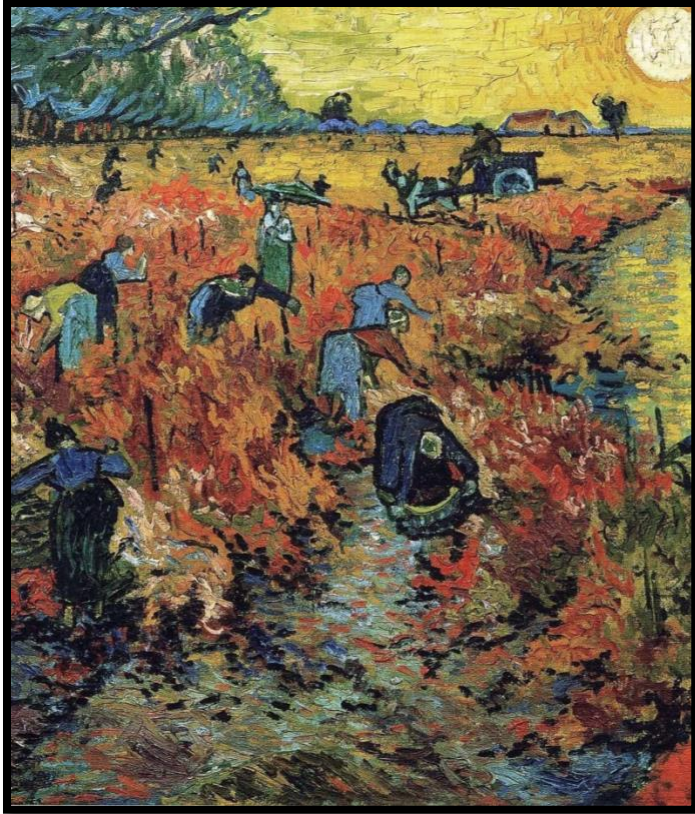


# Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



## The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 20, 2026 | 9:30am

God's generosity to his people is beyond our human understanding. We often count and keep score of what is given to us and compare it to what others have received.

This is not the way God works. God gives to each according to their need, and it is given out of love and mercy. It is not for us to compare or to cry "Unfair!"

because God's ways are beyond our limited human understanding.

## **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: Steadfast God, you are slow to anger, and your mercy endures forever. We stand in your presence as beggars, completely undeserving of your mercy and grace. Awaken in us such a sense of gratitude that our own lives may reflect your overflowing generosity; 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.**

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### **Confession and Forgiveness of Sin**

P: Called and gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us come humbly before God and our brothers and sisters in the faith, confessing our sins, known and unknown, trusting in God's gracious word of forgiveness. Our merciful father, who brings life out of death and transforms us into new creatures through his redeeming word, knows the depths of our hearts. Let us make a confession of our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

P: Lord Jesus, Risen Savior,

**C: We come to you in sorrow for our faults and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. Although in Christ our light has come, we too often prefer the darkness of sin. Forgive us, fill us with your Spirit and free us from the shackles of our failings. Give us once again the joy of your salvation and make us instruments of peace and love in the world. Amen.**

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glorious mercy of the Lord shines around you. In the name and by the authority of your Savior, Jesus Christ, I announce the forgiveness of all your sins. May the Holy Spirit strengthen your faith, heal your troubled spirit, and equip you to proclaim the greatness of the Lord until the day he comes again.

**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 | Isaiah 55:6-9

Pew Bible Pg. 714

*God's loving compassion is incomprehensible to the human heart because his ways are so different from our human ways. Isaiah called for a return to the Lord of life, the one who made a covenant with David and is true to his original promise.*

### Responsive Reading | Psalm 27:1-9

*The psalmist sang of the Lord's protection and mercy. The Lord was his rock and fortress, protecting him in every situation. With God on our side, there is nothing to fear.*

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**C: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

R: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

**C: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.**

R: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

**C: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

R: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

**C: You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."**

R: Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

### Second Reading | Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Pew Bible Pg. 1134

*Paul's suffering in the Lord makes a powerful witness to those who believe. It gave his flock courage in the face of their own suffering, and it advanced the message of the gospel. Paul counted his suffering in the faith as having genuine meaning. He found that to die to his old self was to gain true life in Christ.*

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 20:1-16**

Pew Bible Pg. 954

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 20<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **In Christ Alone My Hope Is Found**

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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.

