

WELCOME! We are pleased to have you worship with us today! Please join us for coffee and snacks in the fellowship hall after worship today.

VISITORS: Please sign the attendance register as it is passed during worship. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to a member of our Congregational Council, or the folks at the welcome center in the entryway of the church. During the offering, you are welcome to give, but please do not feel obligated. You are our guest today.

HOLY COMMUNION: We believe that Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is received in and under the earthly elements of bread and wine. We welcome all baptized Christians who believe our Lord's words: "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" to come and receive the Lord's Supper. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are also available. If you are not yet baptized, we encourage you to come forward and receive a blessing. The gifts of God for the people of God!

BRING THE CHILDREN TO ME: We are pleased to provide activity bags for children of two different age groups at the church entrance on a weekly basis. The bags include crayons, scratch paper and an age-appropriate activity bulletin that is built around the Gospel lesson for the day. Please take a bag and return it after service so we can refill it for the next Sunday.

MEMBERSHIP: If you have interest in becoming a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church, please complete a membership application which can be found in the entryway of the church at the welcome center or in the racks in the entryway or fellowship hall.

PRAYER CHAIN: Prayer is powerful and can be a tremendous help for those in need. If you have a prayer request, or if you are interested in being a member of our prayer chain, please contact Joan Lavoie at 354-8819. All your prayer requests will be kept in confidence among those in the prayer chain.

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| Prelude | "O Church Arise" | |
| Welcome | | |
| Praise Singing | "Let the Fire Fall" "10,000 Reasons" Prayer "Prepare Our Hearts" | |
| Scripture Lessons | I Timothy 4:6-15 (p. 1846) "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" John 1:6-8, 19-28 (p. 1646) | |
| Sermon | | Pastor Scott Joy |
| Hymn of the Day | "Here I Am, Lord" | |
| | Installation of Pastor Phillip L. Phifer "Spirit of the Living God" | |
| Apostles' Creed | | |
| Prayers of the Church | | |
| Offering | "My Savior, My God" | |
| Confession and forgiveness | | |
| Words of Institution | | |
| Lord's Prayer | | |
| Communion | "Give Me Jesus" "Potter's Hand" | |
| Benediction | "A Blessing" | |
| Closing Hymn | "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" | |

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Term ending 2020

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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES: If you would like to have copies of approved Congregational Council minutes including financial reports, please send Julie julie@rlca.us an email and she will put you on a list to regularly receive them, or simply stop by the office and pick up a copy.

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING: The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9th at 5:30 pm

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION:

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*Saved by Grace Alone
Through Faith Alone
Because of Christ Alone*

We are committed to being rooted in the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions while working to fulfill Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples of all nations. We have a great respect for the reality that the church is where the people of God gather together around Word and Sacrament and then go forth to live as witnesses to His love and mercy.

December 17, 2017

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Affiliated with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)

SERVING TODAY:

Scott Joy – Guest Preacher

Julie Wood, Greg Altman, Beth Strong, Don Grabel, Rocky and Ginny
Roland, Sydney Dodson and Mark Hamann – Worship and Music
Leaders

Augie Matuzak – Reader

Bryan Strong – Assisting Minister

Jolie Danielson and Dawn DesChamps – Ushers

Josh and John Treinen – Communion Cups

Dennis and Annette Kindt – Greeters

Annette Kindt and Linda Sansom – Worship set-up

Al Dziesinski – Audio/Visual Technician

Greg and Linda LaHaie and Lori Muszynski – Fellowship

PRAYERS: We remember in our prayers: Pastor Joe Bonno, Shelley Tuuri, Noretta Schwartz, Kayla LaHaie, Barb Tripp, Joanne Gallagher, Dick Reed, Bob McManus, Shelby Benoit, Al Nadeau, Joanne Root, Betty Horne, Beverly Attwell, Daryl Lang, Shawn Manning, Leonard Kemnitz, Jamie Siess, Dennis R. Diamond, Marilee Mead, J.R. Fugate, Ann Marie Brousseau, Mark Kandow, Ella Enderby and the men and women working to unlock the chains of addiction. For those in the military and civilian services, may God guard and protect them as they guard and protect us: Jake Strong, Josh Root, Brandon Brewington, Leland Swift, Roy C. Johnson, David Kloft, Mandy Killingbeck, Jason Michael Duggar, Lance and Hilary Bovee, Justin Besgrove, Brad LaFleche and Aaron Jarvi. *To add a name, please send an email to julie@rlca.us or call 354-7522.*

FOR STUDY AT HOME: The scripture readings for this coming Sunday morning are 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16, Psalm 89:1-5, 19-29, Romans 16:25-27 and Luke 1:26-38. For this coming Christmas Eve worship, the scriptures are Luke 1:26-38, Luke 2:1-20 and Isaiah 7:14.

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP: In addition to our regular Sunday worship times, we will celebrate the season of Advent by holding one more mid-week worship service on December 20th. There will be a light supper served at 5:45 pm with worship beginning at 6:30 pm. This short, 30-40 minute worship time is a great way to prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas. Come join us!

DECEMBER 24TH WORSHIP: Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, there are two different occasions being celebrated on that day. At our regular 9:00 am worship service, we will be celebrating the 4th Sunday of Advent. Then at 5:30 pm, we will have our Christmas Eve worship. Come, fully participate in the waiting of Advent in the morning as well as celebrate the birth of Christ in the evening!

BIRTHDAYS: Greg LaHaie, Bode Moe, Ray Johnson, Emily Thayer, Loren Urlaub, Charlotte Werth, Carrlyssa Leavesley and Nathaniel Muszynski celebrate a birthday this coming week. Happy Birthday to you all!

DECEMBER SERVICE PROJECT – SALVATION ARMY: To end the year of Monthly Service Activities at Resurrection Lutheran, we will be collecting warm mittens, hats and scarves for our neighbors in Alpena. Your items will be included in the Salvation Army Christmas efforts. Your gifts can be placed in the basket in the entryway. We will end this gift opportunity early on Dec. 17th. For more information please call Dawn DesChamps at 354-4241.

The twenty-five RLCA Christmas Shoe boxes were delivered in November and tracking labels were attached so we may eventually find out where they go.

BIBLE STUDIES AND SNOW DAYS: In the event that schools are closed due to weather issues, these three Bible studies will also be canceled: the Monday evening Bible study, the Prayer Chain Bible study and the Tuesday afternoon Bible study.

This Week at RLCA

Sunday, December 17.....9:00 am – worship followed by fellowship and Sunday School

Monday, December 18.....5:30 pm – Feeding Kids Packing (RLCA Team 3)
7:00 pm – Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, December 19.....2:00 pm – Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday, December 20.....7:30 am – staff meeting
5:45 pm – light supper
6:30 pm – Advent worship
7:30 pm – Prophecy Fulfilled Study

Thursday, December 21.....8:00 am – men’s text study
3:00 pm – Sunrise Centre worship
4:30 pm – worship team rehearsal

Sunday, December 24.....9:00 am – worship followed by fellowship
5:30 pm – Christmas Eve worship

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR DEC. 4-10, 2017:

Worship attendance: 55 and 102

Offering: \$2712.35

FEEDING KIDS GIVING FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 3-10: \$2004.00