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.

<u>VISITORS:</u> 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.

<u>MEMBERSHIP:</u> 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 "Jesus I Believe"

"Here I Am to Worship"

"I Exalt Thee"

Children's Sermon

Scripture Lessons Isaiah 42:14-21

Psalm 142

Ephesians 5:8-14

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

John 9:1-41

Sermon Pastor Brad Matuzak

Hymn of the Day "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Apostle's Creed

Prayers of the Church

Offering

Confession and forgiveness

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Benediction "Echo Benediction"

Closing Hymn "I Saw the Light"

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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 <u>julie@rlca.us</u> 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, April 14, at 5:30 pm.

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Director – RLCA School of Music

Director – Worship and Music

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.

March 22, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Resurrection Lutheran Church of Alpena PO Box 151 Alpena, MI 49707 (989) 354-7522 www.rlca.us

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This Week at RLCA

Sunday, March 22......9:00 am – streaming worship

Friday, March 27......6:30 pm – streaming midweek worship

Sunday, March 29......9:00 am – streaming Sunday worship

SERVING TODAY:

Brad Matuzak – Guest Preacher

Don Grabiel, Mark Hamann, Beth Strong and Julie Wood – Worship and

Music Leaders

John Diamond – Audio/Visual Technician

PRAYERS: We remember in our prayers: Amaya Brousseau, Keith Peterson, Gladys Bennett, Dan Daoust family, Ruth LeSage, Helen Johnson, Robert Lang, Bob Sullivan, Mike Chadkewicz, Carl Pilarski, Sandi Skaluba, Bob McManus, J.R. Fugate, Mark Kandow 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 and Aaron Jarvi. To add a name, please send an email to julie@rlca.us or call 354-7522.

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP: This Lent we will hold midweek worship on Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2nd. Pastor Brad will be preaching on the study "Why Did Jesus Have to Die?" There will be a light supper served at 5:45 pm and worship will begin at 6:30 pm. Come and join us as we journey with Jesus through this beautiful season of the church!

FOR STUDY AT HOME: The scripture readings for next Sunday are Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 118:19-29, Philippians 2:5-11 and John 12:12-19.

<u>BIRTHDAYS:</u> Harrison Kaszubowski, Peggy Matuzak and Will Genschaw celebrate their birthdays this coming week. Happy Birthday to you all!

NURSERY: Worship is once again being broadcast on the tv in the nursery. It is available for you if you are experiencing the holy struggle and need to step out for a bit.

RLCA TREASURER: After ten years of wonderful service to RLCA as our treasurer, Doug Horne is stepping out of the position to have more time to travel and enjoy his retirement. We thank you, Doug, for sharing your expertise and sound advice as treasurer!

With Doug's impending exit, Council is now looking for someone new to fill the treasurer position. He hopes to transition out by the end of June. Ideally the new treasurer would have time to work with Doug before he leaves.

What does the treasurer do? The treasurer shall be bonded and be custodian of the funds of the congregation; disburse all funds in accordance with the decisions of this congregation or the Council; present a duly audited report to the Annual Congregational Meeting and other such reports to the Council as may be required; attend meetings of the Council; complete tasks related to payroll, payroll taxes, filling tax returns and reports; see that dual signatures are included on all disbursements; and see that all accounting practices are consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in serving your congregation as treasurer, please talk to a Council member.

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MARCH SERVICE PROJECT – LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF FABRIC KITS:

Resurrection Lutheran will be collecting items to complete Fabric Kits. Since 1945, U.S. Lutherans have provided material resources by the ton for people in need around the world. Our kits are picked up at Immanuel Lutheran Church in October (with other churches in the area) and delivered first to Detroit and then to Maryland warehouses. The kits are sorted into categories and prepared for shipment overseas or in the U.S. The kits travel through a well-coordinated, intercontinental pipeline to get from our congregation to people who truly appreciate the gifts of comfort and support. Overseas kits, in containers, are loaded onto an ocean freighter, which sails to the port nearest LWR's partner-arriving 4-6 weeks from the day it was ordered. Thanks be to God. It is our privilege to be part of this effort. Go to the LWR website to learn more.

- Two pieces of new cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). It should be cut into pieces measuring:
 - o -2 yards of 60" wide fabric, or
 - o -3 yards of 44" fabric, or
 - -4 yards of 36" wide fabric
- Two spools of matching general-purpose thread, 250-300 yards each.

Do not add other items or leave out any of the item. All items should be new. Wrap thread securely in the middle of fabric and roll or fold fabric and tie securely with ribbon/yard/string, etc. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags. However, please feel free to donate individual items if you do not want to do an entire kit. Or, donate the items and we'll put them together for you. There will be a complete explanation sheet available for you to take with you. This Lenten season, as our congregation journeys toward the cross, let us also walk with people in need. See Dalair Dones (255.6913) with questions.

April Service Activity will be St. Vincent's Food Pantry.

STREAMING WORSHIP: Streaming of worship will be available through the end of March. Our midweek worship will be streamed on Friday, March 20 and 27 at 6:30 pm and anytime thereafter. Our Sunday morning worship will stream on Sunday March 22 and 29, at 9:00 am and any time thereafter. To watch worship online, simply go to our website www.rlca.us and click on the livestream link on the bottom right-hand side of the main page. From there you can click on any pre-recorded worship services. Stay connected with us all during these times. Please continue to pray!

<u>WORSHIP FOR UPCOMING MIDWEEK AND SUNDAYS:</u> Council continues to monitor and discuss the Coronavirus situation. We will continue to update you as a congregation through email, website and phone calls as more information becomes available.