

Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



The Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 1, 2026 | 9:30am

Our God is faithful and his promises are trustworthy and true. In return for his abiding love, He calls us to faithfulness to him. Abram was called away from home to start life anew under the protection of God. His faithful obedience to the Lord is lifted up as an example by St. Paul thousands of years later as the apostle teaches the church in Rome to rely on God, who will lead them in all of his ways.

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, through the sacrament of baptism you bring us into your kingdom and grant us eternal life for the sake of your Son, Jesus. Keep us faithful, trusting in your promises of salvation for your creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Reclaim No. 138

Confession and Forgiveness of Sin

P: From where does my help come?

C: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

P: The LORD will preserve your going out and your coming in,

C: from this time forth and forevermore.

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 12:1-9

Pew Bible Pg. 10

The one who would become the patriarch of Israel was called to leave home and land and journey far away to become a great nation. Abram would be blessed by God to be a blessing to others. In his old age, he left all he knew and ventured to a foreign land to make his way to Canaan, as God instructed.

Responsive Reading | Psalm 121

The psalmist sang of the source of help, which is God's abiding presence in all circumstances. God's presence can be counted on day, night, and in the midst of all evil. He has vowed to remain with us now and forevermore.

R: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

C: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

R: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

C: Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

R: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

C: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

R: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

C: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Second Reading | Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

Pew Bible Pg. 1089

Paul drew on the example of Abraham's faith in God's covenant promise and that faith as the source of Abraham's righteousness as he exhorted the church in Rome (and us) to realize that the promise of God's righteousness is for all who share the faith of Abraham, trusting in God's promises alone.

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 | John 3:1-17

Pew Bible Pg. 1029

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 3rd 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

What Wondrous Love Is This

Reclaim No. 254

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.

Choir Anthem | Seek Ye First *(arr: Douglas Wagner)*

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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Reclaim No. 142

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: Karen McGregor

Ushers: Dave and Rebecca Blum

Greeters: Pat and Karen McGregor

Communion Set Up: Ron and Sue Brooks

Communion Assistants: Mike and Vicki Youngerberg

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

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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 are held in conjunction with a soup supper on Wednesdays 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** this Thursday, March 5th. 2 volunteers are needed to arrive at the church at 4:15pm to help prepare the meal. A separate team of 3 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.

Birthdays this week: Dave LaFavor (2nd) and Tim Bye (3rd)

This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	March 1	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
Monday	March 2	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	March 4	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		2:00pm	Worship Committee
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:15pm	Soup Supper
		7:00pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
Thursday	March 5	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
		11:30am	EEO Committee
Sunday	March 8	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School