



RESURRECTION
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025 | 9:30am

Welcome to worship! We gather to praise the resurrected Lord!

Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused body of believers who strive to follow Jesus and reach out to others in His name.

Welcome *and* Announcements

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, you desire that all people might come to the knowledge of your mercy through your Son, Jesus. By your steadfast love and everlasting mercy bring us into your kingdom and teach us to live lives that embody your marvelous saving work; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Confession and Forgiveness of Sin

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

Hymn of Praise

A song of thanksgiving for the forgiveness we have in Jesus Christ

Angels, sing, and earth, reply: "Glory be to God on high!"

God who flung the stars in space, God who formed the human race,

God of wisdom, pow'r, and love, Lord of lords, our King above.

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God who saw your creatures fall, Loved them still, and loved them all,

Gave your only Son to show What is mercy, what is love;

Angels, sing, and earth, reply: "Glory be to God on High!"

Children's Sermon

First Reading | Ezekiel 34:11-24

In response to those who were called to shepherd his people, but didn't, God declared through the prophet that He would be the judge between sheep and sheep, rams and goats. He would rescue those that have been scattered and be their shepherd himself.

¹¹"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. ¹⁷"As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? ²⁰"Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder,

and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

Responsive Reading | Psalm 119:169-176

The psalmist sang of God's deliverance in a time when he had gone astray from the Lord like a sheep lost and alone. Now, he said, he will never forget the Lord's commandments and asks that God would seek him.

R: Let my cry come before you, O Lord; give me understanding according to your word!

C: Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word.

R: My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes.

C: My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right.

R: Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.

C: I long for your salvation, O Lord, and your law is my delight.

R: Let my soul live and praise you, and let your rules help me.

C: I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading | 1 Timothy 1:12-17

In Paul's letter to his young friend Timothy, he reminds him that Christ came for the lost and sinners so that they might be saved — identifying himself as the foremost of sinners. Christ's perfect patience is displayed in those who believe.

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

God's word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while time shall last your Church may hold it fast
Throughout all generations.

Gospel Reading | Luke 15:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 15th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Savior, Like a Shepherd

Reclaim No. 205

Offering Presentation

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (*repeat*)

And now let the weak say, “I am strong!” Let the poor say “I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us!” (*repeat*)

Give thanks!

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

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Reclaim No. 208

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: Dawn Peanasky

Reader: Doug Mayer

Ushers: Brad Matthes and Doug Mayer

Greeters: Victor and Helen Kurth

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

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As the Deer

As the deer pants for water, so my soul pants for You. Psalm 42:1

Harmony optional

1. As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, So my soul long-eth af - ter Thee.
2. You're my friend and You are my broth-er, E-ven though You are a King.
3. I want You more than gold or sil-ver, On-ly You can sat - is - fy.

You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, And I long to wor - ship Thee.
I love You more than an - y oth-er, So much more than an - y - thing.
You a - lone are the real joy giv-er, And the ap - ple of my eye.

Refrain

You a - lone are my strength, my shield; To You a - lone may my

spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

heart's de - sire, And I long to wor - ship Thee.

TEXT: Martin Nystrom
MUSIC: Martin Nystrom

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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. Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew.

New Adult Forum Series: Death isn't a topic we like to discuss. In fact, it often feels like a taboo talking point. But as Christians, we face death differently, through the promise of Christ's resurrection. Join Pastor Aaron this month for a 2-week series as we explore how our faith speaks about the life to come, grief, and the Christian funeral services as a proclamation of the hope we have in Christ. Together we'll talk through not only the theology surrounding death but spend time in practical planning so that our funerals can one day be clear witnesses to the Gospel and a comfort to those we love. Bring your fears and questions on September 17th and 24th as we meet both evenings in the adult education room downstairs at 6:30pm.

It's time to renew our subscriptions to **Portals of Prayer**. If you are currently receiving this quarterly devotional, please indicate whether you want to renew your subscription or not on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you are not currently receiving Portals of Prayer, but would like to start in January, also see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Resurrection Lutheran Church will be doing a group pack for **Feeding Our Communities Partners** backpack program on Tuesday, September 30th at 2:00pm. 10 volunteers are needed for the hour-long session. A sign-up sheet for interested individuals can be found on the Welcome Center desk. Those who want to carpool to the FOCP location in North Mankato can meet at the church at 1:40pm, or Pastor Aaron will give you directions.

Birthdays this week: Pam Eccles (15th) and Reinhard Riessen (20th)

Anniversaries this week: Dennis and Marsha Ellertson (17th)

This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	September 14	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
Monday	September 15	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	September 17	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		6:30pm	Adult Forum
Thursday	September 18	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	September 21	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Church Council
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School