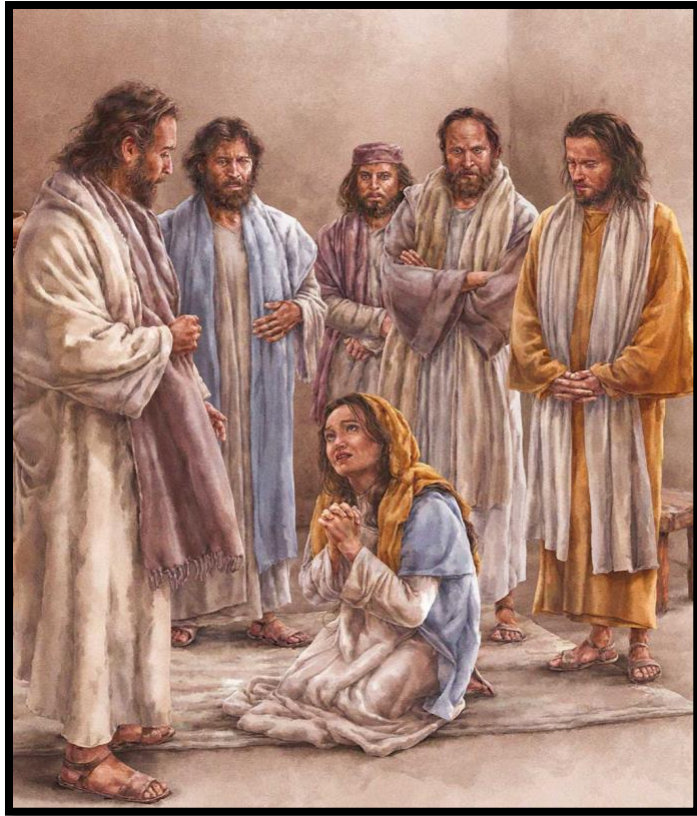


Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 16, 2026 | 9:30am

Themes of inclusion and exclusion are a common thread running through this week's Scriptures. Isaiah prophesies about who is accepted and who is not in God's house, which depends upon obedience to God's law. St. Paul passionately asserts that even though Israel did not believe in Jesus, God will not turn away from his chosen people. Jesus crosses ethnic boundaries to heal a girl from Syrophenicia.

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: Gracious God, you welcome all who cry out to you, and no one is beyond the reach of your mercy. Through our gathering around word and meal, strengthen us to be living signs of your healing and mercy so that all may know your glory and grace; 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.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Reclaim No. 223

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

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 56:1, 6-8

Pew Bible Pg. 714

The prophet spoke the word of the Lord, saying that God's house is to be a house of prayer. This meant that those who followed the Lord's commands would be blessed; their offerings would be considered acceptable.

Responsive Reading | Psalm 67

The psalmist asked the Lord to bless the nations and to let his holiness shine on them as he provided a good harvest and judged the people as righteous.

R: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
C: that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

R: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples
with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

R: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
C: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.
R: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Second Reading | Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

Pew Bible Pg. 1096

St. Paul continued his exhortation on the fate of Israel. God, he said, has not rejected his people. Even though they were disobedient, God would not abandon them. Instead, Christ's death and resurrection opened a way for Gentiles to be included in God's plan for salvation. The gifts and call that come from God are forever.

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 15:21-28

Pew Bible Pg. 949

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 15th 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

As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams

Reclaim No. 240

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

I've Got Peace Like a River

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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!

I've Got Peace like a River



1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,
2 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,
3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,



I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul;
I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul;
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul;



I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,
I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,
I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,



I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul.
I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul.
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul.

Text: traditional

Music: PEACE LIKE A RIVER, African American spiritual

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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.

Bibles are available under or on the pew rack in front of you. Worshippers are encouraged to use these Bibles to follow along with the Old Testament, New Testament, and Gospel readings.

Throughout August, Resurrection Lutheran is hosting our **annual coin war** to help reduce our building loan debt. Stop by the narthex to cast your vote (and your cash or coins!) in the jar for Jerry Roust, Clark Diel, or Jim Lambert. Whichever beloved leader raises the most money will take a pie to the face from his wife at our Backyard Bash in September! Here's the twist: if all three men reach \$150, every single one of them gets pie'd!

Calling all cleaners! Help us get ready to welcome the District Women's Gathering this fall! Join us Thursday, August 27th starting at 9:00 AM for a church-wide cleaning day. Grab a partner, pick a room, and bring your vacuums, dust rags, and favorite cleaning gear. Let's make our church home sparkle together!

Vacation Bible School is here! We are excited to host 20 students Tuesday through Thursday evening for *Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light!* Please keep our young learners and leaders in your prayers. Special thanks to everyone who stepped up to volunteer and bring this week to life!

Birthdays this week: Clark Diel (Today) and Karen Spiegler (20th)

Anniversaries this week: Reinhard and Barb Riessen (19th)

This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	August 16	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	August 17	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	August 19	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
Sunday	August 23	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Church Council
		10:30am	Fellowship

Those Serving Today

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Reader: Jim Lambert

Greeters: Jim and Carolyn Lambert

Communion Assistants: Carol Severson and Sharon Litynski

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

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Ushers: Brad Matthes and Dave Blum

Communion Set Up: Tony and Becky Miller