

Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



The Second Sunday after Easter

April 12, 2026 | 9:30am

Today's readings center on the witness of Jesus' original disciples, who are met by the Lord as they gathered together on the evening of his resurrection. They, and we, will be sent into a hostile world with the message of salvation for all people. The Holy Spirit will guide their journey and equip them, even as they encounter resistance by those who do not believe in Christ. Believers will never be alone.

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, you are our life, our hope, our strength. Grant that we who have not seen may have the faith to trust in you through all things, that we might receive the peace of Christ; 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: Beloved in the Lord, you know what was written about Jesus in Scripture: how he would suffer and die and then rise from the dead on the third day; how, through his death and resurrection, the forgiveness of sins is real for all those who repent. So let us boldly approach God, trusting in his mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

C: We daily fall short of your glory. We turn inward, ignoring the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Remember not the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the cross of Christ, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in his tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with his mercy. Like a loving Father, God runs to meet you this day. Hear the good news: our Lord Jesus Christ, by his death and resurrection, has forgiven our sins and raised us to new life in the Holy Spirit!

C: Amen!

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 5:29-42

Pew Bible Pg. 1058

Peter and the other apostles get themselves into trouble by preaching the good news of Jesus Christ in the temple. Peter appeals to the authority of God over any human authority as he continues to proclaim the story of Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sin.

Responsive Reading | Psalm 148

The psalmist sings God's praises as he recounts all the wonders that the Lord has spoken into being. Israel has a cherished place in the heart of the Creator; his people are close to him and exalt his name above all else.

R: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

C: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

R: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

C: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

R: Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created.

C: And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

R: Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

C: fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

R: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

C: Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

R: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

C: Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

R: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

C: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lord!

Second Reading | 1 Peter 1:3-9

Pew Bible Pg. 1171

Peter explains to both Jewish and Gentile Christians that it is Christ's resurrection that is the source of our hope. Because of Jesus' atoning sacrifice, believers have been promised an inheritance that is kept in heaven for them. Even though they faced pressure from society, they held the promise of eternity with God above.

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 20:19-31

Pew Bible Pg. 1051

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 20th 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

These Things Did Thomas Count as Real

(Tune: Just As I Am)

These things did Thomas count as real: the warmth of blood, the chill of steel,
The grain of wood, the heft of stone, the last frail twitch of flesh and bone.

The vision of his skeptic mind was keen enough to make him blind
To any unexpected act too large for his small world of fact.

His reasoned certainties denied that one could live when one had died,
Until his fingers read like braille the markings of the spear and nail.

May we, O God, by grace believe and thus the risen Christ receive,
Whose raw imprinted palms reached out and beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (*vss. 1,2,3,5*)

Reclaim No. 154

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: Oliver Olstrom

Ushers: Brad Matthes and Kevin Leffel

Greeter: Jerry and Joyce Roust

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

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
c - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: PUER NOBIS. European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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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.

Throughout the month of April, Resurrection Lutheran Church is hosting a donation drive for **Options Mankato**. Be sure to stop by the narthex, where you'll find a display board with tags representing specific needs from the Options Baby Store, a free resource for expectant and new parents. Simply take a tag, purchase the item, and return it (with the tag) anytime during April.

Women of the Word invites you to a **Spring Cleaning Day** this Saturday, April 18th! Come lend a hand as we freshen up and organize the church kitchen and other areas of the building. We'll kick things off at 9:00am with coffee, fellowship, and pastries.

The **Mankato Area Riverblenders Chorus** proudly presents "*A Broadway Celebration*" featuring guest quartet Vocality on Saturday, April 25th at 1pm at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students and may be purchased at www.singmankato.org or at Cub Food and Hilltop Hy-Vee in Mankato or Nutter Clothing in St. Peter.

Please feel free to **take an Easter lily** home with you after worship today.

Birthdays this week: Jean Bye (Today)

This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	April 12	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
Monday	April 13	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	April 15	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	April 16	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	April 18	9:00am	Spring Cleaning Day
Sunday	April 19	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Church Council
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School