

Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026 | 9:30am

As Holy Week begins, we are drawn into the dramatic turn of events of the last days of Jesus' life. On Sunday he is welcomed into Jerusalem with shouts of joy and roaring hosannas. By the end of the week he is betrayed, arrested, and abandoned by Passover pilgrims and his closest friends. Things turn quickly from a parade to a death sentence carried out on a cross between two thieves.

Choir Anthem | Hosanna! Blessed is He! (by Judge and Houts)

All Glory Laud and Honor (vss. 1,2,3,5)

Reclaim No. 146

Children's Sermon

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the welcome pad at the end of your pew

Confession and Forgiveness of Sin

P: When the days drew near, Jesus set his face to die on the cross for us.

C: We set our faces toward the road to Jerusalem where you traveled on a donkey amid praise and palms.

P: Yet we have not always praised you as we ought,

C: and we have not always traveled down the road you had marked out for us.

P: So we now confess our wrong ways to you.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Holy and merciful God,

C: we confess our offenses against you. You know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. With humble hearts we draw close to you, confessing our faults, and confiding in your grace to find refuge and strength through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: "Jesus did not count equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...and became obedient to the point of death on a cross." In accordance to the command of our Lord Jesus, and by his authority, I forgive you the entirety of all your sins. Through the obedience of Christ we are freed from whatever enslaves us.

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!

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Sovereign God, through your Son's passion you brought your reign of righteousness and peace into the human heart. Draw us to you through his cross and keep us faithful to your reign until he comes again; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

First Reading | Isaiah 50:4-9a

Pew Bible Pg. 709

Isaiah declared that no amount of persecution or malevolence could disgrace him, for the Lord God is his help. He had been given the wisdom of the those who have been taught by the Lord. If God is our help, who then can declare us guilty?

Responsive Reading | Psalm 31:9-16

The psalmist cried out in pain. Misery and despair came upon him, and he asked the Lord to deliver him from his plight. He who had been forgotten by men asked to be remembered by the Lord.

R: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

C: For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.

R: Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

C: I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

R: For I hear the whispering of many—terror on every side!—as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

C: But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."

R: My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

C: Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!

Second Reading | Philippians 2:5-11

Pew Bible Pg. 1135

Paul reminded the congregation at Philippi that Jesus humbled himself by becoming human. He adopted a servant nature and was fully obedient to God — an obedience that included death on a cross.

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 | John 12:12-19

Pew Bible Pg. 1042

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 12th 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

Christ the Life of All the Living

Reclaim No. 218

(Tune: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly)

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 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

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Reclaim No. 145

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: Kristin Litynski

Reader: Mike Youngerberg

Ushers: Daryl and Rita Schoemaker

Greeters: Olstrom Family

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

This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	March 29	9:30am	Palm Sunday Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
Monday	March 30	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	April 1	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		2:00pm	Worship Committee
Thursday	April 2	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
		11:30am	EEO Committee
		7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday	April 3	7:00pm	Good Friday Worship
Sunday	April 5	9:30am	Easter 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.

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.

Augustana District's first ever **Men's Retreat** will be held on Saturday, April 18th from 9am to 3pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. Our theme, "*Prodigal: The Road Home*," will lead us to reexamine the beloved parable of the Prodigal Son. Engaging speakers, worship, and breakout sessions will make this a day you won't want to miss. A sign-up sheet is available at the Welcome Center desk. The cost is \$15, which includes breakfast and lunch.

"The Table" Young Adults Group will meet tonight at 6:30pm at Mike and Vicki Youngerberg's home – 22 Restless Court in North Mankato. Invite a friend and join us!

Birthdays this week: Amanda Eccles (4th)

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Jennings Volness (*May 28, 1928 – March 8, 2026*) and Carol Edora Volness (*September 21, 1929 – March 19, 2026*), longtime Lake Crystal residents, passed away peacefully at their home in Faribault, Minnesota, surrounded by family. Robert and Carol were united in marriage on September 11, 1949, sharing more than 76 years together and building a life marked by devotion, faith, and family.

Robert was a University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy graduate (1952) and served as a registered pharmacist for more than 50 years. He owned and operated Volness Drug in Lake Crystal, Minnesota, for approximately 20 years, and was known for his integrity, compassion and dedication to those he served.

They are survived by their daughters Cheryl (Dean) Ramsey, Gloria (Rob) Lee, and Lynn Volness, along with grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. In keeping with their wishes, services will be held privately.



HOLY WEEK

AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN MANKATO

MARCH 29 - APRIL 5

MAUNDY
THURSDAY

April

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7:00PM

GOOD
FRIDAY

April

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7:00PM

EASTER
SUNDAY

April

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9:30AM