

Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 18, 2026 | 9:30am

John the Baptist clearly identifies Jesus as the holy “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” His testimony to those who will listen is the truth of what God is doing — offering mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation through the One in whom he is “well pleased.” In bread and wine, water and word, the Lamb offers us forgiveness and mercy and promises to be with us always.

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: Holy God, through your Son, Jesus, many came to faith in you. Bring us to faith by your grace that we may obediently worship and follow you; through Jesus Christ our 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: Drawn into community by the Father, “to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,” let us give rightful praise and honor to God, who calls sinners to repentance and bestows saving faith in our hearts by his Word and Spirit.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P: O Jesus, Lamb of God,

C: Mercifully hear our confession. We have sinned against you. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We cannot free ourselves from the shackles of our failings. Hear our prayer of confession, and open our ears to receive the gift of forgiveness, salvation, and life.

P: Upon hearing your confession, I, as a fellow member of the priesthood of believers, announce God’s grace to you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I 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!

Children's Sermon

First Reading | Isaiah 49:1-7

Pew Bible Pg. 707

The prophet Isaiah recounted Israel's privileged calling as God's servant. Israel is God's "weapon" to bring faith to an unbelieving world. In fact, through God's faithfulness, the servant who was once despised will be a light to all nations, bringing God's salvation to the ends of the earth.

Responsive Reading | Psalm 40:1-11

This song tells of the psalmist's relationship with God — the Lord heard the cry of his servant and pulled him out of trouble and near destruction. Blessed is he who trusts in the Lord, who is patient, loves to do God's will, and faithfully proclaims the steadfast goodness and faithfulness of God.

R: I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

C: He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

R: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

C: Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

R: You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

C: In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

R: Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

C: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

R: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

C: I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

R: As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Pew Bible Pg. 1102

Paul began his letter to the church in Corinth with greetings, a sincere expression of thankfulness for the testimony of Christ confirmed among them, and a prayer that Christ would sustain them until his return. Those who have been called to be saints of Christ will not be lacking in any spiritual gift.

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 1:29-42a

Pew Bible Pg. 1027

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 1st 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

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

Reclaim No. 184

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

Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

Reclaim No. 58

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: Becky Borneke
Reader: Pat McGregor	Ushers: Ron and Sue Brooks
Greeter: Sue Mayer	Communion Set Up: Ron and Sue Brooks
Communion Assistants: Mike and Vicki Youngerberg	
Tech Team: Doug Krahmer, Mike Youngerberg, Vicki Youngerberg and Nancy Heinze	

This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	January 18	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
		3:00pm	Madagascar Water Presentation
Monday	January 19	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	January 21	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women’s Bible Study
Thursday	January 22	9:00am	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday	January 25	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
		6:30pm	“The Table” Young Adults Group

Arise, Your Light Has Come!



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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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.

Do you have **Bibles** at home that you're hesitant to donate, can't bring yourself to discard, but would love to see read and cherished? Throughout the month of January, we invite you to bring those Bibles to church for donation to *Love Packages*, a nonprofit ministry that ships Bibles to missionaries around the world.

January Service Project: Resurrection Lutheran is hosting a supply drive this month to support the Youth Resource Center and the young people who rely on its care. You are invited to bring any of the following items: granola or protein bars, scarves/hats/gloves, personal hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, body wash, lotion), kleenex or baby wipes.

Madagascar Health and Water is a clean-water initiative coordinated by Resurrection Lutheran Church member Andry Ranaivoson. With persistent famine causing widespread malnutrition and death throughout much of Madagascar, this ministry works to locate clean water deep beneath the surface and provide remote villages with safe drinking water, sanitation, and agricultural tools. Resurrection Lutheran raised over \$1,800 for this mission in the month of November. To help us learn more about this life-saving ministry, Andry will offer a presentation THIS AFTERNOON at 3:00pm. Pie and coffee will be served.

“The Table” College Age Young Adults Group will meet next Sunday, January 25th at 6:30pm at Mike and Vicki Youngerberg's home – 22 Restless Court, North Mankato.

The Education, Evangelism and Outreach Committee invites you to join us for a **movie night** in the Sanctuary next Wednesday, January 28th at 6:00pm! Popcorn will be served. Bring your own beverages, or water will be available. The featured film will be *I Can Only Imagine*, which tells the powerful true story behind the beloved song written by the Christian band MercyMe.

Birthdays this week: Sandy Leffel (Today) and Darrell Eastvold (22nd)