

# Resurrection Lutheran Church

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***We welcome all who worship here today!***

*Please greet one another in the love of our Savior!*

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Pastor:	Rev. Eric S. Little
Pastor Emeritus:	Rev. G. Baylis Corley
Organist:	Sara Lineberger
Pianist:	Sydney Porth
Cantor:	Heber Rast
Lay Assistant:	Becky Haigler
“ Next Sunday:	Kathy Black
Acolyte:	
Crucifer:	
Altar Flowers:	Christmas Poinsettias
“ Next Sunday:	Christmas Poinsettias
Nursery:	Brenda McLellan and Lynn Doster
“ Next Sunday:	Beth Shuler and Lisa Peden
Altar Guild:	Nell Felkel, Gail Corley, Mallory Baldwin, Donna Rhame and Ashley Stowe
“ Next Month:	Lynn Doster and Jean Wiles
Ushers:	Brett Evans; Capt., Johnnie McLellan, Drew Evans, Sandy Houck and Jonathan McLellan
“ Next Month:	Bobby Joe Wiles; Capt., Kent Taylor, Jim Gates and Fred Austin

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

# Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

Cameron, South Carolina

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 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: 263 (RLC) 251 (SMLC)**

## **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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and  
might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and  
serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## **LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH**

**HYMN NO: 240 (VS. 4)**

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

## **BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATH**

God our Savior, nothing is impossible for you. Prepare our hearts to rejoice in  
your glorious advent.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### *Children's Message at Resurrection*



## **FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a**

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of  
Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

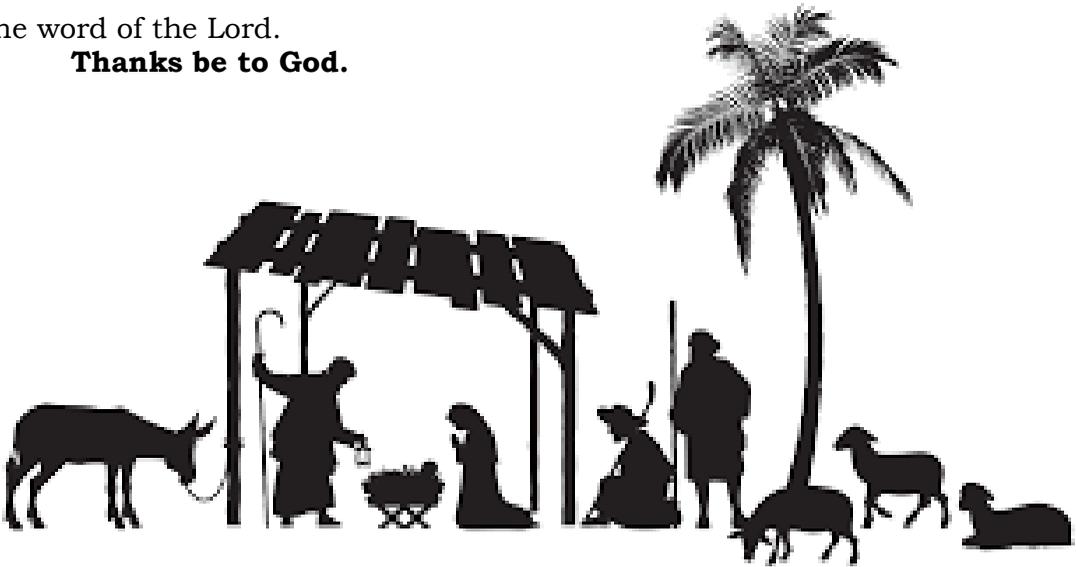
<sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has  
brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of  
Israel.

<sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;  
<sup>5a</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7**

*(sung responsively, cantor beginning)*

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,**  
**stir up your strength and | come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore | us, O God;  
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup>**O LORD | God of hosts,**  
**how long will your anger fume when your | people pray?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the | bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,**  
**and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O | God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

<sup>8</sup>When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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 first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

<sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And

why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

And Mary said,

*My soul  
magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit  
rejoices in God  
my Savior*

Luke 1:46-47

**SERMON**

Pastor Eric S. Little

**HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 251 (RLC) 723 (SMLC)**

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**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**ANTHEM**

*“MARY’S BABY”*

*—Althouse  
Adult Choir*

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE – HYMN NO. 884 “Praise God, from Whom ... ”**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, 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 your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
Trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.



**Amen.**

## **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. 723 (RLC) 267 (SMLC)**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# Coming ATTRACTIONS

## 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.

## Pastor will be on vacation...

Pastor Eric will be out of the office beginning Tues., Dec. 25, 2018 and will be back Wed., Jan. 2, 2019. Please contact Rev. Wayne Young for any pastoral emergencies at (803) 682-0644.

 Every night in every home  <b>SHARE</b> highs and lows  <b>READ</b> a Bible verse or story  <b>TALK</b> about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows  <b>PRAY</b> for one another's highs and lows  <b>BLESS</b> one another <a href="http://www.faith5.org">www.faith5.org</a>	<h2>FAITH 5 READINGS:</h2> <p>Sun., Dec. 23 ..... Luke 1:39-45 [46-55] Mon., Dec. 24 ..... Luke 2:1-14 [15-20] Tues., Dec. 25 ..... John 1:1-14 Wed., Dec. 26 ..... Matthew 23:34-39 Thurs., Dec. 27 ..... John 21:20-25 Fri., Dec. 28 ..... Matthew 2:13-18 Sat., Dec. 29 ..... I Chronicles 28:1-10</p>	    
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## **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 23, 2018**

Monday	5:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service: RLC
	10:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service: SMLC
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  
Rosie Poston  
Barbara Barber

#### **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  
Bernie Johnson—husband of Lois Johnson