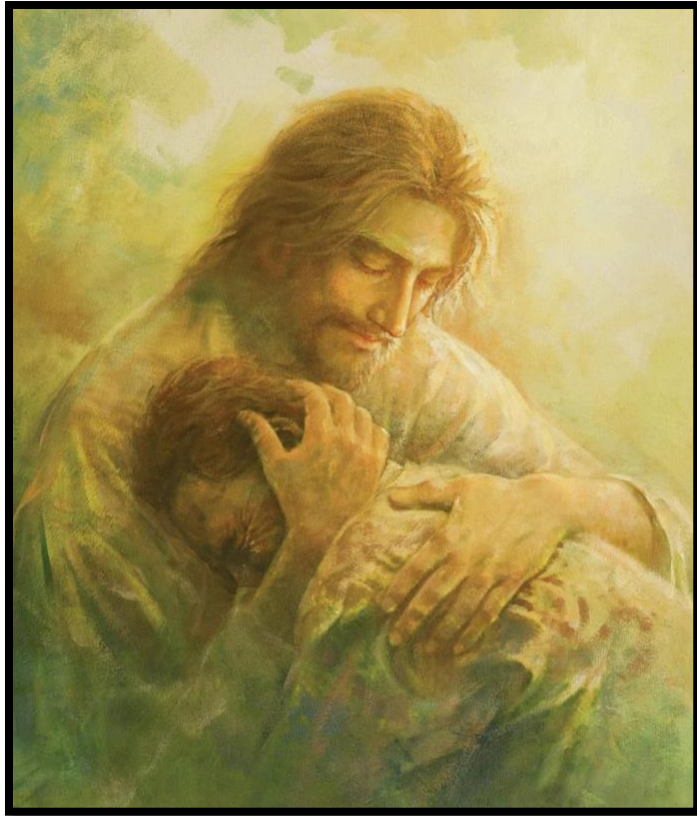


Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 5, 2026 | 9:30am

Human life is filled with burdens of many kinds. We are captive to our sinful natures, which cause us, as St. Paul says, to do the things we do not want to do. With God on our side, we are promised to have One who will look out for us, who will free us from our burdens. Jesus promises all those who are weary and heavy laden with stress, conflict, suffering, and the pains of life that he will give us rest.

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: Heavenly Father, Jesus bids us to come to him when we are weary, promising his yoke of love will be easy. Give us the grace to see that our true peace comes from assuming his yoke and serving you until we are at last at rest in him; 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.

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Reclaim No. 271

Confession and Forgiveness of Sin

P: Brought into community by the Holy Spirit who calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

C: we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not lived up to our calling as your faithful people. So often we have done the evil you forbid, and too many times have not done the good you demand. We repent and are truly sorry for our sins in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy on us for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son. Forgive us all that needs your grace, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, direct us to serve you faithfully all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: God has promised his merciful forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to him in confession. Therefore, by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, in his stead, and by his authority alone, I forgive you the entirety of 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 | Zechariah 9:9-12

Pew Bible Pg. 922

When the Israelites returned from Babylon and their situation of captivity, they found more difficulties at home. In this landscape fraught with religious, economic, social, and political issues, God pronounced his glorious vision of Israel's future: God would act on their behalf and send a new King to save them.

Responsive Reading | Psalm 145:1-14

The Lord is gracious and merciful, the psalmist wrote, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. This psalm of praise to the Lord extols the wonders of God's mercy and the works of God's hands.

R: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

C: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

R: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

C: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

R: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

C: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

R: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

C: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

R: The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

C: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!

R: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

C: to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

R: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

C: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

Second Reading | Romans 7:14-25a

Pew Bible Pg. 1092

Paul described the conflict within him concerning following the law and giving in to sin: He does things that he does not want to do but is unable to do the good he would like to do. The flesh is held captive to sin, but the mind and heart are slaves to the law of God. We are rescued from this inner conflict by Christ our Lord.

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 11:25-30

Pew Bible Pg. 944

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 11th 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

Children of the Heavenly Father

Reclaim No. 201

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

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Reclaim No. 272

Dismissal

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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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.

Vacation Bible School registration is now open! Join us August 18–20 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm for “*Stellar: Shine Jesus’ Light*” as participants blast off on a space quest to discover how to shine Jesus' light in everyday life. Through cosmic games, sciency-fun gizmos, and stellar Bible adventures, they’ll learn that even when life feels dark, his hope brightens the entire universe! Vacation Bible School is open to all children from age 3 through those just finishing 5th grade. Children under the age of 3 are also welcome to attend but must be accompanied by an adult. Sign-up sheets can be found on the Welcome Center desk, or you can ask Pastor Aaron to send you the digital registration link.

Throughout the month of July, Resurrection Lutheran is teaming up to support **ECHO Food Shelf** but with a fun, competitive twist! We are focusing on high-demand essentials that ECHO rarely gets to purchase themselves, meaning our donations make a massive difference. To keep things spirited, we’re launching a friendly battle of the sexes to see who can stack the shelves highest. Here are your team assignments:

- **Men** will bring on the flavor! You are collecting ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise.
- **Women** will keep it sweet and savory! You are collecting sugar, salt, and flour.

Drop off your donations in the designated bins out in the narthex. Let’s see who takes home the bragging rights—all while helping fight food insecurity right here in our community!

Because of your incredible generosity, Resurrection Lutheran Church raised \$506 to purchase new Bibles for the **Five Sparrow Foster Closet** care backpacks! Your donations will go directly toward putting the Word of God into the hands and hearts of sweet little ones. Thank you for sharing God's love with these children.

Announcements *(continued)*

Join us for a **movie night** on Thursday, July 16th at 6:30pm! Popcorn will be served. Bring your own beverages, or water will be available. The featured film will be *Indivisible*. Fresh out of the seminary and basic training, Army chaplain Darren Turner receives orders to deploy to Iraq, leaving his wife behind to care for their three young children. The harsh realities of war soon take their toll on Turner and his battalion, making it hard to stay connected to his beloved family. When Darren finally comes home, the Turners must decide if they're willing to face one more battle - the fight to save their marriage.

Birthdays this week: Conner Eccles (7th) and Deb Thompson (10th)

Anniversaries this week: Don and Bev Peterson (8th)

Those Serving Today

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Reader: Tony Miller

Greeters: Tony and Becky Miller

Communion Assistants: Pat and Karen McGregor

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

Keyboardist: Dawn Peanasky

Ushers: Ron and Sue Brooks

Communion Set Up: Ron and Sue Brooks

This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	July 5	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	July 6	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	July 8	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		6:30am	Adult Forum: Bible Bootcamp
Thursday	July 9	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
		11:30am	EEO Committee
Sunday	July 12	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship