

# Resurrection Lutheran Church

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***We welcome all who worship here today!***  
*Please greet one another in the love of our Savior!*

We celebrate the *Sacrament of Holy Communion* today  
which is open to all baptized believers of Jesus Christ.  
All others are invited to come for a blessing.

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Pastor:	Rev. Eric S. Little
Pastor Emeritus:	Rev. G. Baylis Corley
Organist:	Sara Lineberger
Pianist:	Lois "Bud" Porth
Cantor:	Larry Barwick
Lay Assistant:	Beth Shuler
" Next Sunday:	Becky Haigler
Acolyte:	
Crucifer:	
Altar Flowers:	Christmas Poinsettias
" Next Sunday:	Christmas Poinsettias
Nursery:	Ansley Turnblad and Kathy Stowe
" Next Sunday:	Brenda McLellan and Lynn Doster
Altar Guild:	Nell Felkel, Gail Corley, Mallory Baldwin, Donna Rhame and Ashley Stowe
Ushers:	Brett Evans; Capt., Johnnie McLellan, Drew Evans, Sandy Houck and Jonathan McLellan

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Hearing devices are available. Please see an usher for assistance.

[Please see announcements printed in the back of this bulletin.]

# Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

Cameron, South Carolina

*Third Sunday of Advent*

*December 16, 2018*

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## **PRELUDE**

## **SHARING**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free,  
the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy,  
the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

**Amen.**

Let us come before God in confession.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

To you, O God,

**we lift up our souls.**

**You know us through and through;**

**we confess our sins to you.**

**Remember not our sins;**

**remember us with your steadfast love.**

**Show us your ways;**

**teach us your paths;**

**and lead us in justice and truth,**

**for the sake of your goodness**

**in Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**Amen.**

Sisters and brothers, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation.  
Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of † Jesus;  
you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads!  
The reign of God is near.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN NO: 244**

**REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS**

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH**

**HYMN NO: 240 (VS. 3)**

**“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”**

## **BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATH**

Lord Jesus, you continue to do great things for us. Give us your gift of peace as we await your coming.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### *Children's Message at Resurrection*



## **FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-20**

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing

<sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

<sup>19</sup>I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Isaiah 12:2-6**

(sing responsively—cantor begins)

<sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not | be afraid,  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become | my salvation.

<sup>3</sup>**With joy you | will draw water  
from the wells | of salvation.**

<sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call | on God's name;  
make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name |  
is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done | gloriously;  
let this be known in | all the earth.**

<sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy | One of Israel.

Sing  
to the Lord;  
for He has done  
Glorious things  
let this be known to  
All the World.  
Isaiah 12:5

**SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” <sup>13</sup>He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Eric Little

**HYMN OF THE DAY NO: 241 (RLC) 260 (SMLC)**

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.  
*Each portion of the prayers ends with*  
Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Into you hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
Trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**ANTHEM**

*"Come, Rejoice, Believers"*

Buxtehude  
Adult Choir

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE—HYMN NO: 884**

**"Praise God, from Whom..."**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**MEAL**

**DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
 ..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

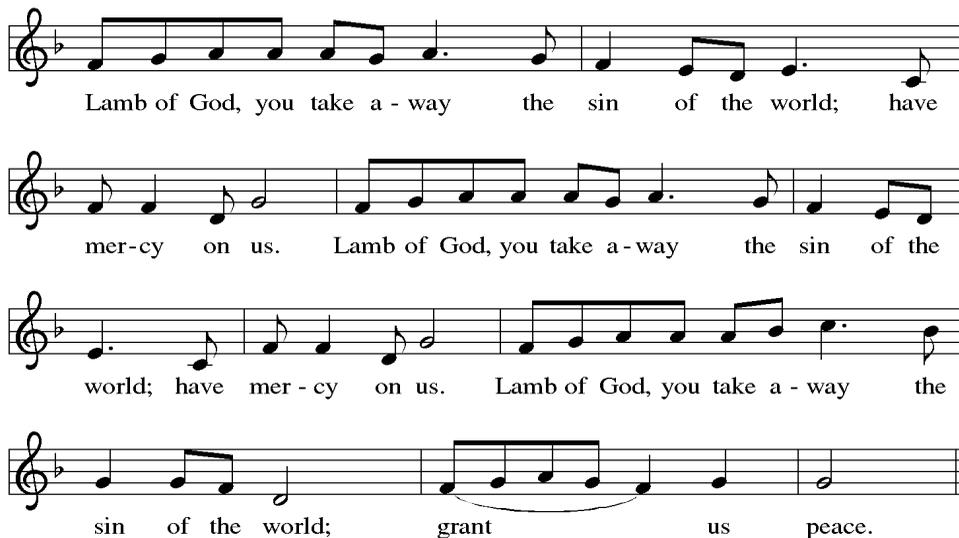
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

#### COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

#### HOLY COMMUNION

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN NO: 717**

**LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE STREAMS**

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Special Services for Christmas...

