

Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



The Fourth Sunday after Easter

April 26, 2026 | 9:30am

The focus of the Fourth Sunday of Easter is on the metaphor of the Shepherd. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, the one who lays down his life for his sheep because of his great love for them. This one, prefigured in Psalm 23, is the shepherd who provides for, protects, and leads his sheep into green pastures and by still waters. This Shepherd suffered greatly for his sheep so they might never be lost or forsaken.

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: Living God, your Son cares for your people as a shepherd cares for his sheep, calling us each by name. Grant that we may hear and recognize his voice, and, following him, be brought safely through every trial and temptation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Savior, Like a Shepherd

Reclaim No. 205

Confession and Forgiveness of Sin

P: Lord, you were favorable to your land;

C: You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

P You forgave the iniquity of your people;

C: You covered all their sin.

P: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,

C: and grant us your salvation.

P: Let us then confess our sins unto our gracious Lord.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Almighty God,

C: father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not lived up to our calling as your people. We have not extended ourselves to bring your peace in our homes, neighborhoods, and communities. We have not done the good you demand and have not been the people you would have us be. We repent and are truly sorry for our sins in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy on us for the sake of Jesus. Forgive us all that needs your forgiving grace and with the power of the Holy Spirit direct us to serve you faithfully all our days.

P: God has promised his merciful forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to him in confession. He will revive them and speak peace to his people. In his stead and by his command, therefore, 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 | Acts 2:42-47

Pew Bible Pg. 1055

The newly baptized Christians who are being added to the community of believers are ones who held everything in common. Whoever had a need among them would be taken care of by the others. Even food was distributed evenly, and all existed with joy and thrived together as one body.

Psalm 23 - KJV (Read in Unison)

God's providence in our lives is like that of a shepherd who watches over the sheep, keeping them from harm, grazing them in fertile pastures, protecting them when they rest. The Shepherd King takes care of all our needs, no matter how small.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Second Reading | 1 Peter 2:19-25

Pew Bible Pg. 1172

As those who are devoted to Christ, we are bound to experience suffering because Jesus experienced all sorts of unjust suffering. Following his example, when we are abused, we refrain from abusing; when we are threatened, we do not return threats. We are freed from sin and healed by his wounds.

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 10:1-10

Pew Bible Pg. 1039

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 10th 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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Reclaim No. 198

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

Have No Fear, Little Flock

Reclaim No. 202

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: Donna Krahmer

Ushers: Daryl and Rita Schoemaker

Greeter: Bob and Meridel Kellogg

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

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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.

Who's ready for a good old-fashioned Lutheran smorgasbord? Join us this Wednesday, April 29th at 6:00pm for a **potluck** as we celebrate warmer weather, longer days, and the joy of Spring! Let's make a full evening of it. Do you have favorite games your family loves—Phase 10, Uno, cribbage, Yahtzee, or a classic board game? Bring them along! We'll share great food, plenty of laughs, and enjoy a relaxed night of fellowship together.

Birthdays this week: Bob Kellogg (29th) and Carol Severson (1st)

Anniversaries this week: Doug & Sue Mayer (Today) and Pat & Karen McGregor (Today)

This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

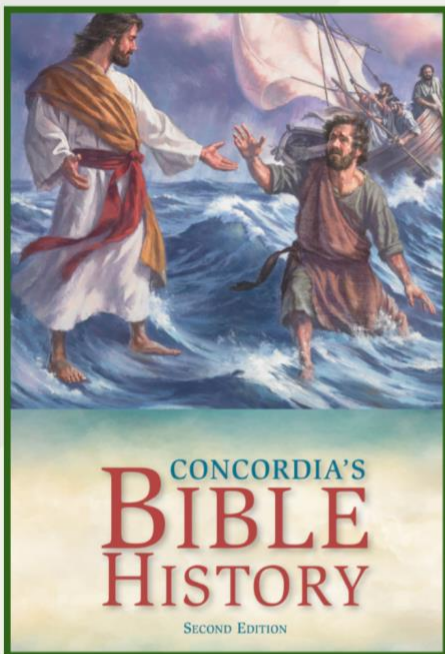
Sunday	April 26	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
Monday	April 27	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	April 29	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		6:00pm	Spring Potluck and Game Night
Thursday	April 30	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	May 3	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School

BIBLE BOOTCAMP

a summer Adult Forum Series



Join Pastor Aaron for a 12-week adventure through the Bible! Together, we'll explore 143 of the most important stories from Scripture—tracing God's mighty acts of power, promise, and salvation all the way from Genesis to Revelation.



STEP 1: BUY THE BOOK

Purchase "**Concordia's Bible History: Second Edition**" online through Concordia Publishing House or the Bethany Book Store. The cost will be around \$25.

STEP 2: READ

Start by reading pages 11-34: "**The First Period: Primeval History**"

STEP 3: SHOW UP!

Come ready to discuss and learn at our first session on **Wednesday, May 20th at 6:30pm.**

*Need help ordering the book? **Just let Pastor Aaron know!**
Is the price of the book cost prohibitive?
The church will gladly purchase you a copy!*



National Day of Prayer



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THURSDAY

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NOON



A worship service of sacred hymns and prayers for our nation, featuring a reading of the Declaration of Independence by historic reenactor and Mankato native, Arn Kind.