

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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Welcome

PLEASE GREET ONE ANOTHER IN THE LOVE OF OUR SAVIOR!

*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 Rev. Eric Little
Pastor Emeritus Rev. G. Baylis Corley
Organist C.B. Bull, Jr.
Cantor Marie Rast
Lay Assistant Sandy Houck
Lay Assistant Next Sunday Jim Gates
Altar Flowers Mickey and Mitzi Weeks
“ Next Sunday Breck and Erin Burch
Nursery Katie Haigler and Emily Ann Evans
“ Next Sunday Somer Lynne Haigler and Ashley Stowe
Acolyte and Crucifer Sarah Haigler and Ellie Sonne
Acolyte and Crucifer Next Sunday Kinsey Stowe and Arleigh Nickel
Altar Guild Becky Haigler and Olivia Salley
Ushers Danny Philpot; Capt, John Corley, Hank Rhame,
and William Robinson

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

Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

Cameron, South Carolina

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

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 God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,

you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.

We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.

We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.

For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.

For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.

For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.

Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;

in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,

God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.

God's compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN NO: 774 (RLC) 864 (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: “This is the feast....”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.**WORD****Children's Message****FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21**

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOD MEANT IT
for good

GENESIS 50:50

PSALM: Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 (sung responsively, cantor begins)

¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and forget not | all God's benefits—**

³who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;

⁴**who redeems your life | from the grave and
crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;**

⁵who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

⁶**O LORD, you provide | vindication
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**

⁷You made known your | ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.]

⁸**LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love;**

⁹you will not al- | ways accuse us,
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.

¹⁰**You have not dealt with us according | to our sins,
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.**

¹¹For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.

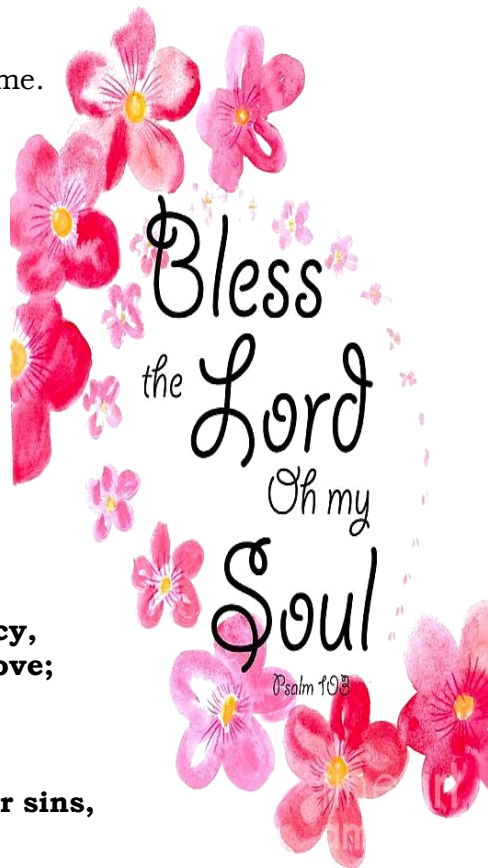
¹²**As far as the east is | from the west,
so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.**

¹³As a father has compassion | for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O LORD.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables.

³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some



judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell

down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Eric Little

HYMN OF THE DAY NO: 359 (RLC) 603 (SMLC)

APOSTLES' CREED

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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 your 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..."

