Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ New Life in the Living Word +



The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 8, 2026 | 9:30am

The question of how to be prepared for Jesus' return is answered four times in today's lessons. Being ready for Jesus' return is not passivity on our part; instead, it is an active preparing, an active waiting and serving and doing justice in the world in the name of Christ. There is no reason to fear anything. Christ promised he would return in due time. We await this moment with an active and vibrant faith.

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: God of light and life, through your most Holy Spirit, illumine our lives with your grace so that we may be ready for the coming of your Son. Grant that we may bear the light of your love to the world in need, that all may know of your justice and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Confession and Forgiveness of Sin

P: Father of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,
C: We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who were once dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.
P: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love. Through the Holy Spirit God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live and walk in newness of life.
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 | Amos 5:18-24 Pew Bible Pg. 890

The prophet Amos conveyed God's anger toward his people for their empty sacrifices and worship. He called them to act with justice rather than to offer vain gifts, and to live in righteousness rather than sing noisy songs and try to appease him with fattened calves. True peace comes from serving faithfully in the name of God.

Responsive Reading | Psalm 70

The psalmist cried out to God for deliverance from his enemies. He called the Lord his help and his deliverer, the one who saves his life.

R: Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to help me!
C: Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life! Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt!
R: Let them turn back because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!"
C: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
R: But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

Second Reading | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Pew Bible Pg. 1142

Met with questions about the return of Jesus and the final resurrection of the dead, St. Paul encouraged the Thessalonian Christians not to fear. When Christ comes again, he said, those who are dead will be raised first, followed by those who are alive. Do not grieve, he told them, as those who have no hope.

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 25:1-13 Pew Bible Pg. 960

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 25th 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

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Reclaim No. 196

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

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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

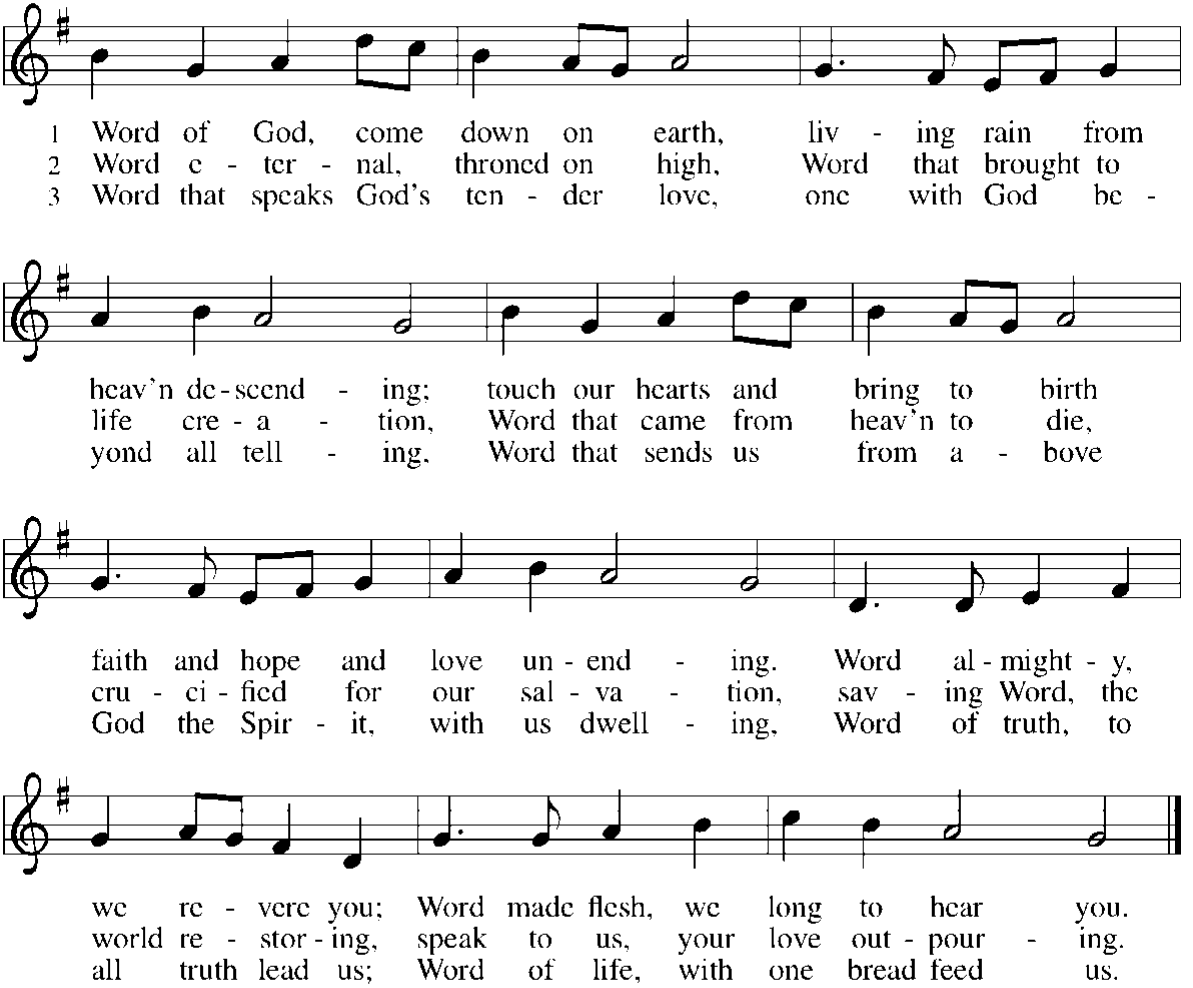
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Greeters: Don Peterson
Keyboardist: Nikki Basel
Ushers: Brad Matthes and Kevin Leffel
Tech Team: Doug Krahmer, Mike Youngerberg, and Vicki Youngerberg

