

# Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



## **The Sixth Sunday after Easter**

**May 10, 2026 | 9:30am**

The theme of following Christ in truth and love abounds on this Sunday. Paul is faced with foreign gods, Peter teaches that suffering is bound to come, and Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them the Holy Spirit to accompany them as they continue his work in the world God loves. Obedience to the Lord's commands means nothing less than the sacrificial love showed the world on the cross.

## **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: Gracious God, you bless us with the presence of your Son, dwelling in us, and the gift of your Holy Spirit as our advocate. Grant that we may treasure this gift above all else, following Christ in humility; 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: Called and gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us come humbly before God and our brothers and sisters in the faith, confessing our sins, known and unknown, trusting in God's gracious word of forgiveness. Our merciful father, who brings life out of death and transforms us into new creatures through his redeeming word, knows the depths of our hearts. Let us make a confession of our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

P: Lord Jesus, Risen Savior,

**C: We come to you in sorrow for our faults and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. Although in Christ our light has come, we too often prefer the darkness of sin. Forgive us, fill us with your Spirit and free us from the shackles of our failings. Give us once again the joy of your salvation and make us instruments of peace and love in the world. Amen.**

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glorious mercy of the Lord shines around you. In the name and by the authority of your Savior, Jesus Christ, I announce the forgiveness of all your sins. May the Holy Spirit strengthen your faith, heal your troubled spirit, and equip you to proclaim the greatness of the Lord until the day he comes again.

**C: Amen! 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 | Acts 17:16-31

Pew Bible Pg. 1073

*As Paul continues his missionary journey in the city of Athens, he is confronted with idol worshippers who wonder what his message is really about. Paul proclaims the Good News of the living God to all those who worship stones and statues.*

### Responsive Reading | Psalm 66:8-20

*God's people have undergone suffering at the hands of their enemies. Like silver is refined in the fire of the silversmith, so God has refined his people through the fires of suffering. The psalmist praised God for his gracious rescue and restoration.*

R: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

**C: who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

R: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

**C: You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs;**

R: you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

**C: I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you,**

R: that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

**C: I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

R: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

**C: I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.**

R: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

**C: But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

R: Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

### Second Reading | 1 Peter 3:13-22

Pew Bible Pg. 1173

*Peter continues his teaching by encouraging the faithful not to fear if they should encounter suffering for the sake of Christ. He urges them to be ready to give a sure defense of their faith. He assures them that their obedience to the Lord's command will put to shame those who want to harm. Even though they suffered, they will be blessed.*

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 14:15-21**

Pew Bible Pg. 1044

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 14<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**

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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 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

### Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Reclaim No. 48

## 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

**Keyboardist:** Nikki Basel

**Reader:** Karen McGregor

**Ushers:** Brad Matthes and Ron Brooks

**Greeter:** Pat and Karen McGregor

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

## This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	May 10	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
Monday	May 11	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	May 13	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	May 14	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
		11:30am	EEO Committee
Sunday	May 17	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Church Council
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School

# Christ the Eternal Lord

1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, whose prom - ise here we claim,  
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word to ev - 'ry pass - ing age,  
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son who shares our hu - man birth,  
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light of ev - er - last - ing day,

whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured on all who name your name;  
whose time - less teach - ings still are heard set forth on Scrip - ture's page;  
and by his death sal - va - tion won for ev - 'ry child of earth;  
our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, the Life, the Truth, the Way;

with thank - ful - ness and praise we stand be - fore your throne,  
trans - form our thought and mind, en - light - en all who read,  
in - spire our hearts, we pray, to tell your love a - broad,  
that light of truth you give to ser - vants as to friends,

in - tent to serve you all our days and make your glo - ry known.  
with - in your Word by faith to find the bread of life in - deed.  
that all may hon - or Christ to - day and fol - low him as Lord.  
your way to walk, your life to live, till earth's brief jour - ney ends.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893; setting: *Service Book and Hymnal*, 1958

DIADEMATA

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# There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness  
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,  
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's  
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.  
flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) for each of the seven systems of music. The lyrics are placed between the staves of each system.

# 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.

**Sponsor-A-Stud:** Next Sunday, May 17th, RLC is partnering with Habitat for Humanity to support their work right here in our city. You're invited to bring a monetary donation with you to church. Every gift, big or small, makes a difference. That morning, you'll find a simple 2x4 board in the narthex. We'll sign it, write words of encouragement, and lift it up in prayer. Then, that very board will be used in the framing of a Habitat home here in Mankato.

**Church Outing:** Grab your glove (or just your appetite) and join us for a night at the ballpark! RLC is teaming up with Epiphany Lutheran Church of Eagle Lake on Sunday, May 31st at 5:05pm for an evening at ISG Field to cheer on the Mankato Moondogs. It's a Faith Night sponsored by KJLY Radio, and for just \$12 you get your game ticket plus a hotdog, pop, and chips included. A sign-up sheet is out on the Welcome Center desk to reserve your spot.

**Summer Learning Series:** Pastor Aaron would love for you to join him for a 12-week journey through the Bible beginning Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be using the book *"Concordia's Bible History: Second Edition"* which you can order online through Concordia Publishing House or at the Bethany Bookstore. Need help ordering the book? Just ask Pastor Aaron? Is the price of the book cost prohibitive? The church will gladly purchase you a copy!

**Birthdays this week:** Marilyn Anderson (12<sup>th</sup>)

**Anniversaries this week:** Tom and Jessica Bye (14<sup>th</sup>)

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