

Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

Cameron, South Carolina

GATHERING

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

GATHERING HYMN NO. 533

OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!
- 3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.
- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep thy gift divine;
howsoe'er temptations thicken, may thy word still o'er me shine
as my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

GREETING

You are the treasured people of the Lord,
A people holy to the Lord our God.

Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.
**Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.**

One does not live by bread alone,
But by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

SCRIPTURE SONG:



☒ Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.



☐ Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O God of the u - ni - verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na - tions.



Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and sing the glo - ry of your name?



☒ Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.



☐☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☒ Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136 (spoken responsively)

¹²⁹Your de- | crees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with | all my heart.

¹³⁰**When your word is opened | it gives light;**
it gives understanding | to the simple.

¹³¹I open my | mouth and pant because I long for | your commandments.

¹³²**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,
as you always do to those who | love your name.**

¹³³Order my footsteps | in your word; let no iniquity have dominion | over me.

¹³⁴**Rescue me from those | who oppress me,
and I will keep | your commandments.**

¹³⁵Let your face shine up- | on your servant and teach | me your statutes.

¹³⁶**My eyes shed | streams of tears,
because people do not | keep your teaching.**



SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL:

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” ³³He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” ⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR ERIC LITTLE

HYMN NO. 774 (RLC) 793 (SMLC)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

APOSTLES' CREED

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Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;
pray in the Holy Spirit.

Keep yourselves in the love of God;
look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self examination.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone.

Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERTORY RESPONSE – HYMN NO. 884

“Praise God, from Whom ... ”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God, our Creator,

You open wide Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature.

With these gift we bless You for Your tender nurture and care.

Help us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS

As God's people called to love one another,
Let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family and all the world.
Each portion of these prayers concludes with these words

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with these words:

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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BLESSING

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing.

Amen.

May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN NO. 785 (RLC) 705 (SMLC)

DISMISSAL

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

Opportunity to help...

Alison Weeks, daughter-in-law of Perry and Martha Ann Weeks, has been fighting colon cancer. The nursing home that she works for in Bishopville, SC has decided to sponsor a fundraising event for her. It's called "A Poker Run & Auction" for Alison and will be held on July 29, 2023. For more information, contact Martha Ann Weeks at 803-707-2028.

You are invited...

to come join the SC Lutheran Men for their annual Shrimp Boil at the Coastal Retreat Center on Sat., Sept. 30, 2023 beginning with a social hour at 5:00-6:00. A suggested donation of \$15 per person is encouraged and all are welcomed to attend. The event is being sponsored by the SCLMM. RSVP to Jimmy Smith at 803-730-4637 by Sept. 7th or email at jasmith52700@gmail.com.



Memorials Given to
Resurrection & St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

In Memory of
Debbie Barwick

Given by:

Joe and Elaine Haigler	Milton and Esther Dufford
Ryan and Somer Lynne Haigler	Hayne and Ann Haigler
Tracy and Rosie Poston	Pete and Pam G. Lesesne
Barbara S. Haigler	Charles G. Nesmith
Margaret Ross	

*Create in me a clean
heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit
within me.*

Psalm 51:10

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 30, 2023

Next Sunday	9:00 am	Worship: SMLC
	10:00 am	Children's Music: RLC
	10:00 am	Sunday Church School: SMLC
	10:00 am	Sunday Church School: RLC
	10:15 am	Choir Practice: RLC
	11:00 am	Worship: RLC



MEMBERS:

Rev. & Mrs. Baylis Corley
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Rev. Paul Hirth
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FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE PARISH:

Carol Rivers—wife of Delmar Rivers
Ray Williams—friend of Delmar Rivers
Nancy Whetstone—relative of Kathy Stowe
Rev. Bob Young—former pastor of the parish
Nancy Waugh—aunt of Nancy Smith
Emily Waugh—cousin of Nancy Smith
Olivia S. Daniels—friend of the Community
Patsy Brooks—friend of Esther Dufford
Courtney Line—granddaughter of Lois “Bud” Porth
Ricky Line—son-in-law of Lois “Bud” Porth
Laura Ann Merrill—niece of Nancy Smith
Bill Epting—friend of Gwen Fulmer
Eleanor Bassett—friend of Caroline Porth
Matthew Wannamaker—friend of Gary Porth
Rhett Tindall—friend of Larry Barwick
Steve Brunson—friend of Mickey Weeks
Megan Lucas—sister of Katie Haigler
Beth Stone—daughter of Cecile Smith
Julie Crider Layton—friend of Gwen Fulmer
John Capizzi, Jr.—father of John Capizzi, III
Justin Line—grandson of Lois “Bud” Porth
Kristi Bolton—friend of the Community
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Winnie Rickenbaker—friend of Doug and Lynn Doster
Billy Price—cousin of Doris Giese
Glenda Goings—cousin of Doris Giese
Alison Weeks—Daughter-in-law of Perry and Martha Ann Weeks
Mack Shirer—brother of Martha Ann Weeks