

Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



The Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, April 5, 2026 | 9:30am

The resurrection of our Lord ushers in a new reality for those who believe: a new life in Christ. God, who shows no partiality, offers salvation and forgiveness to all who believe. Our confession of faith in the resurrection of Christ is a commitment to a deeper walk with God: one characterized by worship, prayer, and an intentional living out of Jesus' kingdom principles. This Good News is something we act upon.

Choir Anthem | Hallelujah! (arr: Jean Shafferman)

Easter Morning Acclamation

P: Alleluia! The tomb is empty! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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: God of all mercy and grace, your only Son's death and glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of death and redeemed all creation. Grant that we may no longer look for the living among the dead and instead daily die to sin and rise to newness 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.

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Reclaim No. 151

Confession and Forgiveness of Sin

P: This is the day the Lord has made,

C: let's rejoice and be glad in it!

P: Jesus has defeated death and turned the grave into the gate of heaven.

C: He was given over for our transgressions and raised to make us right with God.

P: Let us come before God and be honest about who we are and what we need.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Merciful God,

C: we confess that we are sinners through and through. From the very beginning and still today, we fall short in what we think, what we say, and what we do. We haven't loved our neighbors the way you call us to. We've turned away from each other in our thoughts, our words, and our actions. We've done what you tell us not to do, and we've left undone the good you've given us to do. We repent of it all. Have mercy on us for Jesus' sake. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us by your Spirit, so that we trust you more and serve you with our whole lives. Amen.

P: Dear friends, God hears your confession and answers it. In his mercy, he gave his Son, Jesus Christ, to die for your sins and be raised for your justification. So, 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. You are forgiven. God is for you. He will hold you in his grace now and always.

C: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

First Reading | Acts 10:34-43

Pew Bible Pg. 1065

Peter recounts the story of Jesus from baptism through his death and resurrection. Those who were with him are called as witnesses to the truth of who he is: the One Lord of all. Now, non-Jews are gathered into the fold so that those who have faith in the One who conquered death are granted forgiveness of sins.

Responsive Reading | Psalm 16

This psalm is unusual in that it is a personal cry from the psalmist for help against his enemies rather than a communal lament. God is involved in all aspects of human life, both communally and individually. David affirms the sovereignty of God.

R: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

C: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

R: As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

C: The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

R: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

C: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

R: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

C: I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

R: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

C: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

R: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading | Colossians 3:1-4

Pew Bible Pg. 1139

Paul begins this chapter with an "if/then" statement. Acknowledging that Christ is our life means that we are faced with many choices in life. IF you have been raised with Christ (which you have been), THEN seek the things and ways of Christ. Namely, devote yourself to worship, prayer, service and life in his name.

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 28:1-10

Pew Bible Pg. 966

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 28th 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

I Know That My Redeemer Lives *(vss. 1,2,4,7,8)*

Reclaim No. 274

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

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

Thine Is the Glory

Reclaim No. 161

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God!

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.

Thank-you to those who gave money toward our beautiful **Easter lilies** on display this morning. Anyone who would like to is invited to take a lily home with then after worship.

There will be **no scheduled programs** at Resurrection Lutheran this week as we pause and catch our breath following the busy Lenten season.

Throughout the month of April, Resurrection Lutheran Church is hosting a donation drive for **Options Mankato**. Be sure to stop by the narthex, where you'll find a display board with tags representing specific needs from the Options Baby Store, a free resource for expectant and new parents. Simply take a tag, purchase the listed item, and return it (with the tag) anytime during April. Your generosity provides tangible support to new mothers and fathers as they prepare to welcome their unexpected blessings into a safe, healthy, and hope-filled home.

Women of the Word invites you to a **Spring Cleaning Day** on Saturday, April 18th! Come lend a hand as we freshen up and organize the church kitchen and other areas of the building. We'll kick things off at 9:00am with coffee, fellowship, and pastries.

Birthdays this week: Wendy LaFavor (7th) and Karen Junker (8th)

Those Serving Today

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Reader: Ruth Heilman

Ushers: Ron and Sue Brooks

Greeters: Ross and Ruth Heilman

Communion Set Up: Victor and Helen Kurth

Communion Assistants: Donna Krahmer and Helen Meschke

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

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of those who gave an offering for our Easter lilies in memory or honor of a loved one:

In honor of Jeannette Kuball and in memory of Gene and Charlotte Meschke,
by Helen Meschke

In honor of our military service men and women, by Doug and Sue Mayer

In honor of Roland and Zada Utzinger and in memory of Robert Heinze,
by Nancy Heinze

In memory of our parents and sister, by Dave and Wendy LaFavor

In honor of prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action and
in memory of Joan and Dannie Peterson, by Don Peterson

In honor of our grandchildren, by Bob and Meridel Kellogg

In memory of our parents, by Mike and Vicki Youngerberg

In memory of Robert Chamberlain, by Myrna Chamberlain

In memory of Nels and Kathleen Pierson, by Erika Pierson

In memory of Ruth & Reinhard and George & Peg Hertz,
by Reinhard and Barb Riessen

In memory of our parents, by Pat and Karen McGregor

In memory of our parents, by Ross and Ruth Heilman

In memory of Darlene Korstad, by her church family

In memory of Emily Roust, by Jerry and Joyce Roust

In memory of Warren Litynski, by Sharon Litynski

In memory of Karl and Kari Darge, by Caryl Darge

In memory of Thomas Severson, by Carol Severson

In memory of my parents, by Ken Kunz

