

Resurrection Lutheran Church

1735 East Main Street – Mankato, MN 56001

+ *New Life in the Living Word* +



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 13, 2026 | 9:30am

Forgiveness is often a very difficult subject, even for those who know that we are called to forgive if we want to be forgiven. In our human sinfulness we seek to justify ourselves, coming up with reasons why our brother or sister does not deserve to be forgiven. Joseph speaks a word of forgiveness to his scheming brothers, pointing to the reality that God can work through great pain to bring healing of relationships.

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: Steadfast God, your mercy is everlasting and your forgiveness boundless. As we gather together and receive your word of forgiveness in the gospel proclaimed and the meal shared, renew us in the gift of baptism that we may be signs of reconciliation for the world; 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.

This is My Father's World

Reclaim No. 34

Confession and Forgiveness of Sin

P: The psalmist declares that the God who created us – who loves and redeems us – searches and knows us completely. So we come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace. Even sin and death are not obstacles between us and God. So let us confess our faults that they may be washed away by the mercy of our risen Lord.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

C: We confess that we have sinned against you and one another. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses and taking our sins to the cross. 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 | Genesis 50:15-21

Pew Bible Pg. 50

After the death of Jacob, their father, Joseph's brothers continued to look out for themselves by coming up with a plan to procure Joseph's forgiveness for their prior betrayal of him. Joseph, despite what he had suffered, was able to see God at work for good, even when his brothers' intentions and actions were evil.

Responsive Reading | Psalm 103:1-12

The psalmist sang of the God of forgiveness and praised him for his ways throughout the history of Israel. God's steadfast love covers our sins and brings justice for the oppressed, he sang.

R: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

C: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

R: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

C: who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

R: who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

C: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

R: He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

C: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

R: He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

C: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

R: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

C: as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Second Reading | Romans 14:1-12

Pew Bible Pg. 1098

Paul taught the Romans that people express their faith in ways that might be different from one another. One may eat meat while another refrains from eating meat. One may observe a day as special while another sees it as any other day. This is done by faith; personal piety is not meant to be judged as we all live unto the Lord.

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 18:21-35

Pew Bible Pg. 953

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 18th 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

Lamb of God

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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 blesest 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

Where Charity and Love Prevail *(vss. 1,3,4,6)*

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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: Tony Miller

Ushers: Ron and Sue Brooks

Greeters: The Olstrom Family

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

This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	September 13	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
		4:30pm	Backyard Bash
Monday	September 14	11:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	September 15	1:00pm	WOW Prep Meeting
Wednesday	September 16	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
Saturday	September 19	All Day	Augustana District WOW Gathering
Sunday	September 20	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Church Council
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School

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Lamb of God

Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29

Unison

1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your
 2. Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and scorned Him as He
 3. I was so lost I should have died, But You have brought me to Your

side To walk up - on this guilt-y sod, And to be-come the Lamb of God.
 died; The hum-ble King they named a fraud, And sac-ri-ficed the Lamb of God.
 side To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the

ho - ly Lamb of God. O wash me in His pre - cious

blood. 1,2. My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God. last time rit. 7
 3. Till I am just a lamb of God.

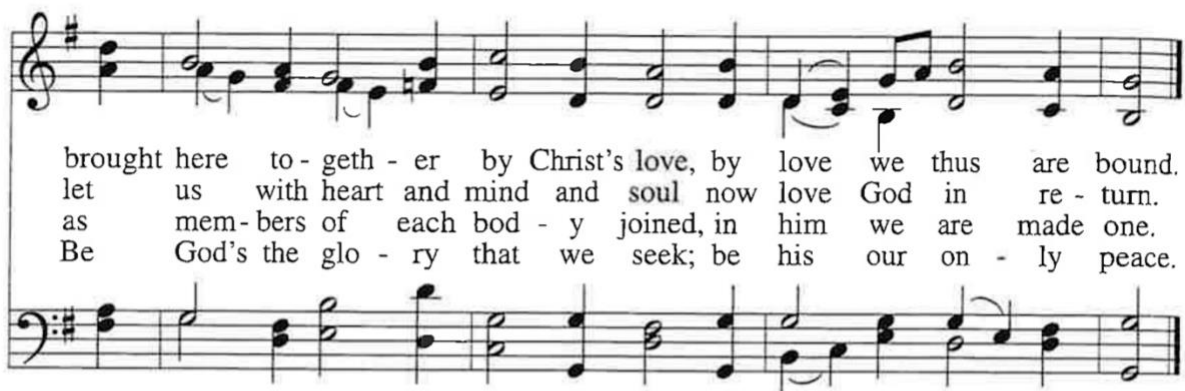
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 MUSIC: Twila Paris

LAMB OF GOD
 L.M.D.

Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.

5 For love excludes no race or clan
that names the Savior's name;
his family embraces all
whose Father is the same.

6 We now forgive each other's faults
as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well
in Christian gentleness.

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, b. 1916, alt.

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824

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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.

Pack your lawn chairs, yard games and appetite! You're invited to our annual **Backyard Bash** THIS AFTERNOON from 4:30PM to 6:00PM on the south lawn. We'll be grilling up fresh hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings, plus chips and ice cream for dessert. Enjoy a relaxing evening under the trees with live entertainment from Father Paul van de Crommert (aka "Cowboy Crommert"), featuring a mix of sacred music, folk tunes, and John Denver favorites. A free-will offering will be collected to support RLC's Mercy Ministry Fund.

RLC is excited to host the Augustana District **Women of the Word Gathering** on September 19th! To get ready, we're planning a fun prep afternoon on Tuesday, September 15th at 1:00PM. We'll walk through volunteer roles, assemble participant bags, and decorate the church to make our guests feel at home.

"The Table" College Aged Young Adults Group will meet for the first time of the semester on Monday, September 21st at 6:00PM at Mike and Vicki Youngerberg's home – 22 Restless Court in North Mankato. Come join us for good food, fellowship and conversation!

Calendar Change: due to a new scheduling conflict of Pastor Aaron's calendar, Monday morning prayer group will be permanently moving to 11:00am each week.

It's time to renew our subscriptions to **Portals of Prayer**. If you are currently receiving this quarterly devotional, please indicate whether you want to renew your subscription or not on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you are not currently receiving Portals of Prayer, but would like to start in January, also see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Who's ready for a good old-fashioned Lutheran smorgasbord? Join us next Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:00PM for a **potluck**! Let's make an evening of it. Do you have favorite games your family loves—Phase 10, Uno, cribbage, Yahtzee, or a classic board game? Bring them! We'll share great food, plenty of laughs, and enjoy a night of fellowship together.

A new year of growth, learning, and fun is right around the corner! **Sunday School** kicks off TODAY following worship. There's a place at the table for every child ages 5 and up as we dive into God's Word and build a foundation of faith that lasts a lifetime.

Birthdays this week: Chuck Kindgren (Today) and Pam Eccles (15th)