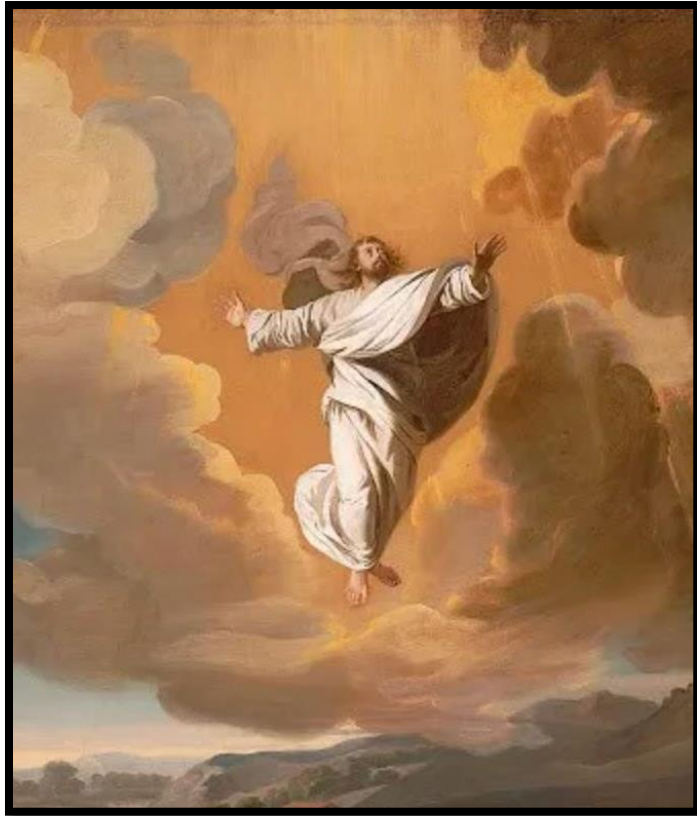


Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



The Ascension of Our Lord

Sunday, May 17, 2026 | 9:30am

On this holy day we recall Jesus' rising into heaven following 40 days on earth after his having been raised from the dead. He gives his followers final instructions and promises to never leave them alone, even though he will be seated in that place of authority and power at God's right hand. The wonder and majesty of this festival day is characterized by trumpet blasts, angels, and a wondrous feast for the eyes.

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: Almighty God, Jesus ascended to the throne at your right hand. Help us to trust in his never-ending presence, that we may bear witness to your grace until the day we celebrate with all the saints around your throne; 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.

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (*vss. 1,2,3,5*)

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Confession and Forgiveness of Sin

P: The psalmist declares that the God who created us – who loves and redeems us – searches and knows us completely. So we come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace. Even sin and death are not obstacles between us and God. So let us confess our faults that they may be washed away by the mercy of our risen Lord.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

C: We confess that we have sinned against you and one another. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses and taking our sins to the cross. Hear the good news of the Gospel: in accordance to the command of our Lord Jesus, and by his authority alone, I forgive you the entirety of all your sins.

C: Amen! 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 | Acts 1:1-11

Pew Bible Pg. 1053

St. Luke recounts Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit to the newly formed church. He commissioned the disciples to be witnesses to all that they have seen while they were with him. As they stood speaking to him, he was taken up into the clouds. Two angels announced that Jesus would return again in the same way he left.

Responsive Reading | Psalm 47

The psalmist sings about God being King over the whole creation. This psalm foreshadows the ascension of Jesus into heaven, "God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet." He reigns over the nations and is highly exalted.

R: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

C: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

R: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

C: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

R: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

C: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

R: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

C: God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

R: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

Second Reading | Ephesians 1:15-23

Pew Bible Pg. 1129

The name of Jesus is above all names in every age. Our hope is in his calling of us and in him who is given all power and authority. There is no hope that could be greater than in this One who presides over heaven and earth, and is seated at God's right hand. The church is filled by him who is all in all.

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 24:44-53

Pew Bible Pg. 1026

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 24th 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

Beautiful Savior

Reclaim No. 252

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (*vss. 1,4,5,6*)

Reclaim No. 16

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: Sharon Litynski

Ushers: Brad Matthes and Kevin Leffel

Greeters: The Olstrom Family

Communion Set Up: Tony and Becky Miller

Communion Assistants: Mike and Vicki Youngerberg

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

This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	May 17	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Church Council
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
Monday	May 18	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	May 20	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30am	Adult Forum: Bible Bootcamp
Thursday	May 21	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	May 24	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the
5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l'wers
sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they
sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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.

Thank-you to those who brought monetary donations for our **Sponsor-A-Stud** Sunday here at Resurrection Lutheran! The 2x4 you signed in the narthex this morning will be delivered to our local Habitat for Humanity office and framed in a home being built right here in Mankato.

Church Outing: Grab your glove (or just your appetite) and join us for a night at the ballpark! RLC is teaming up with Epiphany Lutheran Church of Eagle Lake on Sunday, May 31st at 5:05pm for an evening at ISG Field to cheer on the Mankato Moondogs. It's a Faith Night sponsored by KJLY Radio, and for just \$12 you get your game ticket plus a hotdog, pop, and chips included. A sign-up sheet is out on the Welcome Center desk to reserve your spot.

Today will be the last session of **Sunday School** for this school year. Please join us in giving thanks for our dedicated teachers, who invest so much time, care, and energy in nurturing the next generation of disciples: Joyce Roust, Meridel Kellogg, Myrna Chamberlain, Ruth Heilman, Karen McGregor, Karen Spiegler, and Pastor Julie Smith.

Our summer learning series **“Bible Bootcamp”** – a 12-week journey through the Bible – will begin this Wednesday, May 20th at 6:30pm. If you have purchased the book *“Concordia’s Bible History: Second Edition”* please come to the first session having read “The First Period: Primeval History” (pages 11–32).