

Resurrection & St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

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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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Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish
Cameron, South Carolina

First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

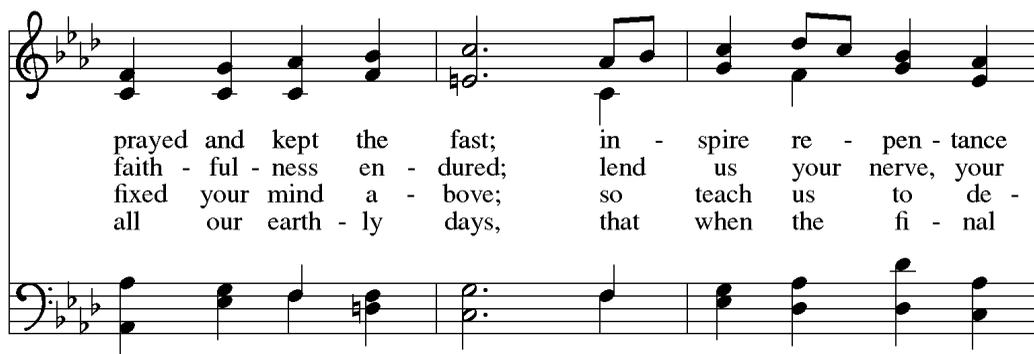
GATHERING HYMN: NO. 319

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O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Children's Message



THE GOSPEL: GENESIS 9:8-17

A reading from Genesis.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY: NO. 517

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

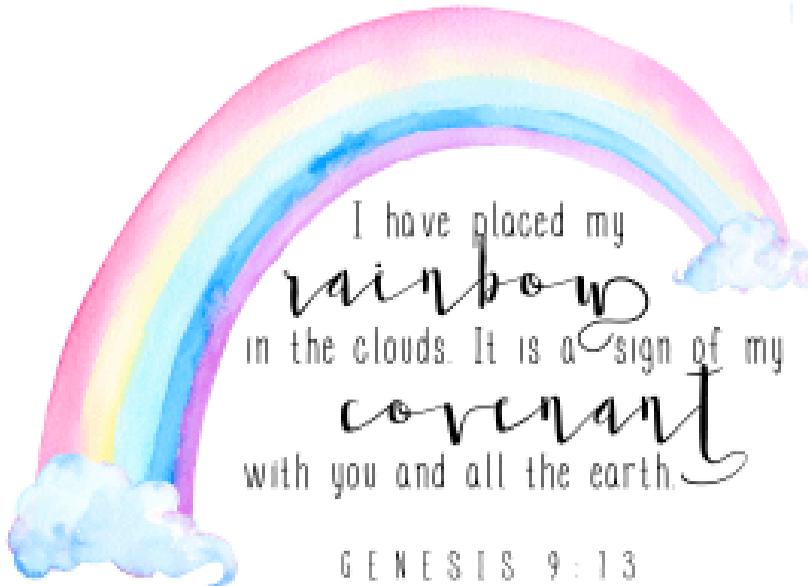
and bring to naught all he has done.
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction (*especially . . . here local environmental concerns may be named*). Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer (*especially*). Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern (*especially*).

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness. Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION *(If it is raining, we continue as follows:)*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**



FINAL 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.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



PARISH
NEWS
& Events

Sunday Lenten Worship Services...

will begin this week. Weekly services are scheduled for 5:00 pm each Sunday evening at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. The service will be canceled in case of inclement weather. There will be no Wednesday night services this year.

TRMC Blood Mobile...

The TRMC Blood Mobile will be at Resurrection Lutheran Church on February 24, 2021 from 3:00-7:30 pm. Please make plans to help with this most important cause. Please call or see Sharon Polin ([803-516-1864](tel:803-516-1864)) to sign up.

Council highlights...

Of the February 14, 2021 council meeting are on the table outside of the fellowship hall.

*I was glad when they said
unto me,
Let us go into the house of the
LORD.
Psalm 122:1*

PARISH PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS:

Billy Smith
Rev. & Mrs. G. Baylis Corley
Dewey Kemmerlin
Debbie Barwick
Chris Philpot
Nancy Smith

MILITARY:

Zach Hyleman Family
J. T. Gantt
Ryan Zitnick
Dominic Panza
Andrew Pekarek

SC SYNOD STAFF:

Rev. Rick Carter,
Assistant to the Bishop
Rev. Emily Edenfield,
Assistant to the Bishop
Rev. Ginny Aebischer,
Bishop
Rev. Elizabeth Eaton,
Presiding Bishop—ELCA

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE PARISH:

Jennifer Davy—cousin of Debbie Barwick
Sue Morrow—mother of Nancy Smith
Gary Ryder—friend of Larry Barwick
Jerry Wiles—friend of Gwen Fulmer
Pete Lesesne—brother-in-law of Larry and Debbie Barwick
Robert Gantt—friend of Sandy and Sherry Houck
Carol Rivers—wife of Delmar Rivers
Ray Williams—friend of Delmar Rivers
Michael Edge, Jr.—son of Michael Edge, Sr.
Nancy Whetstone—relative of Kathy Stowe
Rick Baldwin—father of Bryan Baldwin
Carol Messersmith-- Friend of David Rast
John Capizzi, Jr.—frequent visitor to congregation
Beth Stone—daughter of Billy & Cecile Smith
Ann Reynard—friend of David Rast
Dan Morgan—father of Tammy Huggins
Frank Baran—uncle of William Robinson
Rev. Bob Young—former pastor of the parish
Gary Blake—friend of Larry Barwick
Todd Layton—friend of the Community
Ann Van Dyke—aunt of Debbie Barwick
Jacquie Muir—friend of Larry and Debbie Barwick
LeAnna Flynn—daughter of Rita Westbury
Katie Atkins—friend of Adam Barwick
Phil and Becky Frederick—friend of Nancy Smith
Glen Garrett—friend of Peter and Julia Sonne
Joye Rush—friend of Larry and Debbie Barwick
Ervene Hiers—friend of Nancy Smith