

# 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: ..... Capers Bull, Jr.  
Lay Assistant Next Sunday: ..... Pat Black  
Acolyte: .....  
Crucifer: .....  
Altar Flowers:..... Christmas Poinsettias  
“ Next Sunday: ..... Birnie and Lois Johnson  
Nursery:..... Sharon Polin and Catherine Austin  
“ Next Sunday: ..... Kathy Stowe and Lynn Doster  
Altar Guild: ..... Lynn Doster (Co-Ordinator), Sharon Polin, Rhonda Polin, & Gloria Rast  
“ Next Month: ..... Ashley Stowe and Ansley Turnblad  
Ushers: ..... Pat Black; Capt., Drew Evans, Bryan Baldwin, John Corley & Brad Stowe  
“ Next Month: .....Fred Austin; Capt., Edward Rast, Jim Gates and David Rast

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

# Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

Cameron, South Carolina

The First Sunday of Christmas

December 26, 2021

Christmas Service of Lessons & Carols

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## PRELUDE

## SHARING

### GATHERING HYMN: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

NO. 270

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

**Refrain:** *Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

*Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, the incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!*

**Refrain:** *Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

*Hail the heav'n born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.*

**Refrain:** *Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*



**OPENING PRAYER:**

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

L: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

**C: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

L: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**C: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

Gracious God, through the ages you have sent your promise to your people in many ways, through many voices. But in these last days, your Son has come to bring it among us in person. Through your Spirit, prepare our hearts to recognize him in many forms, and to receive him as our Lord and Savior.

**Amen.**

*For unto us a child is born,  
unto us a son is given: and the  
government shall  
be upon his shoulder:  
and his name  
shall be called.....*

*Wonderful, Counsellor,  
the mighty God,  
the everlasting Father,  
the Prince of Peace.*

*Isaiah 9:6*

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7**

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**CAROL: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming***

**NO. 272 (vs. 1&2)**

*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath  
sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as  
seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a-  
mid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.*

*Isaiah had foretold it, the rose I have in  
mind; with Mary we behold it, the  
virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she  
bore to us a Savior, when half-spent was the night.*

**SECOND READING: Micah 5:2-5a**

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 labour 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>5</sup> and he shall be the one of peace.

**CAROL: *O Little Town of Bethlehem***

**NO. 279 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)**

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above  
while mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.*

*O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!*

*O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!*

### **THIRD READING: Luke 1:26-35, 38**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

### **CAROL: *It Came upon the Midnight Clear***

**NO. 282 (vs. 1-3)**

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gracious king."  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.*

*Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing,  
and ever o'er its babel sounds the blessed angels sing.*

*And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow:  
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;  
oh, rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!*

### **FOURTH READING: Luke 2:1-7**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of

David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**CAROL: *Away in a Manger***

**NO. 277 (vs. 1-3)**

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord  
Jesus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked  
down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, but little Lord  
Jesus, no crying he makes. I love you, Lord Jesus; look  
down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me for-  
ever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in  
your tender care and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.*



**CAROL: *Silent Night, Holy Night!***

**NO. 281 (vs. 1)**

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child,  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heav-en-ly peace,  
Sleep in heav-en-ly peace.*

## FIFTH READING: Luke 2:8-16

8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 14 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' 15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' 16 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

### CAROL: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

NO. 289 (vs. 1&2)

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.*

*Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heav'nly song?*

*Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.*



## SIXTH READING: Luke 2:21-35

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. 22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), 24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the

law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.<sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.<sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,<sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,<sup>29</sup> ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’<sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.<sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed<sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

**CAROL: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

**NO. 288 (vs. 1-3)**

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!*

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear the endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven’s door, and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!*

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and call you all to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!*

**SEVENTH READING: Matthew 2:1-11**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,<sup>2</sup> asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;<sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

<sup>5</sup>They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**CAROL: *The First Noel***

**NO. 300 (vs. 1-3)**

*The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in  
fields as they lay; in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; and to the  
earth it gave great light, and so it con-tinued both day and night.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.*

*And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;  
o seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.*

**EIGHTH READING: John 1:1-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was

coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**CAROL: *Love Has Come***

**NO. 292 (vs. 1 & 2)**

*Love has come—a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.*

*Love is born! Come, share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay.  
See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying?  
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers; Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.*

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the  
Father; through him all things were made.**  
**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was Incarnate  
of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**  
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death  
and was buried.**  
**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he  
ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds  
from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**  
**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**  
**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the  
resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**  
**Amen.**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

**Let us pray.**

L: Glory to God in the highest,

**C: and peace to God’s people on earth.**

L: Blessed are you, Prince of peace.

You rule the earth with truth and justice.

**C: Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

L: Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humility.

**C: Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.**

L: Blessed are you, Son of God.

You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

**C: Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we  
may bear your light to all the world.**

**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.**



**DISMISSAL:**

L: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: May we be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

May almighty God bless us now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: *Joy to the World!***

**NO. 267**

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king; let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.*

Go in peace, and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Joy* to the world

# weekly ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Thank you to...**

Bayne Haigler for leading our service today while Pastor Eric and Mrs. Kim are away on vacation.

## **Committee Assignments...**

We are now working committee assignments for 2022. 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...**

Pat Black, Jr. who was elected Chairman of Council for 2022 and Lynn Doster who was elected Secretary.

## **Thank you...**

to all who participated in the Christmas Angel Giving Tree this year. The gifts have been delivered to many children who now have an extra special Christmas to look forward to! Again, many thanks to all involved.

## **Attention All Choir Members...**

Choir Practices have resumed on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. If at all possible, please attend these very important practices as we begin to add Special Music back into our Worship Services. Thank you!

## **2022 Offering Envelopes...**

are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall of the Parish Building.

## **A Word of Thanks...**

Mr. Morris and I would like to thank the congregation here at Resurrection Lutheran for the very generous gift that you gave each of us at Christmas. We both feel truly blessed to work with the people here and just wanted you to know how much it means to us!  
~Malissa

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

Wednesday	7:00 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

# PRAYER LIST:

### MEMBERS:

Billy Smith  
Rev. & Mrs. G. Baylis Corley  
Dewey Kemmerlin  
Debbie Barwick  
Chris Philpot  
Michael Edge, Jr.  
Elaine Ulmer

### MILITARY:

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  
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  
Nancy Whetstone—relative of Kathy Stowe  
Rick Baldwin—father of Bryan Baldwin  
John Capizzi, Jr.—frequent visitor to  
Congregation  
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  
Todd Layton—friend of the Community  
LeAnna Flynn—daughter of Reta Westbury  
Jacquie Muir—friend of Larry and Debbie  
Barwick

Katie Atkins—friend of Adam Barwick  
Phil & Becky Frederick—friend of Nancy  
Smith  
Ervene Hiers—friend of Nancy Smith  
Mike Robinson—friend of Bates Houck  
Justin Line—grandson of Lois Porth  
Isadore Tramutra—Uncle of John Capizzi, III  
Birnie Johnson—husband of Lois Johnson  
Nick Sonne—brother of Peter Sonne  
Nancy Waugh—aunt of Nancy Smith  
Emily Waugh—cousin of Nancy Smith  
Jimmy Boyd and family—friend of Nancy Smith  
Pam Connor—friend of Kim Little  
Olivia S. Daniels—friend of the Community  
Patsy Brooks—friend of Esther Dufford  
Carol Edwards—friend of Doug and Lynn Doster  
Brooke Fralix—friend of Kim Little  
Courtney Line—granddaughter of Lois “Bud” Porth  
John Hager—son of Christine Philpot  
Family of Tommy Jackson—son of Carole Greene