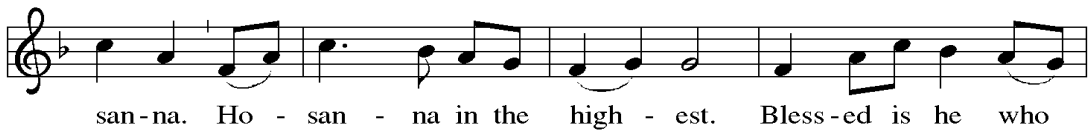
OFFERING PRAYER

MEAL

DIALOGUE



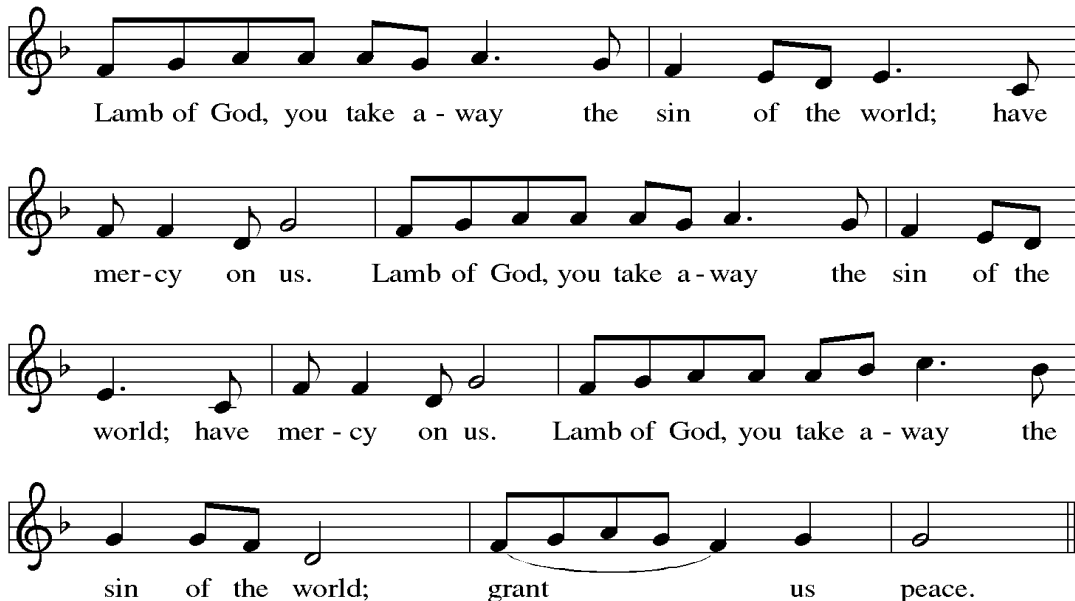
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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: 543

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

You are invited...

Sunday mornings at 10:00, the Crazy 8's will gather in the back Sunday School Room of the parish building. Please join them!

Council highlights...

of the September 10, 2023 meeting are on the table outside the fellowship hall.

Sealed bids are being taken...


On items removed from the kitchen during the kitchen renovation. The items are as follows: stainless steel sink, convection oven, and gas stove (the stainless steel table the stove is sitting on does NOT go with the stove). Turn in your sealed bids to the church office. You must specify which item or items you are bidding on. The bidding will close on September 30th, the kitchen committee will receive the bids from the church office, and determine who gets what.

News from Camp Kinard!...

Save the date! September 19, 2023 is "Laugh, Learn, and Lunch" for all ages. Will include discussion about what Scripture has to say about food and fellowship. Also, hear about the history of our southern BBQ from a certified SC Barbecue Association judge!

St. Francis of Assisi...

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, a Blessing of the Animals service will be held Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 4:00 pm near the steps outside the RLC sanctuary. Please make sure your pets are appropriately restrained. If you would like Pastor Eric to come to your location to bless your animals, please e-mail him at pastorrlc@windstream.net or give him a call.



**From the rising
of the sun
To the place
where it sets,
The name of the**



Lord

is to be praised.

Psalm 113:3

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

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



MEMBERS:

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

MILITARY:

Andrew Pekarek

SC SYNOD STAFF:

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

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE PARISH:

Carol Rivers—wife of Delmar Rivers
Ray Williams—friend of Delmar Rivers
Nancy Whetstone—relative of Kathy Stowe
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
Emory Rush—friend of the Community
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
Carolyn Dietrich—friend of Monty and Kathy Rast