## 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

## Go to the World!

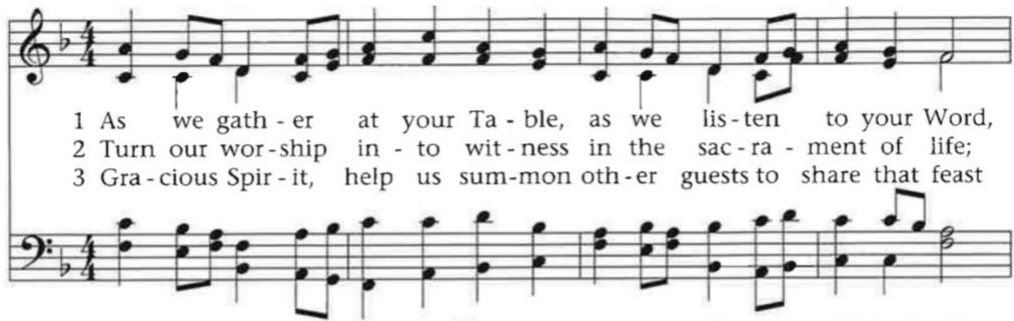
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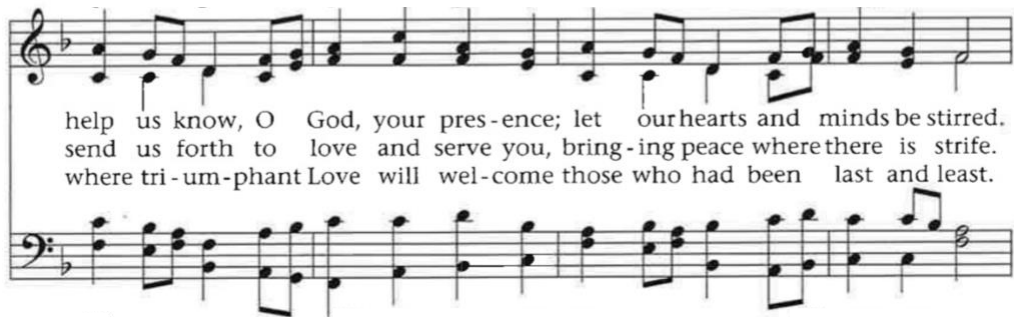
P: Go in peace, loving and serving in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

