Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ New Life in the Living Word +



Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 25, 2026 | 9:30am

On this 509th Anniversary of the nailing of the 95 theses on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany, we remember the firestorm created by a young monk named Martin Luther. Focusing on the Word of God in its purity, Luther challenged the Church of his day to return to the Lord and to forsake manmade pieties that only caused believers to doubt their salvation and carry a heavy burden of guilt.

Choral Call to Worship | A Harvest of Thanksgiving *(arr: Thornhill/Nordmeyer)*

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: Sovereign God, we pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to reform the church of Christ. Keep it in the true faith; restore, correct, and inspire its teachings; and embolden it to bear witness to the life-giving message of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Reclaim No. 169

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 | Revelation 14:6-7

Pew Bible Pg. 1195

St. John received a vision from God of the Lamb standing on Mount Zion with saints and angels surrounding him. An angel flew over his head with a message of eternity for every tribe and nation: "Fear God and give him glory," as the time of judgment

Responsive Reading | Psalm 46

God was Israel's help in times of trouble, fully present, creating a fortress around the house of Jacob. Though kingdoms would rise and fall, nothing would keep the Lord of Hosts away from his beloved people.

R: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
C: Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
R: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
R: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.
C: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
R: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
C: Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.
R: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.
C: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"
R: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Second Reading | Romans 3:19-28 Pew Bible Pg. 1089

Paul explained that there is no justification that comes through the law. It is solely by faith in Christ that all who believe are made right with God. There is no distinction, as all have fallen short of His glory. The good news of the Gospel is that his gift of forgiveness comes to all who believe, not through works, but through Christ 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 8:31-36 Pew Bible Pg. 1037

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 8th 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

Because He Lives Reclaim No. 204

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

The Church's One Foundation *(vss. 1,2,4,5)* Reclaim No. 88

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
Reader: Helen Meschke
Greeters: Myrna Chamberlain
Keyboardist: Nikki Basel
Ushers: Ron and Sue Brooks
Tech Team: Doug Krahmer, Mike Youngerberg, and Vicki Youngerberg

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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.

Following this morning's worship service there will be a brief time of fellowship in the narthex, and then our **2026 Annual Meeting.** All active and voting members are encouraged to attend. There will not be Sunday School today.

Next Sunday, **All Saints Sunday,** November 1, we will remember those from our church family and our lives who have died in the faith this past year and now rest in the eternal peace of heaven. During worship, we will offer a litany of thanksgiving for those who have died and for the resurrection we share in Christ. If you would like to add a name to the All Saints litany, please text or email Pastor Aaron.

Birthdays this week: Eric Litynski (28th), Erika Pierson (28th) and Charles Bye (30th)
Anniversaries this week: Gene & Vivian Ziegler (26th) and Dave & Rebecca Blum (28th)

This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	October 25	9:30am	Reformation Sunday Worship
		10:30am	2026 Annual Meeting
Monday	October 26	11:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	October 28	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
Thursday	October 29	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	November 1	9:30am	All Saints Sunday Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School

Be Still and Know

Find the 49 ***bold*** *words from Psalm 46:1-7, 10a (ESV).*

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C U Q Q R N T Y T J V L O R D

God is our **refuge** and **strength**, a **very present help** in **trouble**. Therefore we **will not fear** though the **earth gives way**, though the **mountains** be **moved** into the **heart** of the **sea**, though its **waters roar** and **foam**, though the mountains **tremble** at its **swelling**. ***Selah*** There is a **river** whose **streams make glad** the **city** of God, the **holy habitation** of the **Most High**. God is in the **midst** of **her**; she shall not be moved; God will help her when **morning dawns**. The **nations rage**, the **kingdoms totter**; he **utters** his **voice**, the earth **melts**. The **LORD** of **hosts** is with us; the God of **Jacob** is our **fortress**. *Selah* "Be **still**, and **know** that I am God."

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