

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.

| Pastor |
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| Pastor EmeritusRev. G. Baylis Corley |
| Organist |
| Lay Assistant·····Kim Little |
| Lay Assistant Next Sunday Amanda Avildsen |
| Altar Flowers Hayne and Ann Haigler |
| " Next SundayEdward and Beth Shuler |
| NurseryKatie Haigler and Beth Rast |
| " Next Sunday |
| Acolyte and Crucifer Emily Haigler and Hadley Evans |
| Acolyte and Crucifer Next SundayAnna Briggs Evans and Sara Haigler |
| Altar GuildVenis Holstad, Dianne McKeowen, and Donna Rhame |
| UshersReed Salley; Capt., Josh Johnson, Keith Haigler, |
| and Danny Philpot |
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Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

Cameron, South Carolina

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2024

PRELUDE

SHARING

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God, our rock and refuge,

Silence is kept for reflection.

we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN NO: 617 (RLC) 843 (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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



FIRST READING: Isaiah 40: 21-31

- ²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;
- ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
- ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
- ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
- ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

- ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?
- ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
- ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
- ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;
- ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c (spoken responsively)

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God! How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!

²The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem, and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.

³The LORD heals the | brokenhearted and binds | up their wounds.

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<sup>4</sup>The LORD counts the number | of the stars
and calls them all | by their names.
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<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;
there is no limit | to God's wisdom.
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⁶The LORD lifts | up the lowly, but casts the wicked | to the ground.

⁷Sing to the LORD | with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp | to our God,

⁸who covers the heav- | ens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- | on the mountains.

⁹God provides food | for the cattle and for the young ravens | when they cry.

- ¹⁰God is not impressed by the might | of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,
- ¹¹but finds pleasure in those who I fear the LORD, in those who await God's steadfast love. ²⁰CI Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I

became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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. Mark, the first chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY NO: 773 (RLC) 673 (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

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERTORY RESPONSE—HYMN NO: 884

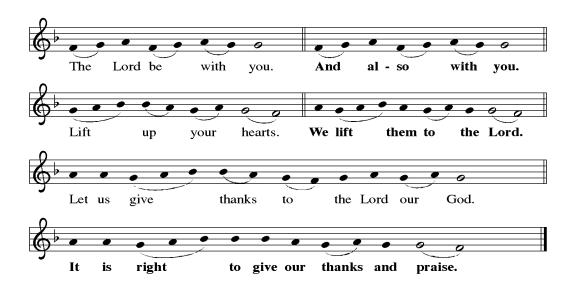
"Praise God, from Whom..."

OFFERING PRAYER

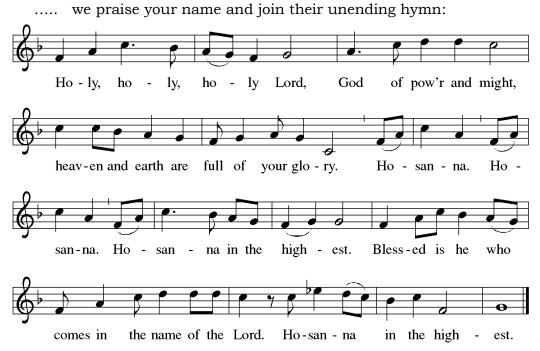
MEAL

DIALOGUE





It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

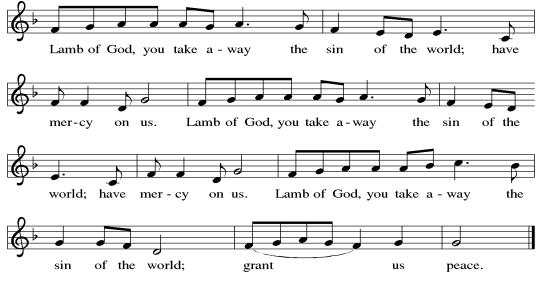


THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



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: 860 (RLC) 842 (SMLC)

DISMISSAL

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

Mark your calendars...

A blood drive will be here at RLC on Wed., March 20, 2024. More details to come.

We Express Our Sympathy...

to the family and friends of *Dot Edgemon* at her death January 24, 2024. Her funeral was held on January 31, 2024 at Crestlawn Memorial Gardens in Orangeburg, SC. May God comfort her family and friends with the assurance of the Resurrection!

The Season of Lent is near...

An Ash Wednesday at RLC on February 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm. There will be no meal before this service. The following Wednesdays in Lent until Holy Week we will have a meal at 6:00 pm and Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm.

Annual Handbooks...

If you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting, the Handbooks that were given out that day have been placed on the table outside of the Fellowship Hall

Council meeting...

All RLC council members are requested to attend the regularly scheduled meeting immediately following the morning service at 12:00 pm on Feb. 11, 2024. Please let Bayne Haigler, council chair, or Pastor Eric know if you are unable to attend.

"Souper Bowl of Caring" Offering...

will be taken up on Sun., Feb. 11, 2024 to be given to the Snack Pack program for Calhoun County children in need. Your donation is very much appreciated!

Pancake Supper.....

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper sponsored by Lutheran Men in Mission will be Tues., Feb. 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. All members of the parish are invited.

Bible Study....

We will have bible studies the week of February 5. We will not have bible studies during the Lenten Season. No bible studies the week of February 12-April 1, 2024. Bible studies will resume the week of April 8, 2024.

Lutheridge Day Camp is RETURNING...

We will have Day Camp at RLC June 17-21, 2024. Registration is now open to all rising first through rising sixth grades. Forms are on desk outside fellowship hall. Cost is \$100 per child. If you have any questions, please contact Olivia Salley at olivia.burttram@gmail.com or by calling (843)909-4541.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE for the Week of February 4, 2024

| Monday | 7:00 pm | Bible Study: SMLC |
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| Wednesday | 10:00 am | Bible Study: RLC |
| Next Sunday | 10:00 am | Children's Music: RLC |
| - | 10:00 am | Sunday Church School: RLC |
| | 10:15 am | Choir Practice: RLC |
| | 11:00 am | Worship: RLC |
| | 12:00 pm | Council Meeting: RLC |



MEMBERS:

Rev. & Mrs. Baylis Corley Chris Philpot John Capizzi, III

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Andrew Pekarek

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