

Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 3, 2026 | 9:30am

Our God forms his people into a holy nation — equipping and protecting them as they do his holy will in the world. Suffering for the Gospel is bound to come; Stephen, the first Christian martyr, is stoned for his proclamation of the Good News. In the midst of uncertainty and insecurity, Jesus continually urges his followers to trust in him; he will not leave them, but will show them the way.

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: Living God, your Son, Jesus Christ, is the way, the truth, and the life. Grant us the grace to follow him and live lives of servanthood and truth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Reclaim No. 11

Confession and Forgiveness of Sin

P: The prophet Daniel declares: “To the Lord our God belongs mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his ways, which he set before us by the prophets.” And yet, in Christ, all obstacles between us and God have been removed. If death no longer stands in our way, our sin does not either. Let us confess our sins, that they may be washed away by God’s mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: God of the promise,

C: We confess that we have turned from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your will and your ways. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

P: Hear the good news: by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. The risen Christ is the Savior of all. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus, the entirety of your sins are forgiven!

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 6:7-9; 7:2a, 51-60

Pew Bible Pg. 1059

Stephen was one of the first deacons of The Way who were chosen to serve the people while the apostles did the work of preaching and teaching. Yet Stephen, too, is a witness. His telling of the story of Christ ends in his martyrdom. He is stoned in public while Paul stands and watches.

Responsive Reading | Psalm 146

The psalmist sings of the help of the Lord who is the only One who can ever provide aid to the weary, blind, sick, or distressed. This Lord is one who watches over strangers and exacts justice for the poor and oppressed.

R: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

R: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

C: When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

R: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

C: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

R: who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

C: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

R: The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

C: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

Second Reading | 1 Peter 2:2-10

Pew Bible Pg. 1172

Peter instructs believers to honor God with their behavior. As they continue to mature in the faith they will long for the spiritual milk of the gospel. What they are learning and how they are living is part of them being formed into the living stones of Christ's spiritual house.

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 14:1-11

Pew Bible Pg. 1044

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 14th 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

Nearer, My God to Thee (vss. 1-4)

Reclaim No. 255

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!

His Eye Is on the Sparrow



1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows come?
 2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I hear,
 3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,



Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and home,
 and rest-ing on his good-ness, I lose my doubts and fears;
 when song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me dies,



when Je-sus is my por-tion? My con-stant friend is he:
 though by the path he lead-eth but one step I may see:
 I draw the clos-er to him; from care he sets me free:



his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me;



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Refrain
 I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, (I'm hap-py) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free)



for his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.



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.

On Sunday, May 17th, RLC is partnering with **Habitat for Humanity** to support their work right here in our city. You're invited to bring a monetary donation with you to church. Every gift, big or small, makes a difference. That morning, you'll find a simple 2x4 board in the narthex. As a church family, we'll sign it, write words of encouragement, and lift it up in prayer. Then, that very board will be used in the framing of a Habitat home 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.

Choir rehearsals resume this coming Wednesday, May 6th at 5:30pm. New voices are always welcome. Come, make a joyful noise to the Lord with us!

You are invited to join us for our annual **National Day of Prayer** worship service this Thursday, May 7th at noon. Gather with us for Scripture, hymns, and prayers for our nation and all who serve within it. The service will include a special reading of the Declaration of Independence (marking its 250th anniversary this year) by local historian Arn Kind.

Birthdays this week: Jessica Bye (4th) and Betty Purrington (8th)

Anniversaries this week: Aaron and Sarah Deutsch (6th)

Those Serving Today

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Reader: Pat McGregor

Greeters: Victor and Helen Kurth

Communion Assistants: Pat and Karen McGregor

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

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Ushers: Ron and Sue Brooks

Communion Set Up: Ron and Sue Brooks

BIBLE BOOTCAMP

a summer Adult Forum Series



Join Pastor Aaron for a 12-week adventure through the Bible! Together, we'll explore 143 of the most important stories from Scripture and God's plan of salvation through Jesus all the way from Genesis to Revelation.



STEP 1: BUY THE BOOK

Purchase "**Concordia's Bible History: Second Edition**" online through Concordia Publishing House or the Bethany Book Store. The cost will be around \$25.

STEP 2: READ

Start by reading: "**The First Period: Primeval History**"

STEP 3: SHOW UP!

Come ready to discuss and learn at our first session on **Wednesday, May 20th at 6:30pm.**

*Need help ordering the book? **Just let Pastor Aaron know!**
Is the price of the book cost prohibitive? The church will gladly purchase you a copy!*

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This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	May 3	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
Monday	May 4	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	May 6	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		2:00pm	Worship Committee
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	May 7	9:30am	Men's Bible Study
		Noon	National Day of Prayer Worship
Sunday	May 10	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School