

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.

Welcome and sharing of the peace

Praise Singing "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"
"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Prayer
"Prepare Our Hearts"

Children's Sermon "Books of the Old Testament"

Scripture Lessons 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16 (p. 477)
Psalm 89:1-5, 19-29 (p. 926)
Romans 16:25-27 (p. 1768)
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
Luke 1:26-38 (p. 1591)

Sermon Pastor Phil Phifer

Hymn of the Day "Thy Word"

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

Offering "Multiplied"

Confession and forgiveness

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion "Great is Thy Faithfulness"
"Be Thou my Vision"

Benediction "A Blessing"

Closing Hymn "Standing on the Promises"

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL:

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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 24, 2017
4th Sunday of Advent**

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Affiliated with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: Tonight at 5:30 pm, we will have our Christmas Eve worship. Come celebrate the birth of Christ in the evening!

BIRTHDAYS: Joan Lavoie, Sam Sansom, David Hamann, Helen Johnson, Dona Robb and Mark Diamond celebrate a birthday this coming week. Happy Birthday to you all!

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

Wednesday, December 27.....7:30 am – staff meeting

Thursday, December 29.....3:00 pm – Sunrise Centre worship
4:30 pm – worship team rehearsal

Sunday, December 31.....9:00 am – worship followed by fellowship

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR DEC. 11-17, 2017:

Worship attendance: 57 and 147

Offering: \$5097.87

FEEDING KIDS GIVING FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 11-17: \$602.50

SERVING TODAY:

Phil Phifer – Pastor

Julie Wood, Greg Altman, Don Grabel, Rocky and Ginny Roland, Rebekah Phifer and Mark Hamann – Worship and Music Leaders

Rhianna Kaszubowski – Reader

Stacy Bauer – Assisting Minister

Sandy Samp and Judy Langerfeld – Ushers

Harrison and Amelia Kaszubowski – Communion Cups

Phifer family – 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, 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 evening's Christmas Eve worship are Luke 1:26-38, Luke 2:1-20 and Isaiah 7:14. The scriptures for next Sunday, December 31st are Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3, Psalm 111, Galatians 4:4-7 and Luke 2:22-40.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH: If you would like to give the flowers in the sanctuary in honor of a special occasion or in memory of someone, contact Julie at 354-7522 to add an announcement in the bulletin.