This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	November 8	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
Monday	November 9	11:00am	Morning Prayer
		6:00pm	"The Table" College Bible Study
Wednesday	November 11	11:00am	Church Council Meeting
		Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
Thursday	November 12	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	November 15	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
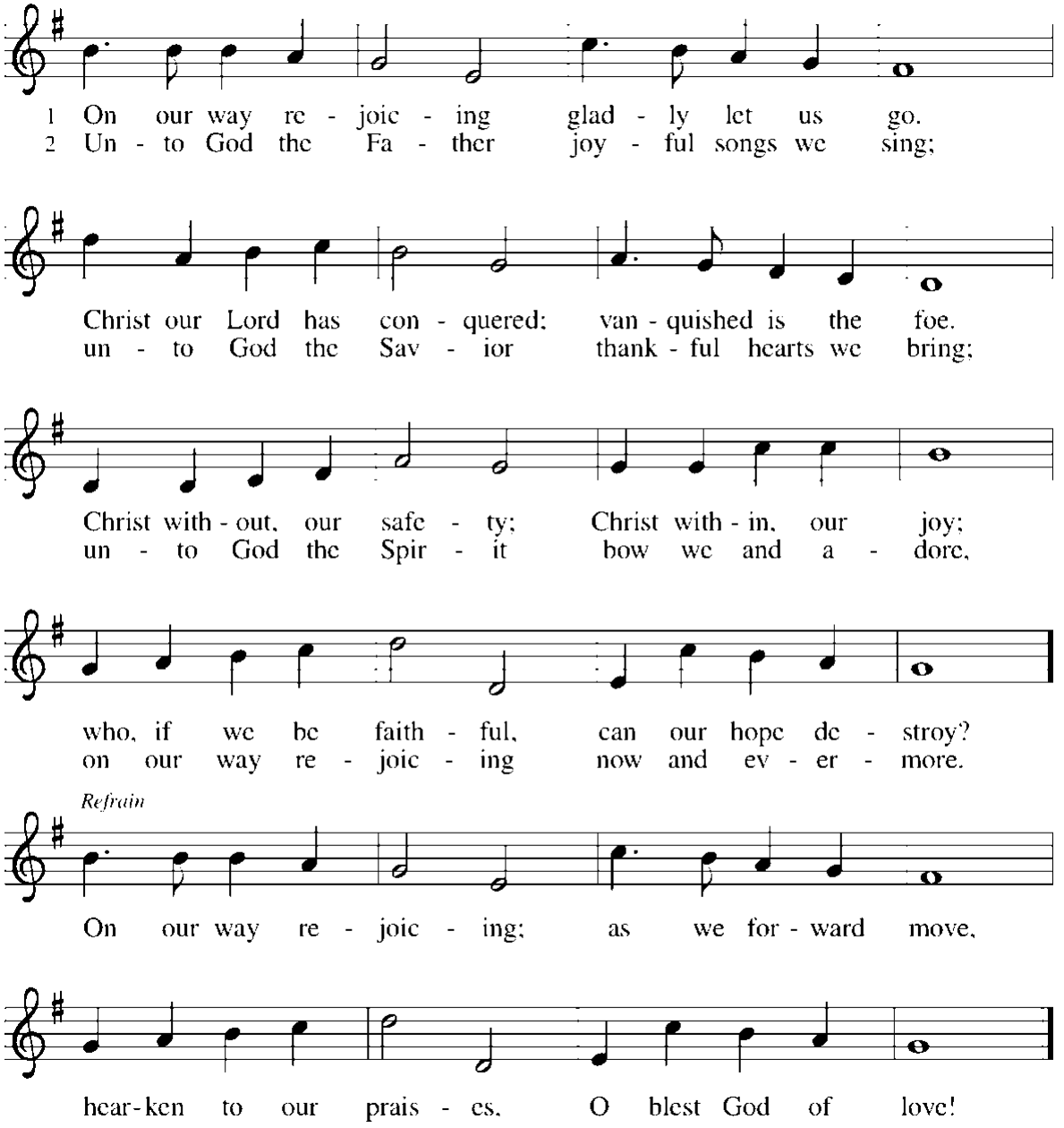
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On Our Way Rejoicing



Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

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.

Galatians 6:2 reminds us to **"bear one another's burdens."** Leo Means, the 11-year-old granddaughter of Doug and Sue Mayer, is facing an aggressive cancer and several months of intensive chemotherapy and radiation in Denver. Throughout November, Resurrection Lutheran is hosting a meat bundle fundraiser to help the Means family with medical and travel expenses. You can find an envelope form out on the Welcome Center desk in the narthex. Simply fill out how many times you would like your name entered into the meat bundle raffle and return your cash or check in the envelope sometime this month. Each entry is $5 for a chance to win one of two meat bundles from Hilltop Neighbor's Meats in Mankato, featuring a variety of beef, pork, and chicken. Every entry you purchase offers a tangible way to support the Means family during this difficult time. Will you join us in sending some of our love to Leo?

Following worship next **Sunday, November 15th,** the Sunday School students will embark on a trip to shop for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. The Operation Christmas Child program through Samaritan's Purse sends Christmas boxes to underserved children across the world, along with the message of salvation through Jesus! This outing will replace the regular Sunday School lesson.

Gentle Shepherd Ministries invites you to be a part of their Night of Thanksgiving Banquet this Tuesday, November 10th from 6-8pm at Crossview Covenant Church in North Mankato. This year marks the 20th anniversary of Gentle Shepherd Ministries. Enjoy a hearty meal of soup, salad and breadsticks as well as year-in-review updates, testimonials and learn about ways you can serve. There is no cost to attend, but please RSVP as soon as possible to gsm@infaith.org or by calling 507-327-1480.

"The Table" College Age Young Adults Group will gather tomorrow night, Monday, November 9th at 6:00pm at Mike and Vicki Youngerberg's home – 22 Restless Court in North Mankato.

Birthdays this week: Ginny Eastvold (10th) and Meridel Kellogg (11th)