

**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

*Installation of Joe Spigelmyre to Congregational Council*

Sharing of the Peace

Praise Singing

"10,000 Reasons"  
"As With Gladness Men of Old"  
Prayer  
"I Exalt Thee"

Children's Sermon

"Away in a Manger"

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 60:1-6 (p. 1157)  
Psalm 72:1-11 (p. 907)  
Ephesians 3:1-12 (p. 1817)  
"Halle, Halle, Halle"  
Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 1501)

Sermon

Pastor Phil Phifer

Hymn of the Day

"We Three Kings"

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

Offering

"Hope Was Born That Night"

Confession and forgiveness

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Benediction

"A Blessing"

Closing Hymn

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

**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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

**STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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Director – Worship and Music



*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.**

**January 7, 2018**

Resurrection Lutheran Church of Alpena  
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*Affiliated with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)*

**SERVING TODAY:**

Phil Phifer – Pastor

Julie Wood, Greg Altman, Don Grabiell, Rocky and Ginny Roland, Beth Stron  
and Mark Hamann – Worship and Music Leaders

Rocky Roland – Reader

Bryan Strong – Assisting Minister

Sandy Samp and Linda Sansom – Ushers

Sage Seabase and Austin Phifer – Communion Cups

Dennis and Annette Kindt – Greeters

– Worship set-up

Al Dziesinski – Audio/Visual Technician

– 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 Kadow, 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](mailto:julie@rlca.us) or call 354-7522.*

**FOR STUDY AT HOME:** The scripture readings for next Sunday are 1 Samuel 3:1-10, Psalm 139:1-10, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 and John 1:43-51.

**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.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Bette Lough, Hal Neiman, Phoebe Wojciechowski, Noretta Schwartz and Cathy Moe 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.

**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Monday Adult Bible study – 7:00 pm Monday nights  
Open to all to jump in at any time. Currently studying the book of Luke. We are in Luke 12:41 – the parable of the wise manager. Leader: Pastor Phil
- Prayer Chain Bible study – meets monthly, Tuesday at 12:30  
This is open to anyone on the prayer chain. Studying the Book “Praying with Power.” Leader: Pastor Phil
- Tuesday Bible Study  
Open for all. Currently studying “The Wise and the Foolish,” a study on the discipleship parables of Jesus. Leader: Pastor Phil
- Wednesday night Bible study  
Will begin a study on “Joining Jesus on His Mission” soon. Leader: Julie Wood
- Men’s text study – 8:00 am Thursdays  
Come and jump in at any time – studying the next week’s lessons for Sunday worship.
- Friday night study – 6:00 pm  
Ladies are welcome to join in on this small group which is currently studying Esther. Leader: Stacy Bauer

**This Week at RLCA**

Sunday, January 7.....9:00 am – worship followed by fellowship and Sunday School

Monday, January 8.....5:30 pm – Feeding Kids Packing (RLCA team 2)  
7:00 pm – Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, January 9.....12:30 pm – Prayer Chain Bible Study  
2:00 pm – Tuesday Bible Study  
5:30 pm – council meeting

Wednesday, January 10.....7:30 am – staff meeting

Thursday, January 11.....8:00 am – Men’s text study  
3:00 pm – Sunrise Centre worship  
4:30 pm – worship team rehearsal

Friday, January 12.....6:00 pm – Esther study

Sunday, January 14.....9:00 am – worship followed by fellowship and Sunday School

**ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR DEC. 25-31, 2017:**

Worship attendance: 95  
Offering: \$7448.50

**FEEDING KIDS GIVING FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 25-31: \$4190.00**