



RESURRECTION
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 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 wait with love and delight for us to open our hearts and lives to you in prayer. Lavish us with your presence; teach us to call upon you at all times in praise, thanksgiving, and need; through Jesus Christ, our 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: The psalmist writes: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the path everlasting." We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about the mistakes we make. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God:

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

C: Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change and grant us grace to grow more and more into your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

P: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life. It is true that we have sinned. But it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God He says, "your sins are forgiven."

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 | Genesis 18:20-33

Soon after Abraham had received the promise of a son in his old age, the Lord saw the wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham asked God to reconsider wiping out the cities if there could be found fifty righteous persons among them. The conversation continued until the number was down to ten; then the two parted ways.

²⁰Then the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.” ²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³²Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” ³³And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

Responsive Reading | Psalm 138

The psalmist gave thanks to the Lord for his goodness and mercy. He sang praises to the God most high for his steadfast love and faithfulness to his servant.

R: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

C: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

R: On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

C: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth,

R: and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

C: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

R: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

C: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading | Colossians 2:6-15

St. Paul continued his encouragement to the Christians in Colossae, reminding them that their lives are rooted in Jesus Christ. Therefore, they should make sure that no one leads them astray by a false gospel. It is only through Jesus' death and resurrection that believers are also raised to a new life.

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

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 11:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.” ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything?’ ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon: Drowning In Need

A Sung Lord’s Prayer

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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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Reclaim No. 58

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: Jim Lambert

Ushers: Ron and Sue Brooks

Greeters: Jim Lambert and Carolyn Rewitzer

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

A Sung Lord's Prayer

(Tune: Away in a Manger)

- 1 | Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name!
Your kingdom among us, your will done the same
By mortals and angels; come, Lord, reign alone.
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.
- 2 | The bread that we yearn for provide us each day.
As we forgive others, our sins take away.
In times of temptation, to lead us be near.
From evil deliver your children most dear.
- 3 | For yours is the kingdom. O'er all things you reign.
And yours is the power. All things you maintain.
To you be the glory, resounding again
From all of creation, forever. Amen!

This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	July 27	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Wednesday	July 30	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Confirmation
Thursday	July 31	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	August 3	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
		5:00pm	Men's Outing

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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.

Calling All Volunteers! Resurrection Lutheran will be hosting Vacation Bible School August 12-14 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm each night. We need 3 volunteers to help set out and serve the meal, and 3 volunteers to help move the students from station to station and assist with activities. Sign-up on the Welcome Center desk!

Men's Outing: The men of Resurrection Lutheran are invited to attend a night with the Mankato Moondogs baseball team! We'll be attending Kinship Radio's faith night next Sunday, August 3rd at 5:00pm. Tickets are \$10 and will cover your entrance into the game, as well as a hotdog, chips and drink. Sign-up on the Welcome Center desk to reserve your ticket.

Members of Resurrection Lutheran Church have the opportunity to worship at St. Dismas Prison Church inside the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, SD on **Thursday, September 11th**. St. Dismas ministers to an often-overlooked population of men who desperately need the Gospel. Those wishing to go will meet in the RLC parking lot on September 11th at 2:30pm, carpool to Sioux Falls for supper, before arriving in the Penitentiary lobby by 6:45pm. We will attend worship alongside the inmates and be on our way home by 9:00pm. Wanting to attend? You'll need to fill out a background check form, which can be found on the Welcome Center desk. It should be returned to Pastor Aaron by August 20th.

A Word of Thanks: "Thank-you to everyone for your prayers during my bout with pneumonia. What a blessing to have such a wonderful church family, and a God who hears and answers prayers. Thank-you also to those who came to visit, sent cards, bought groceries and brought food. Your kindness and support were truly appreciated. May God our Father shower you with blessings and fill you with great peace – Colossians 1:2." – *Nancy Heinze*

Feeding Every Baby is a local non-profit that provides infant and toddler supplies to families in need. The dream of this organization, which is run solely by volunteers, is that no mother will have to worry about where their next pack of diapers or container of formula is coming from. During the month of August, RLC will be holding a diaper, wipes and formula drive for Feeding Every Baby. Diapers can be of any size, although larger pull-up sizes are currently in low supplies. There is also no limitation on brands or quantities of wipes and formula.

Pastor Aaron will be **out of the office** all day tomorrow, Monday, July 28th. Morning Prayer group will not meet.

Birthdays this week: Nicole Rosenberg (30th) and Joyce Roust (2nd)

Anniversaries this week: Tim and Jean Bye (28th)