinary man; he is the priest foretold by the prophets, the Savior of the nations — love incarnate, sent to rescue us from sin, death, and the devil.

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: God of majesty, on the night of your birth your light and life broke into the darkness of our human condition. Grant that your light and life will continue to shine through us into a dark and weary world until that time when your glory reigns forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord; who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (vss. 1,3,4)

Reclaim No. 14

Confession and Forgiveness of Sin

P: Beloved in the Lord: God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and the truth is not in us. But if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus washes away our sin. Let us confess our faults, knowing God will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: God who knows us,

C: you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. Forgive us our sins, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: People of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Hear the promise first given in Baptism: you are God's child; your sins are forgiven. Rejoice, for yours is the kingdom of heaven!

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 | Isaiah 7:10-14

Pew Bible Pg. 663

A word came to King Ahaz, encouraging him to be bold and to ask for a sign from the Lord. Ahaz, in his stubbornness, refused to ask God for a sign, claiming that would be "putting God to the test" and continued deeper in his sin by rejecting God's offer. That sign was nothing less than Immanuel, "God with us."

Responsive Reading | Psalm 2:1-8

The psalmist spoke of the resistance of "the nations" to the rule of God and his anointed Messiah. God's wrath was kindled as rulers and kings conspired to supplant his authority. The king of Zion, the only begotten Son of God, will come to reign.

R: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

C: The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,

R: "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

C: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

R: Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

C: "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

R: I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

C: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

Second Reading | 1 John 4:7-16

Pew Bible Pg. 1180

St. John makes it clear that we love only because God has loved us first. God sent Jesus to be the Savior of our lives and the one who grants us forgiveness. The love of God is what empowers us to love like Jesus, sacrificially and unconditionally.

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 | Luke 2:1-20

Pew Bible Pg. 992

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 2nd 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 | “Meet the Family”

Away in a Manger

Reclaim No. 110

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 blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

The Nicene 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:

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 Christian 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

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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, for in the night of his betrayal...

Words of Institution

Communion Acclamation

A prayer of adoration to the one who died and rose again to take away our sin

O Lamb of God, you take away our sin.

Have mercy, Christ, and make your home within.

O Lamb of God, you take away our shame.

Grant us your peace, O Lord, in Jesus' name.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord Jesus, as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim your death until you come again. Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Communion Distribution

Resurrection Lutheran's communion practices can be found on the "Come To The Table" instructional in your pew. If you are a visitor or guest, please consider referencing this card.

Benediction

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Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God!

What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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.

Bibles are available on the shelves under the pews in front of you. Worshippers are encouraged to use these Bibles, or to bring one from home, to follow along with the Old Testament, New Testament, and Gospel readings.

A special welcome to **Pastor Scott Peterson** as he leads worship here at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Ordained in November of 1981, Pastor Scott holds both a Master of Divinity and Master of Theology degree from Luther Seminary in St. Paul. He has served congregations in Montana, Minnesota and Alabama, retiring in 2022. Scott and his wife, Lois, spend part of their year residing in Redwood Falls.

It's time to renew our subscriptions to **Portals of Prayer**. If you are currently receiving this quarterly devotional, please indicate whether you want to renew your subscription or not on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you are not currently receiving Portals of Prayer, but would like to start in January, also see the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Portals of Prayer is a publication of the Lutheran focused and biblically sound Concordia Publishing House.

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.

RLC is excited to host the Augustana District **Women of the Word Gathering** on September 19th! To get ready, we're planning a fun prep afternoon on Tuesday, September 15th at 1:00PM. We'll walk through volunteer roles, assemble participant bags, and decorate the church to make our guests feel at home. Whether you've already signed up to help or just want to lend a hand, we'd love to have you join us!

In observance of Labor Day, **Morning Prayer** will not be meeting tomorrow.

Pack your lawn chairs, yard games and appetite! You're invited to our annual **Backyard Bash** next Sunday, September 13th, from 4:30PM to 6:00PM 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, immediately 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. We're also looking for passionate **teachers** to help guide our young learners! If you feel called to make a lasting impact in a child's life, reach out to Pastor Aaron to learn more about joining the team.

“The Table” College Aged Young Adults Group will meet for the first time of the semester on Monday, September 21st at 6:00pm at Mike and Vicki Youngerberg's home – 22 Restless Court in North Mankato. Come join us for good food, fellowship and conversation!

Those Serving Today

Pastor: Rev. Scott Peterson	Keyboardist: Wendy LaFavor
Reader: Karen McGregor	Ushers: Dave and Rebecca Blum
Greeters: Jerry and Joyce Roust	Communion Set Up: Ron and Sue Brooks
Communion Assistants: Pat and Karen McGregor	
Tech Team: Doug Krahmer, Mike Youngerberg, and Vicki Youngerberg	

This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	September 6	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Wednesday	September 9	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
Sunday	September 13	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
		4:30pm	Backyard Bash

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