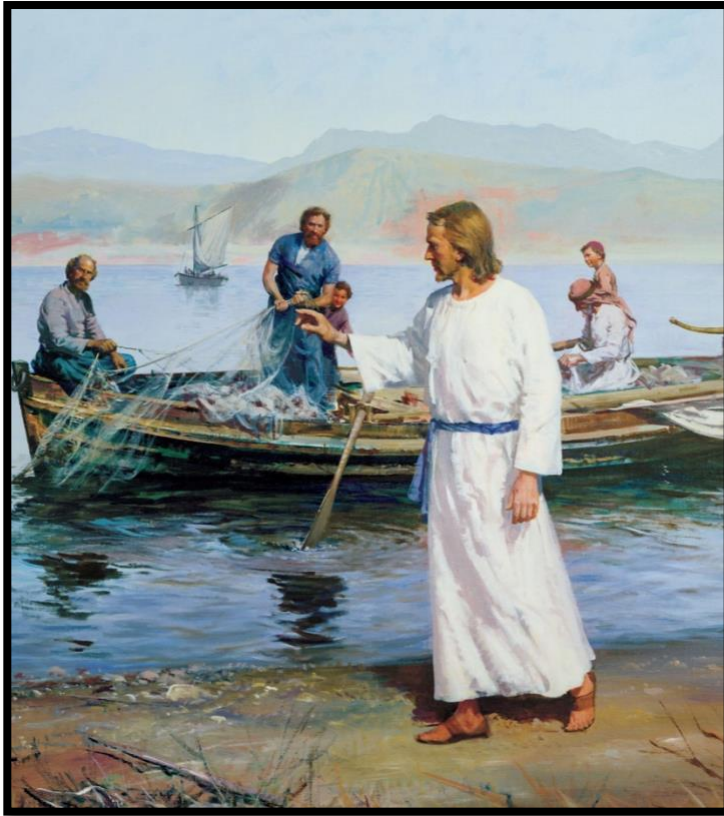


Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2026 | 9:30am

Jesus calls his disciples to follow him on his way. They have no idea what they are in for, but they drop their nets, leave everything behind, and follow. Discipleship is not merely a statement of belief, as in “I am a Christian.” It is a radical turning to Jesus in passionate obedience to his holy will in our lives. St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that this includes putting aside all divisions and strife.

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: Merciful God, your Son proclaimed the nearness of your kingdom, calling others to follow as his disciples. Help us to receive the gift of your grace given through the cross and to follow as his disciples; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Reclaim No. 46

Confession and Forgiveness of Sin

P: Today, Jesus Christ comes to us in our ears with a command: “Repent” and “Follow me.” Let us then prepare to receive his Word, to leave our sin behind, and to follow him in the power of his forgiveness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

C: Lord God, we confess to you the many ways we have failed to listen to your voice. Open our ears to receive your call of salvation and life. Enable us to hear your Son, Christ our Lord, so that his Word may move us to turn from our selfish ways and follow him in faith, learning to live in the light of your love. Amen.

P: Upon hearing this, your confession, I, as a servant of the Word and a fellow believer in the kingdom of heaven, announce the grace of God to you. And in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 | Isaiah 9:1-4

Pew Bible Pg. 664

The prophet spoke of the northern tribes of Zebulon and Naphtali, which have been in gloom and anguish living under the oppression of the Assyrian military. Isaiah proclaimed to them God's promise to bring to them the light of his salvation. No longer would God's people suffer in darkness and pain; God would send a deliverer.

Responsive Reading | Psalm 27:1-9

The psalmist boldly declared the blessings of fearless living because the Lord is his light and salvation. There is nothing to fear when God is on our side. Adversaries and foes will fall at the hand of the Lord.

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

R: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

C: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

R: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

C: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

R: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

C: You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."

R: Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Pew Bible 1102

Paul, having greeted the Corinthian church with prayer and thanksgiving, urged them to put aside all division and enmity. Paul made a bold and profound confession of faith: "For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

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 4:12-25

Pew Bible Pg. 935

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 4th 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

O Master, Let Me Walk

Reclaim No. 229

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 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

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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!

Those Serving Today

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch	Keyboardist: Nikki Basel
Reader: Oliver Olstrom	Ushers: Daryl and Rita Schoemaker
Greeters: Jerry and Joyce Roust	
Tech Team: Doug Krahmer, Mike Youngerberg, Vicki Youngerberg and Nancy Heinze	

This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	January 25	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
		6:30pm	“The Table” Young Adults Group
Monday	January 26	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	January 28	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women’s Bible Study
		6:00pm	Movie Night
Thursday	January 29	9:00am	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday	February 1	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School

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.

“The Table” College Age Young Adults Group will meet TONIGHT at Mike and Vicki Youngerberg’s home at 6:30pm – 22 Restless Court, North Mankato.

The Education, Evangelism and Outreach Committee invites you to join us for a **movie night** in the Sanctuary this Wednesday, January 28th at 6:00pm! Popcorn will be served. Bring your own beverages, or water will be available. The featured film will be *I Can Only Imagine*, which tells the powerful true story behind the beloved song written by the Christian band MercyMe.

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 Wednesday, February 4th 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 or call Gary at (507) 340-0713.

Birthdays this week: Joe Olstrom (29th)

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim, God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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