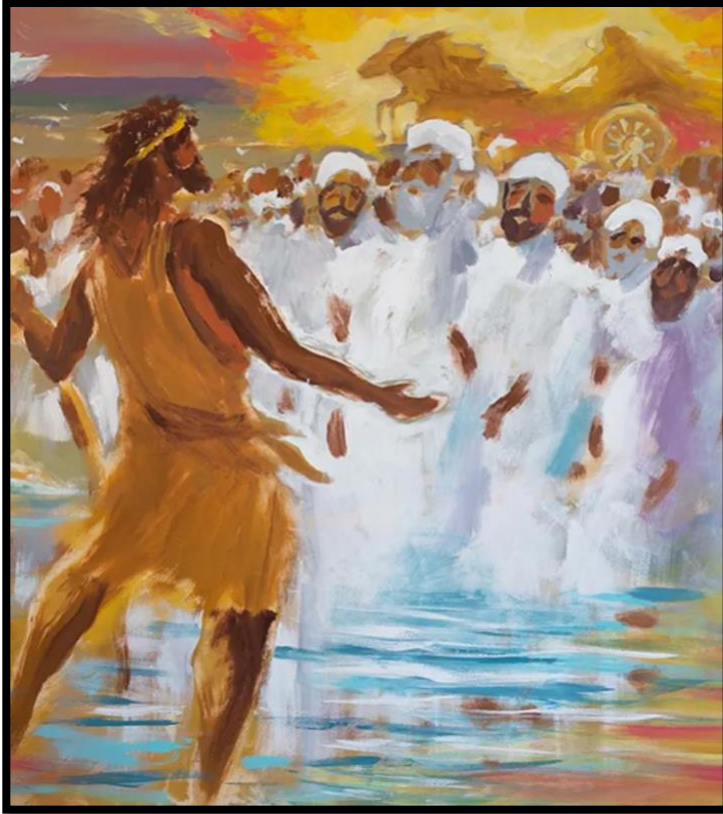


Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



The Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 7, 2025 | 9:30am

John the Baptist paved the way for the Messiah's public ministry by proclaiming a baptism of repentance. As the Church awaits Christ's imminent return, his reign of righteousness, justice and peace continues to guide his followers until he returns in glory. In the meantime, we wait patiently, filled with joy and the power of the Holy Spirit, who sends us into the world to proclaim the Good News of Christ.

Welcome *and* Announcements

Please sign the welcome pad at the end of your pew

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

R: Today is the second Sunday of Advent and on this day we light the second candle in our Advent wreath: the Candle of Peace. God sent us his son Jesus, to be our Prince of Peace.

C: We cannot have peace apart from him. For he said to his disciples, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.”

The candles of hope and peace are lit

R: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, may you reign in our hearts and lives. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us, that we might know you and make you known in the world. Help us to be heralds of your glory and proclaimers of your peace. Amen.

On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry (*vss. 1,2,3,5*)

Reclaim No. 101

Confession and Forgiveness of Sin | *Based on Psalm 72 & Philippians 1:6*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: May God judge His people with righteousness and justice.

C: May He defend the poor, deliver the needy, and crush the oppressor.

a time of reflection and self-examination is kept

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a member of the priesthood of all believers, proclaimer of the Gospel, and with Christ’s authority which he gives to his Church, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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: Gracious God, the Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, may your Spirit kindle in us a heart so willing to follow your Son that your reign of righteousness and peace is made visible through our lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

First Reading | Isaiah 11:1-10

Pew Bible Pg. 667

Isaiah prophesied about the Messiah's arrival, saying that the Spirit of the Lord will rest upon him and he will judge for the poor and meek of the world. In his reign, the Messiah will create a land of peace where enemies become friends and wolves lie down with lambs.

Responsive Reading | Psalm 72:1-7

God's son will judge the people with righteousness and give deliverance to those in need. He will crush the oppressor in the days to come. His presence will be like rain showers that water the earth, and peace will reign forever.

R: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

C: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

R: Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

C: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

R: May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

C: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!

