

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
Organist: ········C.B. Bull
Lay Assistant:Katie Haigler
" Next Sunday:Db Rast
Altar Flowers:Doug and Lynn Doster
" Next Sunday: Drew and Emily Evans
Nursery: Olivia Salley and Emily Haigler
" Next Sunday: Ashley Stowe and Kathy Stowe
Acolyte and Crucifer Briggs Evans
" Next Sunday: Joseph Haigler and Natalie Grace Porth
Altar Guild:Becky Haigler and Olivia Salley
Ushers: William Robinson, Capt., John Corley, Hank Rhame, and Reed Salley

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

# Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

Cameron, South Carolina.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

#### PRELUDE

#### SHARING

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

#### Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

#### Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

## Amen.

#### GATHERING HYMN: 879

#### FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

#### 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.

#### KYRIE

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE:**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## WORD Children's Message



#### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

<sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. <sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? <sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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## **PSALM:** Psalm 15 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle? Who may abide upon your | holy hill?
<sup>2</sup>Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right, who speak the truth | from their heart;

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends; they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

# <sup>4</sup>In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

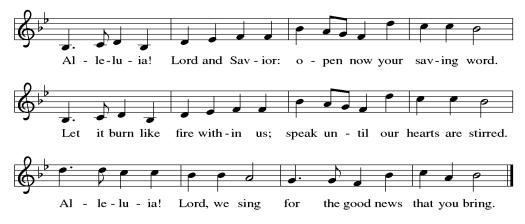
## SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. <sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 



The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" 6He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' <sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." <sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. <sup>21</sup>"For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

#### HYMN OF THE DAY: 818

## O MASTER LET ME WALK WITH THEE

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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 you 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

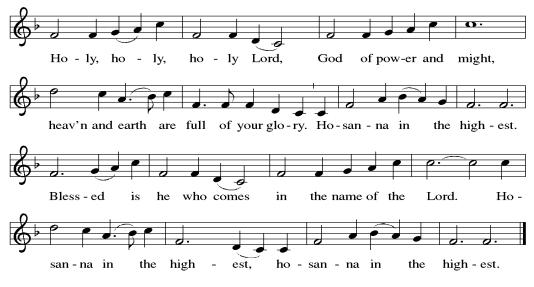
## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Life up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give out thanks and praise.** 



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

## **COMMUNION SONG**



## 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: 583 (RLC)

717 (SMLC)

## DISMISSAL

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

#### We welcome...

Rev. James Kinsler who will be suppling for us today while Pastor Eric and Kim are away.

#### Kick off to Sunday School...

Calling all children of the church to join us for breakfast at 10:00 am on Sunday, September 8, 2024 in the fellowship Hall . We will be celebrating the beginning of a new Sunday School year.

#### Council meeting...

All council members are requested to attend the scheduled meeting on Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 12:00 pm. If you cannot attend, please let Bayne Haigler, our council chair, or the pastor know. **NOTE:** This is a change of date.

#### Bible Study...

will start back the week of Sept. 9, 2024.

#### 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. The Menu will be: Jim Gate's famous chicken bog, vegetables and dessert. You are asked to intentionally invite another man of the parish to come also. Come enjoy good food, fellowship, and share your ideas.

#### Save the date...

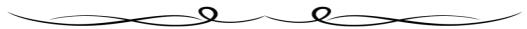
The Blood Connection will be here, at Resurrection Lutheran Church, on September 16, 2024. You can pre-register and answer questions if you have previously given blood with the Blood Connection, using the donor number they gave you. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Polin at (803)516-1864.

#### **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.

#### You are invited to....

attend the "Seekers" adult Sunday School Class (formally known as the "Crazy Eights") for an informal discussion each week in the room nearest the back door of the parish building. During this time, we discuss the day's lessons, as we "seek" to discern their meaning and how the scriptures speak to us as they impact our faith journey. Adults of **all** ages are welcome! Come give us a try!



Memorials Given to

## **Resurrection Lutheran Church**

In Memory of

## **Rev. Baylis Corley**

Given by:

Walter and Teresa Betsill

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Next Sunday	10:00 am	Breakfast: RLC
		Sunday School: RLC
	11:00 am	Worship: RLC

#### 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 Garv 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 Beth Dowtin-niece of the Reta Westbury



MEMBERS: Barbara Corley Chris Philpot

## **MILITARY:**

Andrew Pekarek

#### SC SYNOD STAFF:

Deacon Kimberly Heindl, Asst. to the Bishop

> Rev. Rick Carter, Asst. to the Bishop

Rev. Ginny Aebischer, Bishop

Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop—ELCA