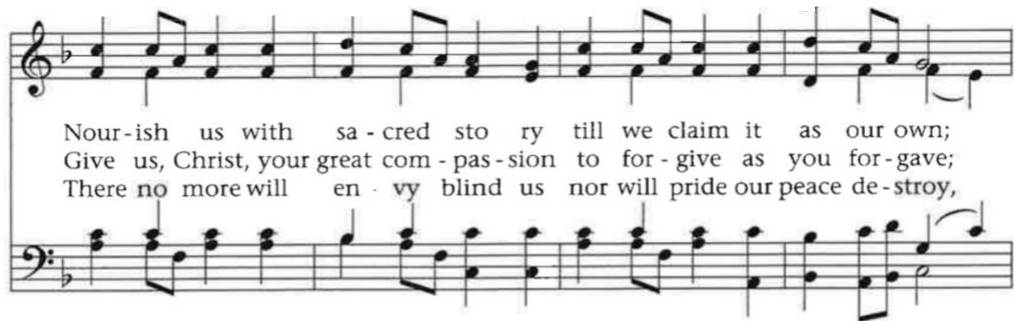
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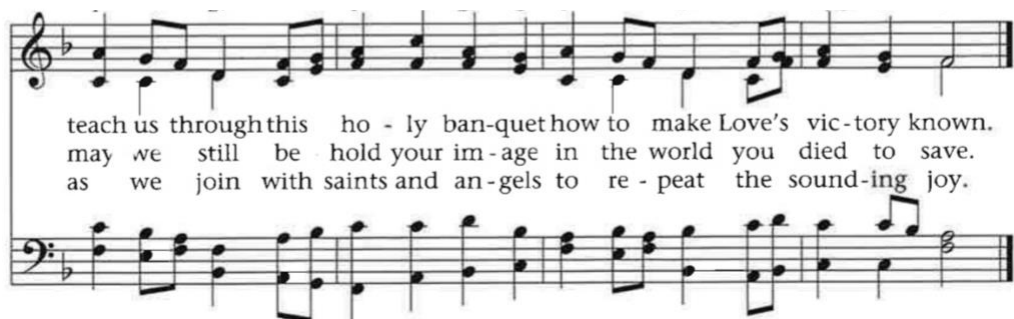
1 As we gath - er at your Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word,  
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.  
may we still be hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

# Go to the World!

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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## Those Serving Today

**Pastor:** Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

**Reader:** Ruth Heilman

**Greeters:** Ross and Ruth Heilman

**Communion Assistants:** Mike and Vicki Youngerberg

**Tech Team:** Doug Krahmer, Mike Youngerberg, and Vicki Youngerberg

**Keyboardist:** Nikki Basel

**Ushers:** Brad Matthes and Dave Blum

**Communion Set Up:** Tony and Becky Miller

# 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](http://www.lcmc.net).

Who's ready for a good old-fashioned Lutheran smorgasbord? Join us this Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:00PM for a **potluck**! Let's make an evening of it. Do you have favorite games your family loves—Phase 10, Uno, cribbage, Yahtzee, or a classic board game? Bring them! We'll share great food, plenty of laughs, and enjoy a night of fellowship together.

**“The Table”** College Aged Young Adults Group will meet tomorrow, Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00PM at Mike and Vicki Youngerberg's home – 22 Restless Court in North Mankato!

**Men's and Women's Bible Studies return this week!** The women will gather on Wednesdays at 1:00PM to begin a new journey through the book of Acts, while the men will meet on Thursdays at 9:00AM to walk through the book of James. Whether you've attended for years or are joining for the first time, all are welcome to come dive into Scripture together.

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study** is restarting next Wednesday, September 30th, at 6:30PM! We will pick up where we left off this summer, continuing on with the New Testament section of the book *Concordia Bible History*. Please read *The First Period: Childhood of Jesus* before our first session. If you'd like to join us but don't have a book, Pastor Aaron can order one for you!

**Calling all singers!** Choir rehearsals return next Wednesday, September 30th, at 5:30PM. Whether you are a seasoned vocalist or just love to sing, singers of all backgrounds and skill levels are invited to join us as we make music together!

**Birthdays this week:** Reinhard Riessen (Today) and Karen McGregor (25<sup>th</sup>)

**Anniversaries this week:** Ron and Sue Brooks (25<sup>th</sup>)

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## This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

|           |              |         |                                |
|-----------|--------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| Sunday    | September 20 | 9:30am  | Worship                        |
|           |              | 10:30am | Fellowship/Sunday School       |
| Monday    | September 21 | 11:00am | Morning Prayer                 |
|           |              | 6:00pm  | “The Table” Young Adults Group |
| Wednesday | September 23 | Noon    | Lectionary Bible Study         |
|           |              | 1:00pm  | Women's Bible Study            |
|           |              | 6:00pm  | Potluck and Game Night         |
| Thursday  | September 24 | 9:00am  | Men's Bible Study              |
| Sunday    | September 27 | 9:30am  | Worship                        |
|           |              | 10:30am | Fellowship/Sunday School       |