

Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 12, 2026 | 9:30am

Themes of growth and abundance abound on this Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. The Word of God goes forth continually, reminding God's people that they are beloved, chosen, and cared for without fail. Because of his great love for humanity, God provides beauty to enjoy and hope in the midst of suffering. Some will hear this word of promise, and it will grow like a seed planted in fertile soil.

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, scatter the seed of your word in our hearts. Grant that it may be received in joy, sprout and bear the fruits of your mercy as we grow in faith, hope, and love; 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.

God of the Fertile Fields

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Confession and Forgiveness of Sin

P: Called and gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us come humbly before God and our brothers and sisters in the faith, confessing our sins, known and unknown, trusting in God's gracious word of forgiveness. Our merciful father, who brings life out of death and transforms us into new creatures through his redeeming word, knows the depths of our hearts. Let us make a confession of our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Lord Jesus, Risen Savior,

C: We come to you in sorrow for our faults and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. Although in Christ our light has come, we too often prefer the darkness of sin. Forgive us, fill us with your Spirit and free us from the shackles of our failings. Give us once again the joy of your salvation and make us instruments of peace and love in the world. Amen.

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glorious mercy of the Lord shines around you. In the name and by the authority of your Savior, Jesus Christ, I announce the forgiveness of all your sins. May the Holy Spirit strengthen your faith, heal your troubled spirit, and equip you to proclaim the greatness of the Lord until the day he comes again.

C: Amen! 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 | Isaiah 55:10-13

Pew Bible Pg. 714

Isaiah declared that God would rescue the Israelites from exile and bring them home. God's word is true and will not return empty, the prophet declared. It will accomplish all that the Lord has in mind, as the journey home will be a path through the desert transformed into paradise.

Responsive Reading | Psalm 65:9-13

The psalmist praised the Lord for providing such abundance. The creation is evidence of God's generosity: rivers, pastures, and wagon tracks overflow with abundance. Hills, meadows, and valleys raise a shout and sing for joy.

R: You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it.

C: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

R: You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

C: The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,

R: the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Second Reading | Romans 8:12-17

Pew Bible Pg. 1093

Paul reminded the Roman church that they were adopted as children of God and thus were heirs of the kingdom — joint heirs with Christ. Having been led by the Spirit, they found hope that could sustain and uphold them even in the face of suffering. They were children of God who followed the Lord and listened to his leading.

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 13:1-9,18-23

Pew Bible Pg. 946

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 13th 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

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

I Love to Tell the Story

Reclaim No. 265

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, loving and serving in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

God of the Fertile Fields



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care
toil be used, no gift of yours a - busied,
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

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For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us.



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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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!

Join us for a **movie night** this 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.

Announcements *(continued)*

Pastor Aaron will be **out of the office** during the day this Wednesday, July 15th. However, choir rehearsal and Adult Bible Study will still meet as scheduled in the evening.

It may be summertime, but Kinship Radio is already thinking about Christmas. You can join Operation Christmas Child and KJLY for their **“Christmas in July”** Shoebox Collection Drive on Saturday, July 25th from 9:00am to noon. Kinship Radio is collecting new supplies and gift items to pack into shoeboxes this fall, as well as fully filled shoeboxes and financial donations. Resurrection Lutheran Church is one of the drop-off sites for these items. If you want to learn more about how to pack a shoebox or see what items you can donate, find all the details at www.kinshipradio.org.

Birthdays this week: Gerri Bratsch (13th) and Harvard Jaeck (18th)

Anniversaries this week: Jerry and Joyce Roust (14th)

This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	July 12	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	July 13	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	July 15	5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Forum: Bible Bootcamp
Thursday	July 16	6:30pm	Movie Night
Sunday	July 19	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Church Council
		10:30am	Fellowship

Those Serving Today

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Keyboardist: Wendy LaFavor

Reader: Donna Krahmer

Ushers: Brad Matthes and Dave Blum

Greeters: Bob and Meridel Kellogg

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