



RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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REFORMATION SUNDAY | Sunday, October 27, 2024

PRELUDE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP: Alleluia, Amen! (*arr: Vicki Hancock Wright*)

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INVOCATION *and* GATHERING PRAYER

P: We gather under the sign of the cross, and 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: Sovereign God, we pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to reform the church of Christ. Keep it in the true faith, restore, correct, and inspire its teachings, and embolden it to bear witness to the life-giving message of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.....RECLAIM No. 169

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: The psalmist writes: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the path everlasting." We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about the mistakes we make. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God:

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

C: Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that

we cannot change and grant us grace to grow more and more into your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

P: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life. It is true that we have sinned. But it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God He says, "your sins are forgiven."

C: Amen!

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) voices. It consists of five staves of music in a 6/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings like *div.* and *unis.*

S, A
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hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
div. san - na in the high - est. *unis.* Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
div. high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Revelation 14:6-7

St. John received a vision from God of the Lamb standing on Mount Zion with saints and angels surrounding him. An angel flew over his head with a message of eternity for every tribe and nation: "Fear God and give him glory," as the time of judgment was upon the people.

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he

said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 46

God was Israel’s help in times of trouble, fully present, creating a fortress around the house of Jacob. Though kingdoms would rise and fall, nothing would keep the Lord of Hosts away from his people.

R: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

R: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

C: **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

R: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

C: **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

R: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

C: **Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

R: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

C: **“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**

R: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Paul explained that there is no justification through works of the law. It is solely by faith in Christ that all who believe are made right with God. There is no distinction, as all have fallen short of His glory. The good news of the Gospel is that his gift of forgiveness comes to all who believe.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his

grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL READING: John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 8th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Truth and Freedom

HYMN OF THE DAY: In Christ Alone My Hope Is Found.....RECLAIM No. 215

OFFERING PRESENTATION

As the usher brings forward the offering, please stand to sing:



Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

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."

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

SENDING HYMN: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word.....RECLAIM No. 71

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: Sharon Litynski

Ushers: Brad Matthes and Ron Brooks

Greeters: Jerry and Joyce Roust

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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. Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew.

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.

November Service Project: The EEO Committee is challenging the congregation to help sponsor 40 holiday food boxes for ECHO Food Shelf here in Mankato. Each year, ECHO gives out more than 1,000 of these boxes so those struggling with food insecurity can provide a dignified thanksgiving meal for their families. The cost of each box is \$30. Beginning next week and throughout the month, there will be a board in the narthex with 40 envelopes on it. Simply take an envelope (or more than 1, if you'd like) and return it to the offering plate sometime in November with \$30 enclosed.

Gentle Shepherd Ministries invites you to join them for their 2024 Fall Banquet on Tuesday, November 12th from 6:30-8pm at Grace Baptist Church – 600 Lind Street, Mankato. Come to enjoy a meal of soup, salad, bread sticks and desserts while hearing special music and updates on the GSM ministries. To RSVP to this free event email gsm@infaith.org or call 507-327-1480.

The **Annual Meeting** of Resurrection Lutheran Church will be held following worship this morning. There will be a brief time of fellowship in the narthex between the end of worship and the beginning of the meeting. There will be no Sunday School today.

All Saints Sunday worship is coming up next Sunday, November 3rd. During worship we will remember those near and dear to us who have died in the past year and now rest from their labors in the blessed peace of heaven. If you would like to add a name to the All Saints Sunday litany please call, text or email Pastor Aaron.

The **RLC WOW women** will meet on Saturday, November 9th at 10am. We have an important decision to make, and our conversation topic will be, “what are you doing to prepare for winter?”

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This coming Thursday, October 31st Resurrection Lutheran Church will be featured as the daily sponsor for **KJLY Kinship Radio's broadcast**. We are abundantly blessed to have

Christian radio accessible to us each and every day, but we hope you'll tune in to be uplifted with their message and songs.

Our next season of **SALT (Scripture and Life Together) groups** kicks off this Wednesday at 5:30pm. Those who have registered are invited to bring a pot-luck item to share, and we will enjoy supper together. Following our meal, we will worship with one another and meet our SALT groups for conversation and planning.

On the evening before election day, **Monday, November 4th**, Resurrection Lutheran will host a non-partisan worship service to pray for our nation, elected and appointed officials, and our future at 6:30pm. On this night we will bring our weariness to the throne of God, knowing that our place in his kingdom is secure, even when the world around us crumbles. On Election Day – **Tuesday, November 5th** – the church building will be open from **7:30am to 3:30pm** for reflection and prayer. A self-guided prayer litany will be available. Pastor Aaron will also be available to give the Lord's Supper for those who request it.

Concordia Classical Academy, a Christian based private school and one of our benevolence recipients located in North Mankato, is collecting Hy-Vee receipts for a fundraiser through May 31, 2025. A certain percentage of your purchases will go to help their Lutheran school. The date of the receipts must be clearly seen and can only come from the 2 Mankato Hy-Vee locations. Receipts for gas, prescriptions, tobacco or liquor are not accepted. If you have receipts to drop off, there is an envelope outside their school office.

Birthdays this week: Erica Pierson (28th) and Eric Litynski (28th)

Anniversaries this week: Dave and Rebecca Blum (28th)

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	October 27	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Annual Meeting
Monday	October 28	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	October 30	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		5:30pm	SALT Night
Thursday	October 31	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	November 3	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Sunday School/Fellowship