

Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 26, 2026 | 9:30am

When God makes a promise, he keeps it for all time. That is evidenced in the Scriptures for today's worship. His love, care, and protection mean that he will never abandon those he calls his own, those he ushers into the kingdom of heaven. Jesus teaches his disciples that this kingdom is often hidden from view, but it is like a priceless treasure that is to be cherished and valued above all else.

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, through your Son's death and resurrection you draw all creation into your eternal reign. Grant us the grace to recognize the signs of your reign that surround us every day and the faith to proclaim your coming kingdom to those who have yet to experience your mercy and grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Confession and Forgiveness of Sin

P: Father of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who were once dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love. Through the Holy Spirit God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live and walk in newness of life.

C: Amen.

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 | Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Pew Bible Pg. 173

God declared the Israelites a holy people, his treasured possession. They were chosen, not because of their great multitude or power and might, but because of God's faithfulness to the covenant he made with their ancestors.

Responsive Reading | Psalm 125

The psalmist wrote that those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people forevermore.

R: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

C: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.

R: For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

C: Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts!

R: But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!

Second Reading | Romans 8:28-39

Pew Bible Pg. 1093

Paul drives home the immensity of the gospel in his elaborate and poetic recounting of the power of the love of God in Christ Jesus over all things in creation, including death. God's power makes everything work together for the good of those who love him, thus fulfilling his purposes for humanity and the entire creation.

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 13:44-52

Pew Bible Pg. 947

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 13th 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

Abide With Me (*vss. 1,2,4,5*)

Reclaim No. 62

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 blestest 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

This is My Father’s World

Reclaim No. 34

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: Karen McGregor	Ushers: Ron and Sue Brooks
Greeters: Pat and Karen McGregor	
Tech Team: Doug Krahmer, Mike Youngerberg, Vicki Youngerberg and Nancy Heinze	

This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	July 26	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	July 27	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	July 29	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		6:30pm	Adult Forum: Bible Bootcamp
Sunday	August 2	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

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Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Descant

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 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

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 you shall find; knock and the door shall be
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 mouth . . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, 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.

Vacation Bible School registration is open! Join us August 18–20 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm for “*Stellar: Shine Jesus’ Light*” as participants blast off on a space quest to discover how to shine Jesus’ light. Sign-up sheets can be found on the Welcome Center desk. We are also looking for **volunteers** to help make this year’s Vacation Bible School a success! Whether you want to prepare and serve evening meals or lead our fun activities, we have a spot for you. Grab a pen and sign up at the Welcome Center desk as well.

We are excited to host the district-wide **Women of the Word** gathering on Saturday, September 19. We need plenty of volunteers to help make this event a success so please sign up on the WOW bulletin board. If you plan to attend, grab a registration form at the Welcome Center, fill it out, and return it with your registration fee to Vicki. She will submit all our forms as a group.

Do you love reading and staying organized? We are looking for a **volunteer church librarian** to help keep our shelves in order, process returned books and handle new donations. If you are interested in serving in this way, please speak with Pastor Aaron.

Step right up for a sweet (and messy) summer tradition! Throughout August, Resurrection Lutheran is hosting our **annual coin war** to help reduce our building loan debt. Finding the target is simple: stop by the narthex beginning next week to cast your vote (and your cash or coins!) in the jar for Jerry Roust, Clark Diel, or Jim Lambert. Whichever beloved leader raises the most money will take a pie to the face from his wife at our Backyard Bash in September! Here’s the twist: if all three men reach \$150, every single one of them gets pie’d!

Heads up for your drive to RLC! Beginning Monday, July 27, the East Main Street resurfacing project will close direct access to our church from East Main Street for about one month. Fortunately, you can still reach the building by using Long Street to cross over East Main. Please keep this detour in mind and give yourself a few extra minutes when coming to events.

Birthdays this week: Nicole Rosenberg (30th)

Anniversaries this week: Tim and Jean Bye (28th)