



RESURRECTION
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 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: God of abundance, all good gifts come from you and you bless us with life and salvation. Apart from your holy love we have nothing. Keep us mindful that we have been bought with a price and teach us to live generous and obedient lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (*vss. 1,2,5,6*)

Reclaim No. 225

Confession and Forgiveness of Sin

P: Friends in Christ, our heavenly Father has called us to be His people, leading us to green pastures and still waters. Yet, there are times when we have wronged our fellow sheep and wandered from our Shepherd. But we are not abandoned. Trusting in the goodness of our God and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit within us, let us tell the whole truth about ourselves, confess our sins, and seek God's ceaseless mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Loving and forgiving God,

C: we confess that we are held captive by the power of sin and have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger and outsider. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

P: People of God, hear this glad news: Jesus Christ has come so that you might have new and abundant life. In his name and by his authority alone, I forgive you all your sins. May you be strengthened in God's love, comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

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.

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

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

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 | Amos 8:4-7

Amos' message was one of impending judgment upon the unfaithful Israel. Far too long had Israel abused and neglected the poor, cheating them at the grain scales and selling them the chaff of the wheat instead of the kernel.

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, ⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, ⁶that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?" ⁷The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

Responsive Reading | Psalm 113

The Lord sits enthroned on high, wrote the psalmist. He pulls the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from ashes. He sets the lowly among princes and makes the barren woman a mother.

R: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

C: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

R: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

C: The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

R: Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,

C: who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

R: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

C: to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

R: He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading | 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Paul urged Timothy to encourage others to pray for all people, for kings, rulers, and leaders that all might live a quiet and peaceful life. Our witness to the world is to be dignified in every way so that all might bear witness to the love of the One God, and to Christ Jesus, who is the mediator between human beings and the Father.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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 16:1-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 16th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you

have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” ¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Reclaim No. 227

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 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

Meek, slaughtered Lamb of God, You bore the sinner's load To buy our peace:

Now risen and enthroned, With life and glory crowned,

To all the lost and found please grant your peace.

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

What Feast of Love

Page 6

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God!

What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Those Serving Today

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Reader: Karen McGregor

Greeters: Pat and Karen McGregor

Communion Assistants: Pat and Karen McGregor

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

Keyboardist: Kristin Litynski

Ushers: Daryl and Rita Schoemaker

Communion Set-Up: Ron and Sue Brooks

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.

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 FOCF location in North Mankato can meet at the church at 1:40pm, or Pastor Aaron will give you directions.

“The Table” Young Adults Group for college aged students will be starting again next Sunday, September 28th at 6:30pm. We will be meeting at Mike and Vicki Youngerberg’s home – 22 Restless Court in North Mankato.

Longtime Resurrection Lutheran Church members **Harvard and Karen Jaeck** are moving next month to Hancock, MN to be near their cherished family. In thanksgiving for all they’ve done for our faith family, a farewell fellowship will be held after worship on Sunday, October 5th.

A volunteer is needed to deliver RLC’s hospice kits and bandages to the **Global Health Ministries** headquarters in Fridley, MN. See Karen Jaeck for more information and the address.

Birthdays this week: Carol Volness (Today) and Karen McGregor (25th)

Anniversaries this week: Ron and Sue Brooks (25th)

This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	September 21	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Church Council
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
Monday	September 22	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	September 24	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women’s Bible Study
		6:30pm	Adult Forum
Thursday	September 25	9:00am	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday	September 28	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
		6:30pm	“The Table” College Aged Bible Study

Copyright Portions of today’s service used by permission:

ESV Bible® (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®) Copyright © 2001

CCLI License: 11110219 | **CCLI Streaming License:** 21750457 | **One License:** A-7411

