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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

PRELUDE

SHARING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, \pm the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN NO. 853 (RLC)

805 (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.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Children's Message at Resurrection

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." ¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸ and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:15-22 (read responsively)

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous, and God's ears are open | to their cry

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16The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

17The righteous cry, and | the LORD hears them and delivers them from | all their troubles.
 18The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted and saves those whose spir- | its are crushed.

19Many are the troubles | of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from | every one.
 20God will keep safe | all their bones; not one of them | shall be broken.

21Evil will bring death | to the wicked and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.
22O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said ⁵⁶"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Eric Little

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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 ..."

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, 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



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.



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. 810 (RLC) 618 (SMLC)

DISMISSAL

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

Announcements

The Adult Sunday School Class...

that meets in the overflow room, will not meet again until the first Sunday in September. We have new adult Sunday school materials supplied to us by the South Carolina Synod that will be used for our study.

We hope to see you in September as we begin a new Sunday school year with materials written by our own South Carolina Synod.

The Education Committee...

is meeting right after the church service in the fellowship hall. If you are already on this committee or interested in participating, please join us. If you have any questions, contact Somer Lynne Haigler (803) 928-9540.

Calling all men of the parish...

Lutheran Men in Mission will meet on September 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. for a dinner and planning session in the fellowship hall. We want to hear your ideas and get your input to continue to move our group forward. Please come and intentionally invite another man of the parish to come also.

Save the date...

The Blood Connection will be here, at Resurrection Lutheran Church, on September 16, 2024. You can pre-register and answer questions if you have previously given blood with the Blood Connection, using the donor number they gave you. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Polin at (803)516-1864.

Choir Practice...

will be resuming for the fall on Wednesday, September 11 at 7:30 pm. We would like to have members of the church, especially any women, to come and join us for the next church year. A great talent is not needed, just the willingness to give a couple of hours a week.

We Express Our Sympathy...

to the family and friends of *Mrs. Cecile Smith* at her death Tuesday, August 20. Her funeral was Saturday at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church with burial in the church Cemetery. May God comfort her family and friends with the assurance of the Resurrection!



Memorials Given to Resurrection Lutheran Church

In Memory of **Rev. Baylis Corley**

Given by: Johnny and Kristen Evans

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 25, 2024

Today 12:00 am Educ	ation Meeting: RLC
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Next Sunday 9:00 am Worship: SMLC

10:00 am Sunday School: SMLC 10:00 am Sunday School: RLC

11:00 am Worship: RLC



MEMBERS:

Barbara Corley Chris Philpot

MILITARY:

Andrew Pekarek

SC SYNOD STAFF:

Rev. Rick Carter,
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 Nancy Whetstone—relative of Kathy Stowe Olivia S. Daniels-friend of the Community Patsy Brooks-friend of Esther Dufford Courtney Line—granddaughter of Lois "Bud" Porth Bill Epting-friend of Gwen Fulmer Eleanor Bassett-friend of Caroline Porth Matthew Wannamaker—friend of Gary Porth Rhett Tindall—friend of Larry Barwick Megan Lucas—sister of Katie Haigler Beth Stone—daughter of Cecile Smith Julie Crider Layton—friend of Gwen Fulmer Justin Line-grandson of Lois "Bud" Porth Mack Shirer-brother of Martha Ann Weeks Carolyn Dietrich—friend of Monty and Kathy Rast Kay D. Lancaster—friend of Doris Giese Roy Lockett-friend of Gary Porth Gwynette La-Terra—friend of Larry Barwick Alison Weeks—Daughter-in-law of Perry and Martha Ann Weeks Harold Nalley-grandfather of Erin Burch and Ansley Turnblad John Jones—nephew of Frank and Emily Heape Rhea Kelsall—friend of Peggy Hirth Frances Huffman—friend of Doris Giese Mamie Mills-aunt of Doris Giese Kathy J. Wiles-Community Friend Matthew Lizewski-friend of Gary Porth Barbara Ryder—friend of Larry Barwick David Mellon—brother of Chris Philpot Jerry Sands—nephew of Frank and Emily Heape Gwen Huffman—friends of the Community Marty Williams—friend of the Community Emily Knobeloch—friend of the Nell Felkel