R: In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

Second Reading | Romans 15:4-13

Pew Bible Pg. 1099

Through the Holy Scriptures we receive encouragement for the life of faith. Paul urged the Roman Christians to live in harmony and, with one unified voice, to praise and glorify God the Father, who sent to his people the root of Jesse, his one and only son. This son will grant hope to Jew and Gentile alike.

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 3:1-12

Pew Bible Pg. 934

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 3rd 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

Let All Together Praise Our God (vss. 1,2,4,6)

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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.

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.

Prepare the Royal Highway

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

Those Serving Today

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Ushers: Ron and Sue Brooks

Communion Set Up: Victor and Helen Kurth

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

Sunday	December 7	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Congregational Meeting
Monday	December 8	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	December 9	6:30pm	“The Table” Young Adults Group
Wednesday	December 10	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women’s Bible Study
		2:00pm	WOW Christmas Bags
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:15pm	Midweek Advent Soup and Worship
Thursday	December 11	9:00am	Men’s Bible Study
		10:00am	EEO Committee
Friday	December 12	5:30pm	Christmas Banquet
Sunday	December 14	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School

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Let All Together Praise Our God



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God be - fore the
 2 From God's right hand the Son de - scends, is born an
 3 O ten - der Child, you veil in flesh the splen - dor
 4 Your moth - er feeds you ten - der - ly, sings you a



high - est throne; to - day God o - pens heav'n a - gain and
 in - fant small, and lies in pov - er - ty, his bed a
 of your might; a ser - vant's garb now wraps the one who
 lul - la - by, while an - gels, hail - ing Da - vid's heir, your



sends the on - ly Son, and sends the on - ly Son.
 man - ger in a stall, a man - ger in a stall.
 clothed the sky with light, who clothed the sky with light.
 glo - ry mag - ni - fy, your glo - ry mag - ni - fy.

5 A wonderful exchange you make:
 you take our flesh and blood,
 and in return give us to share
 the shining realm of God,
 the shining realm of God.

6 Unlock the door again today
 that leads to paradise;
 the angel bars the way no more.
 To God let praises rise,
 to God let praises rise!

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Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman

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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.

Today is the last day to sign-up for our annual **Christmas Banquet** to be held this Friday, December 12, 2025. Social hour will begin at 5:30pm with a banquet meal being served at 6:00pm. Schuur Tasty Catering of Mankato will cater. Sign-up in the narthex and indicate how many seats you would like reserved. A free-will donation will be taken the night of the event.

The **WOW women** will be packing 6 Christmas bags for our homebound members this Wednesday, December 10th at 2:00pm. Gift ideas are posted on the WOW bulletin board. Donations may be placed in the WOW basket in the narthex. Contact Myrna Chamberlain (605-290-3974) with questions.

A **congregational meeting** will be held after worship this morning to discuss several facility projects that need our attention, including pressing repairs to the flat roof portions of the building. There will be no Sunday School today.

Our **midweek Advent worship services** continue this Wednesday. A soup supper will be served in the fellowship hall at 6:15pm, followed by a brief worship service at 7:00pm.

Would you like to sponsor a **poinsettia** this Christmas season in honor or memory of a loved one? These flowers will help adorn the Sanctuary at Resurrection Lutheran. Donation forms were included in the December newsletter, and additional copies are on the Welcome Center.

“The Table” Young Adults Group will be meeting this Tuesday, December 9th at 6:30pm at Mike and Vicki Youngerberg’s home – 22 Restless Court, North Mankato!

Birthdays this week: Nancy Heinze (13th) and Dennis Ellertson (13th)

Anniversaries this week: Bob and Meridel Kellogg (Today)

A note for worship: you’ll notice that the Old Testament, New Testament, and Gospel readings are not printed in the bulletin; a change from our usual practice. *Why this change?* The worship committee has placed new large-print pew Bibles in the Sanctuary, located in the rack beneath the pew in front of you. Because we are people grounded in the life-giving Word of God, it’s our goal to promote biblical literacy by opening and engaging that Word together. Each Bible includes a bookmark to help you keep your place. **All Scripture readings will continue to appear on the television screen,** and the Psalm will remain printed in the bulletin. We invite you to make use of the pew Bibles (or bring your own from home) and page through God’s love story with us each time we gather.