

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 given in, with and under the earthly elements of bread and the fruit of the vine. 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

Praise Singing

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
"Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn"
Prayer
"Silent Night"

Children's Sermon

"Jesus Loves Me"

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 63:7-14 (p. 1162)
Psalm 111 (p. 952)
1 Peter 5:1-9 (p. 1891)
"Away in a Manger"
Matthew 2:13-23 (p. 1502)

Sermon

Pastor Brad Matuzak

Hymn of the Day

"Go Tell in on the Mountain"

Apostle's Creed

Prayers of the Church

Offering

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Confession and forgiveness

Words of Institution

"Remember Me"

Lord's Prayer

Communion

"Hallelujah"

Benediction

"Go, my Children, with my Blessing"

Closing Hymn

"Joy to the World"

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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 14, 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 29, 2019

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Affiliated with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)

This Week at RLCA

Sunday, December 29.....9:00 am – worship followed by fellowship

Thursday, January 2.....8:30 am – Men’s Bible Study at JJ’s
4:00 pm – worship team rehearsal

Sunday, January 5.....9:00 am – worship followed by fellowship

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR DEC. 16-22, 2019:

Worship attendance: 30 and 92

Offering: \$2823.15

FEEDING KIDS GIVING FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 16-22: \$2865.00

FOR STUDY AT HOME: The scripture readings for next Sunday are Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-11, Ephesians 3:1-12 and Matthew 2:1-12.

BIRTHDAYS: Jenny Spigelmyre, Ruth Hamann, Sandy Dziesinski and Leandra Dziesinski celebrate a birthday this coming week. Happy Birthday to you all!

SERVING TODAY:

Brad Matuzak – Guest Preacher

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

Kevin Prevost – Assisting Minister

Augie Matuzak – Reader

Jolie Danielson and Judy Langerfeld – Ushers

Dennis and Annette Kindt – Greeters

Al Dziesinski – Audio/Visual Technician

Greg and Linda LaHaie and Laura Frary – Fellowship

Annette Kindt – Worship setup

PRAYERS: We remember in our prayers: Joe Spigelmyre, Stacy Bauer, Keith Peterson, Gladys Bennett, Dan Daoust family, Ruth LeSage, Helen Johnson, Cheryl Gauthier, Robert Lang, Bob Sullivan, Mike Chadkewicz, Carl Pilarski, Sandi Skaluba, Bob McManus, J.R. Fugate, Mark Kadow 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: Chyenne Prevost, Lauren Hoeksema, Todd Horne, Jake Strong, Josh Root, Leland Swift, David Kloft, Mandy Killingbeck, Jason Michael Duggar, Lance and Hilary Bovee and Aaron Jarvi. *To add a name, please send an email to julie@rlca.us or call 354-7522.*

JANUARY SERVICE PROJECT: Resurrection Lutheran Church will be delivering hygiene supplies through our Feeding Kids Ministry along with their weekend food packs. It is a natural fit for this activity to partner with the Monthly Service Project so we will do this the month of January. They are in need of hygiene supplies such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, combs and brushes. The items do not need to be packed together – the Feeding Kids volunteers will do that.

Your generous November and December donations of food and mittens to the Salvation Army were delivered by Dalair Dones and were truly appreciated.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: The Tuesday Bible study will be taking a break for the Christmas holiday. Study will continue on Tuesday, January 7th with a study from the Old Testament. If you're interested in learning more, please contact Joan Lavoie at 354-8819.

EMBRACE GRACE BABY SHOWER: Our Embrace Grace baby shower will be held on Saturday, January 11th from 6:00-8:00 pm. All of you are invited to participate in the event. If you would like to support these young moms and babies in another way – there will be a “clothesline of t-shirts” with needed gift items down on the bulletin board closest to the fellowship hall. Please put purchased gifts down in the baskets underneath the clothesline before January 10th. Another way you can help is by volunteering to decorate or wrap the gifts on January 11th at 1:00 pm. We are also in need of volunteers to provide food for the event. If you are interested in helping or have questions, please contact Annette Kindt at 255-6204, or Shyla Prevost at 916-3450. Everyone is welcome to attend!

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK: The last Sunday School classes of 2019 were held December 15th. Enjoy time in fellowship with your families for the next few weekends. Classes will resume January 12, 2020.

THREE DAYS OF PRAYER: On January 7, 8, 9, 2020 the congregations of LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) are invited to join together in the Annual Three Days of Prayer. January 7th is focused on confession, January 8th on petition and January 9th on vision. You are encouraged to pick up a booklet after worship today to use as a guide for those three days in January. If you have any questions about the three days, feel free to talk to Julie Wood or Dalair Dones.