St. Matthews Lutheran Church will celebrate Christmas Eve with a special service on Monday, December 24, 2018 at 10:30 pm. Resurrection will have a Christmas Eve service at 5:30 pm on Monday, December 24, 2018.

### Committee Assignments...

We are now working committee assignments for 2019. If you are listed on a committee and no longer wish to serve or if you wish to serve on another committee, please let us know in the office as soon as possible.

### Congratulations to the congregation's 2019 officers....

Jim Gates—Vice President, Rhonda Polin—Secretary, and Lisa Peden—Treasurer.

### Bible Studies....

for both St. Matthews and Resurrection have concluded until the beginning of 2019. Bible studies will begin their normal schedule starting the week of January 7, 2019.

### Thank you so much....

for helping with the Angel Tree Christmas Project. Thanks to you, we were able to help over 20 children have a special Christmas this year! God bless you!!



<b>FAITH</b>  Every night in every home	<b>FAITH 5 READINGS:</b>	
 <b>SHARE</b> highs and lows	Sun., Dec. 16 ..... Luke 3:7-18	
 <b>READ</b> a Bible verse or story	Mon., Dec. 17 ..... Isaiah 11:1-9	
 <b>TALK</b> about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows	Tues., Dec. 18 ..... Numbers 16:20-35	
 <b>PRAY</b> for one another's highs and lows	Wed., Dec. 19 ..... Luke 7:31-35	
 <b>BLESS</b> one another	Thurs., Dec. 20 ..... Psalm 80:1-7	
<a href="http://www.faith5.org">www.faith5.org</a>	Fri., Dec. 21 ..... Hebrews 10:32-39	
	Sat., Dec. 22 ..... Isaiah 66:7-11	

## **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 16, 2018**

Monday	11:00 am	Memorial Service for Lee Weaver: RLC
Wednesday	7:30 pm	Choir Practice: RLC
Next Sunday	9:00 am	Worship: SMLC
	10:00 am	Sunday Church School: RLC
	10:00 am	Sunday Church School: SMLC
	11:00 am	Worship: RLC

### **PARISH PRAYER LIST:**

#### **Members**

Billy Smith  
Peter Sonne  
Rev. & Mrs. G. Baylis Corley  
Helen Bull  
Dewey Kemmerlin  
Gail Corley  
Elaine Ulmer

#### **Military**

Zach Hyleman & Family (El Salvador)  
J. T. Gantt  
Ryan Zitnick  
Dominic Panza  
Andrew Pekarek  
Kamryn Edgemon

#### **SC Synod Staff**

Rev. Herman Yoos, Bishop  
Rev. Ginny Aebischer, Bishop's Assistant  
Rev. Eric G. Wolf, Bishop's Assistant  
Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop—ELCA

### **FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE PARISH:**

Jan Croft—mother-in-law of Michael Weeks  
Jennifer Davy—cousin of Debbie Barwick  
Sue Morrow—mother of Nancy Smith  
Keith Wages—friend of Richard and Nancy Smith  
LeAnna Flynn—daughter of Reta Westbury  
Gary Ryder—friend of Larry Barwick  
James “Wig” Weathers—friend of Mickey Weeks  
Jerry Wiles—friend of Gwen Fulmer  
Pete Lesesne—brother-in-law of Larry and Debbie Barwick  
Karen Montgomery—cousin of William Robinson  
Sara Wade—friend of Sandy and Sherry Houck  
Robert Gantt—friend of Sandy and Sherry Houck  
Kevin Lucas—father of Katie Haigler  
Ernie Hinson—friend of Mickey Weeks  
Harold Nalley—grandfather of Erin Burch, Ansley Turnblad and Taylor Porth  
Gladys Zellmer—former member of the parish  
Beth Rickenbaker—friend of Nancy Smith  
Gina Garrick—friend of Dot Edgemon  
Mary Baker—Mother of Kathy Black  
Anthony Clamp—cousin of Gwen Fulmer, John and Gary Porth  
Cecelia Sparrow—grand niece of Steve and Venis Holstad  
Josh Hamilton—friend of David Rast  
Stuart Crawley—family member of Reta Westbury  
Dorothy Eckhart—friend of Heber and Gloria Rast and their family  
Kay Summers Cherup—friend of the Community