

Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026 | 9:30am

The themes of salt and light pervade this week's lessons. Even though God's wisdom is often hidden from the world, it is shown to those who believe Christ to be God. In the waters of Baptism, we are called to be light to the world as the light of Christ shines through us so the world can see. We are called to be salt, to infiltrate a hurting world with the good news of God's love and mercy.

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: God of all compassion, you call us to be salt and light for your world, yet without your Spirit we are powerless to answer that call. Empower us to hear your voice and respond with faith and boldness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord of Light (vss. 1,3,4)

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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: 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 | Isaiah 58:3-9a

Pew Bible Pg. 716

Israel cried out to God in frustration, wondering why their external act of piety in fasting is neither acknowledged nor rewarded by God. God reminded them that empty outward acts of piety are of no value unless they are accompanied by sincere humility and care for others. God always knows our hearts and our motivations.

Responsive Reading | Psalm 112:1-9

Light will shine on those who walk the paths of righteousness and justice. The psalmist provided a detailed description of both the acts of righteousness to which God's people are called and the freedom and blessings that arise from walking in the light.

R: Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments!

C: His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

R: Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

C: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

R: It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.

C: For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.

R: He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.

C: His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

R: He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.

Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Pew Bible 1103

Paul continued to remind the Corinthians that God's wisdom is hidden from plain sight. In spite of our human fascination with knowledge and wisdom, only when we can rightly judge ourselves and others through the wisdom of God's revelation in Christ will we be living a mature faith. The message of Christ's crucifixion is not based in lofty words, but rather in the prime example of God's hidden wisdom.

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 5:13-20

Pew Bible Pg. 936

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 5th 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

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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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 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

Onward Christian Soldiers (*vss. 1,2,4*) Reclaim No. 228

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: Tony Miller	Ushers: Dave and Rebecca Blum
Greeters: Tony and Becky Miller	
Tech Team: Doug Krahmer, Mike Youngerberg, Vicki Youngerberg and Nancy Heinze	

This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	February 8	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
Monday	February 9	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	February 11	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women’s Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Forum
Thursday	February 12	9:00am	Men’s Bible Study
Saturday	February 14	10:00am	Women’s Gathering
Sunday	February 15	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
		10:30am	Church Council

Lord of Light



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
 2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
 3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
 4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
 ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
 low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
 day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
 of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
 with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
 peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
 from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
 pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Refrain



Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

Text: Howell E. Lewis, 1860–1953, alt.

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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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.

Resurrection Lutheran Church **WOW (Women of the Word)** will meet this Saturday, February 14th at 10:00am. All women of RLC are welcome to join us for fellowship and coffee. We will review and make plans for our yearly projects and hear more about the Augustana District WOW gathering we are hosting in September.

The season of Lent begins next Wednesday, February 18th with **Ash Wednesday worship at noon**. Come, hear the call of the prophet Joel who admonishes us to return to the Lord, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Midweek Lenten worship services will be held in conjunction with a soup supper beginning on Wednesday, February 25th. Soup will be served in the fellowship hall beginning at 6:15pm with a brief worship service to follow around our tables at 7:00pm. Are you interested in bringing soup, bread or dessert for these meals? A sign-up sheet can be found on the Welcome Center desk.

You are invited to join us here at Resurrection Lutheran Church for a **Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper** next Tuesday, February 17th. Bob Kellogg will again be flipping his famous sourdough pancakes! Sausages, yogurt and fruit will be served from 6pm to 7pm. Fat Tuesday (also called Mardi Gras or Shrove Tuesday) is the last day before Lent begins—a day traditionally marked by feasting before the season of repentance. 100% of your freewill donations for the meal will go directly to reduce RLC's mortgage. If you would like to assist with serving at this event, please sign up on the Welcome Center desk.

Birthdays this week: Dave Blum (12th)