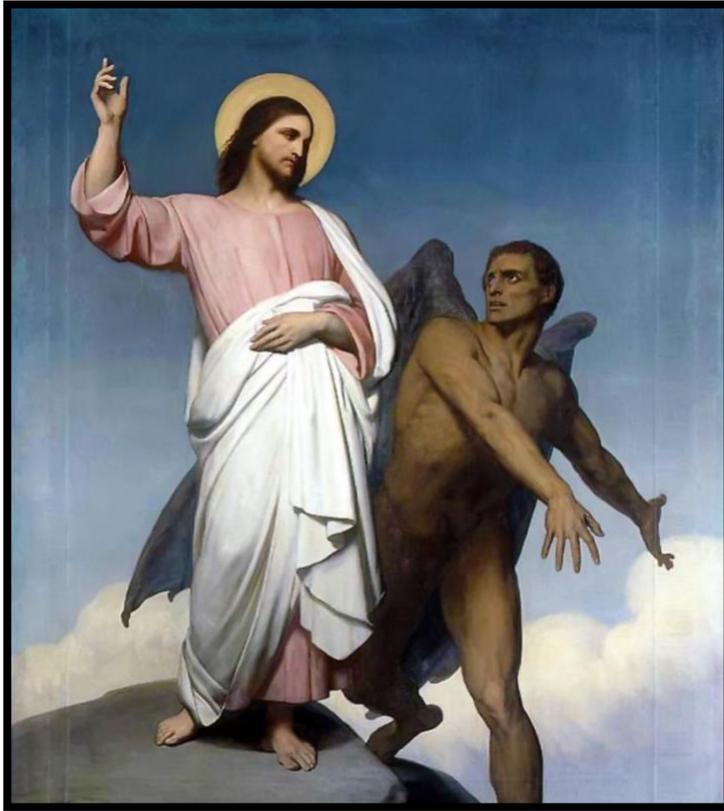


Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



The First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026 | 9:30am

This Sunday's Gospel marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry as the Spirit pronounces him "Son of God" and drives him into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan. We, too, in our baptism, are pronounced children of God, which means we will face similar trials and temptations as our Lord did. The good news for us is that we will never be alone in our trials; Christ goes before us and remains with us.

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: Holy One, we are surrounded by temptation and all that would draw us away from you. Save us from the power of sin and death, and bring us to the life that comes through the death and resurrection 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 | *Based on Psalm 32:5*

P I acknowledged my sin to you.

C: I did not cover up my iniquity.

P: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I confess before you all my sins and failures. By them I have offended you and rightly deserve your judgment now and forever. I am truly sorry for them and sincerely repent. For the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter suffering and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Be gracious to me. Forgive me all my sins, and give me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may live a changed life.

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you. Hear now the words of the Gospel: in the stead of Christ, and by his authority alone, I forgive you 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 | Genesis 3:1-15

Pew Bible Pg. 3

The serpent craftily convinced Eve to mistrust the goodness of God and eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil even though she and Adam were forbidden to do so. God pronounced the consequences of the first humans' disobedience. Our continuing struggle is our lack of faithfulness toward the faithful God.

Responsive Reading | Psalm 32:1-7

The psalmist recounted the joy of having experienced God's forgiveness. The pain of holding in guilt contrasts with the relief of acknowledging and coming to terms with sin by bringing it to the Lord in honesty and hearing his saving Word in return.

R: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C: Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

R: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

R: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

C: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

R: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Second Reading | Romans 5:12-19

Pew Bible Pg. 1091

Paul compared the means by which sin entered the world through Adam and with the way righteousness was given through Christ, driving home the concept that, through Jesus, righteousness is the free gift of God's grace.

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 4:1-11

Pew Bible Pg. 935

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 4th 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

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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

Chief of Sinners Though I Be (*vss. 1,2,4,5*)

Reclaim No. 187

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: Pat McGregor

Ushers: Daryl and Rita Schoemaker

Greeters: Victor and Helen Kurth

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

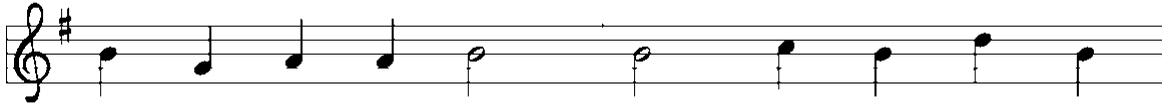
This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	February 22	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
Monday	February 23	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	February 25	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:15pm	Soup Supper
		7:00pm	Midweek Lent Worship
Thursday	February 26	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	March 1	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School

The Glory of These Forty Days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862-1947, alt.

Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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When We Are Tested



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish 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.

Midweek Lenten worship services will be held in conjunction with a soup supper beginning this Wednesday, February 25th. Soup will be served in the fellowship hall beginning at 6:15pm with a brief worship service to follow at 7:00pm. Are you interested in bringing soup, bread or dessert for these meals? A sign-up sheet can be found on the Welcome Center desk.

RLC will be preparing and serving an evening meal at the **Connections Ministry homeless shelter** on Thursday, March 5th. 2 volunteers are needed to arrive at the church at 4:15pm to help prepare the meal. A separate team of 5 volunteers will meet Pastor Aaron at the shelter (220 East Hickory Street) at 5:30pm to serve and clean-up. A sign-up sheet is available at the Welcome Center desk.

“The Table” college age young adults group will meet this Tuesday evening, February 24th, at 6:30pm at Mike and Vicki Youngerberg’s home – 22 Restless Court in North Mankato.

Birthdays this week: Dorothy Enfield (Today), Kevin Leffel (23rd), Karen Jaeck (25th) and Joann Leffel (26th)

Anniversaries this week: Dave and Wendy LaFavor (26th)