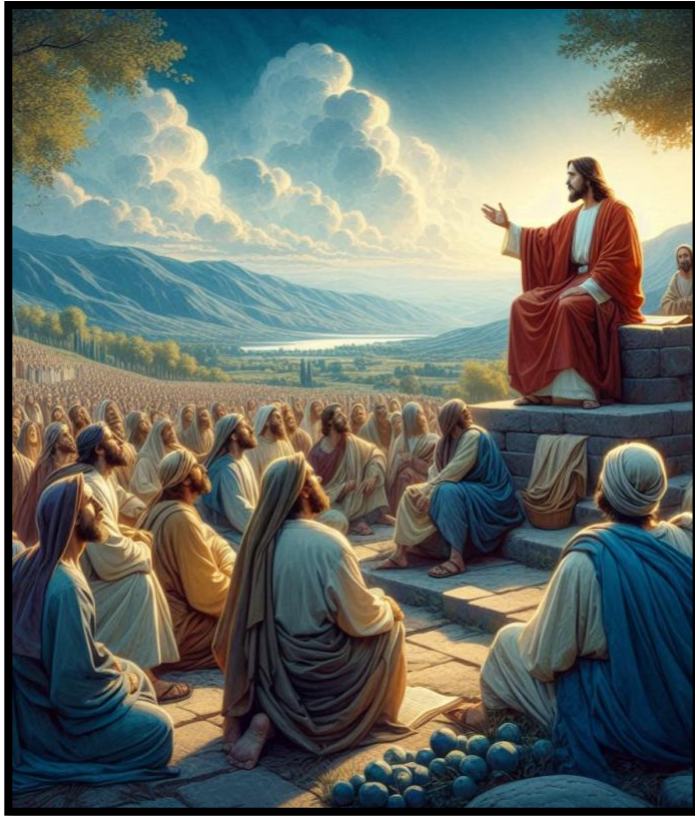


# Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



## The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 1, 2026 | 9:30am

The Scriptures for today remind us of what God requires of his people. Both Micah and the psalmist communicate God's Word to "walk" humbly and blamelessly. This kind of devoted walking may seem like foolishness to those who do not believe in Christ, but for us who walk in the way of the Lord, it is life-giving, joyfully accompanied walking with the One who loves us most.

## **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: Almighty God, surrounded by the snares of this world, we cannot stand apart from the power of your grace. Strengthen us in body, mind, and spirit so that we may continue in the face of all that threatens to overcome us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### **Dearest Jesus, at Your Word**

Reclaim No. 203

### **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 | Micah 6:1-8

Pew Bible Pg. 903

*The prophet Micah reminded Israel what God had done for them by bringing them out of Egypt. They continued to be His holy people, chosen and beloved. Yet with this relationship came a call to do that which God commanded — such as showing love, working for justice, and showing deep humility and humbleness.*

### Responsive Reading | Psalm 15

*The psalmist asserted that by following the ways of God in everyday life, Israel would abide in His holy tent on Mount Zion. It isn't always easy to do the right thing, but it is in righteousness that God makes us as immovable as his holy hill.*

R: O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

**C: He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart;**

R: who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

**C: in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the Lord; who swears to his own hurt and does not change;**

R: who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

### Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Pew Bible Pg. 1102

*St. Paul told the saints in Corinth that those who would call them fools for believing in Christ are the ones who are perishing. Wisdom is an elusive and misunderstood concept that is hidden under the scandal of the cross. Through Jesus, God shows the world what true wisdom is: lowliness, weakness, and obscurity.*

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 5:1-12**

Pew Bible Pg. 936

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 5<sup>th</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**

### **Blessed are The Poor in Spirit**

*Tune: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" | Words by: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*

Blessed are the poor in spirit; all God's realm is surely theirs.  
Those in mourning will find comfort as an answer to their prayers.  
Meek ones whom this world despises will inherit everything.  
God, your kingdom still surprises; may we seek the reign you bring.

Blessed, too, are those who hunger and who thirst for what is right.  
They will not be prone to wander, for your will is their delight.  
Those who show God's care and mercy will receive that mercy too.  
God, in Christ you show us clearly of the joy we have in you.

Those who share the peace God gives them will find blessings as God's own.  
Those oppressed for faithful living will call heaven's kingdom Home.  
When the world's ways seem distressing and we feel life's painful sting,  
God, remind us of the blessings of the wondrous life you bring.

## **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**

**Almighty Father, Bless the Word**

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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**

<b>Pastor:</b> Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch	<b>Keyboardist:</b> Kristin Litynski
<b>Reader:</b> Rev. Julie Smith	<b>Ushers:</b> Ron and Sue Brooks
<b>Greeters:</b> Tim and Jean Bye	<b>Communion Set Up:</b> Victor and Helen Kurth
<b>Communion Assistants:</b> Donna Krahmer and Helen Meschke	
<b>Tech Team:</b> Doug Krahmer, Mike Youngerberg, Vicki Youngerberg and Nancy Heinze	

**This Week at Resurrection Lutheran**

Sunday	February 1	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
Wednesday	February 4	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women’s Bible Study
		2:00pm	Worship Committee
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Forum
Thursday	February 5	9:00am	Men’s Bible Study
		11:30am	EEO Committee
Sunday	February 8	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School

# Almighty Father, Bless the Word

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all

grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye

seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: *Church Poetry*, Philadelphia, 1823, sts. 1–2, alt.; Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, st. 3  
Tune: *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois;  
setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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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](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.

**Choir rehearsals** are resuming this Wednesday evening at 5:30pm in the Fireside Room Chapell New voices are welcomed and encouraged.

Katharina von Bora (**Katie Luther**) is often called the "Morning Star of Wittenberg" by Martin Luther, symbolizing her vital role as Martin's wife, a capable manager of their large household and finances, and an influential figure who helped shape the early Lutheran church through her support and example of a godly, domestic life. And yet we hear so very little about her. Join Pastor Aaron for a 2-week adult forum series on the life and influence of Katie Luther, beginning this Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

The Mankato Riverblenders invite you to say **"I Love You"** with a song. Send a never-to-be-forgotten Valentine with 2 songs, a rose, small box of chocolates, a card and photo for \$50. For more information email [mankatovalentines@gmail.com](mailto:mankatovalentines@gmail.com) or call Gary at (507) 340-0713.

Resurrection Lutheran Church **WOW (Women of the Word)** will meet Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. All women of RLC are welcome to join us for fellowship and coffee. We will review and make plans for our yearly projects and hear more about the Augustana District WOW gathering we are hosting in September.

Pastor Aaron will be **out of the office** tomorrow and Tuesday attending the Augustana District Theological Convocation in Bloomington. There will be no prayer group tomorrow morning.