

# Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



## The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 27, 2026 | 9:30am

Throughout salvation history, humans have struggled with sour grapes, failing to act mercifully toward one another. God's ways of love and mercy are an enigma to the sinful human heart. Even though, like the psalmist, we desire to know and follow God's ways, it is hard for us to reach unity. Still, Christ calls us to come to him in faith so that we might serve the world he loves and thereby glorify his holy name.

## **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: Heavenly Father, when called to do your will, we often respond with enthusiasm, yet in our human weakness, we fail to follow through. Strengthen us with your grace poured out through your Son, so that we may overcome our weakness and follow you in the way of life; through 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**

P: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence, drawing near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find help in times of need. Christ, the light of the world, has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. Let us confess our sins.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

P: Gracious God,

**C: We confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You, who were lost, are found. Hear the good news of the Gospel: in accordance to the command of our Lord Jesus, and by his authority alone, I forgive you the entirety of all your sins.

**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 | Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Pew Bible Pg. 817

*The Word of Lord came to the prophet Ezekiel, to set Israel straight on who was just and who was unjust. Who was turning from righteousness? Israel, not God. And who was being wicked? "Turn to me and repent," said the Lord, "and you will not die." The Lord wants no one to die, but all to live, and to live in righteousness.*

### Responsive Reading | Psalm 25:1-10

*The psalmist cried out to the Lord, "Teach me your paths and make me know your ways!" He sang that the Lord instructs his people in his ways that they may not sin. His faithfulness is sure and certain.*

R: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

C: O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

R: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

R: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

C: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

R: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

C: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

R: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

C: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

### Second Reading | Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

Pew Bible Pg. 1135

*St. Paul admonished the Christians in Philippi to be of the same mind as Christ, putting away all quarrels so that they may be found innocent in the sight of God. In a creedlike statement, Paul talked about how Christ emptied himself, taking on the form of a human, a servant who was obedient unto death on a cross.*

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 21:23-32**

Pew Bible Pg. 956

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

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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 blesest 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**

**O Christ the Same** (*vss. 1 and 3*)

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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!

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## **Those Serving Today**

**Pastor:** Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

**Reader:** Donna Krahmer

**Greeters:** Bob and Meridel Kellogg

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

**Keyboardist:** Nikki Basel

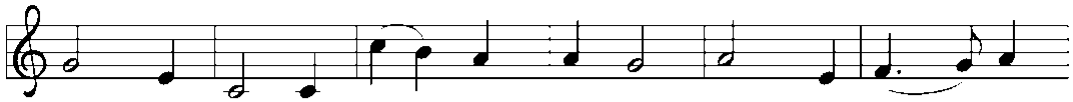
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# God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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# O Christ the Same



1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—  
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing  
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;  
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;  
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,  
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing  
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:  
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied;  
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,  
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—  
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;  
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;  
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,  
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en;  
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.  
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.  
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

# 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](http://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.

**Calling all singers!** Choir rehearsals return this Wednesday, September 30th, at 5:30PM. Whether you are a seasoned vocalist or just love to sing, singers of all backgrounds and skill levels are invited to join us as we make music together!

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study** is restarting this Wednesday, September 30th, at 6:30PM! We will pick up where we left off this summer, continuing on with the New Testament section of the book *Concordia Bible History*. Please read *The First Period: Childhood of Jesus* before our first session. If you'd like to join us but don't have a book, Pastor Aaron can order one for you!

**Birthdays this week:** Tony Miller (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Lee Young (3<sup>rd</sup>)

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## This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

|           |              |         |                          |
|-----------|--------------|---------|--------------------------|
| Sunday    | September 27 | 9:30am  | Worship                  |
|           |              | 10:30am | Fellowship/Sunday School |
| Monday    | September 28 | 11:00am | Morning Prayer           |
| Wednesday | September 30 | Noon    | Lectionary Bible Study   |
|           |              | 1:00pm  | Women's Bible Study      |
|           |              | 5:30pm  | Choir Rehearsal          |
|           |              | 6:30pm  | Adult Bible Study        |
|           |              | 9:00am  | Men's Bible Study        |
| Thursday  | October 1    | 11:30am | EEO Committee Meeting    |
| Sunday    | October 4    | 9:30am  | Worship                  |
|           |              | 10:30am | Fellowship/Sunday School |