# Resurrection Lutheran Church

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Nursery: Amanda Johnson and Mims Taylor
"Next Sunday: Somer Lynne Haigler and Arleigh Nickel
Acolyte and Crucifer Olivia Turnblad and Arleigh Nickel
"Next Sunday: Hadley Evans and Emily Haigler
Altar Guild: Mims Taylor, Ashley Stowe, Kathy Stowe, Krystal Zeigler,
Mims Taylor, Ashley Stowe, Kathy Stowe, and Julia Sonne
"Youth Ushers: Corbin and Henry Johnson, Joseph Haigler, and Felder Evans
"Ushers: Sandy Houck, Capt.; Denny Haigler, Richard Smith,
Drew Evans, and Perry Weeks

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

# Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

Cameron, South Carolina

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

#### 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 the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon,

#### Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

Amen.

we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through + Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

# HOLY SPIRIT (FRANCESCA BATTISTELLI) RLC YOUTH GROUP WORDS IN BACK OF BULLETIN

#### 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

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



#### LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

HYMN NO: 240 (VS. 1-2) "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

#### BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATH

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.** 

#### FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM: Luke 1:68-79** (read responsively)

- <sup>68</sup> Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel, you have come to your people and | set them free.
- 69 You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior, born of the house of your | servant David.
- <sup>70</sup>Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from our enemies.
  - 71 from the hands of | all who hate us,
  - 72 to show mercy | to our forebears, and to remember your | holy covenant.
- <sup>73</sup> This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:

<sup>74</sup> to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,

free to worship you | without fear,

75 holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life.

- <sup>76</sup> And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,
  - 77 to give God's people knowledge | of salvation by the forgiveness | of their sins.
- <sup>78</sup> In the tender compassion | of our God the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,
  - $^{79}$  to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death, and to guide our feet into the | way of peace.

# SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup> constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup> because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup> to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup> having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **CHRISTMAS STORY:**

"JUST A LITTLE CHRISTMAS" YOUNG CHILDREN



**SERMON** Sydney Haigler

HYMN OF THE DAY: "DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR" (CARRIE UNDERWOOD)

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**PEACE** 

**OFFERING** 

ANTHEM "NOEL" Youth Choir

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

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#### **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.

**HYMN NO: 290** 

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

\*\*CONGREGATION PLEASE BE SEATED AFTER SONG\*\*

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

# Council Meeting...

Council will meet right after the morning congregational meeting in the overflow room.

# Congregational Luncheon...

There will be a luncheon after the morning service today. The church will provide the meat and tea and the congregation is asked to bring a side and dessert.

# Christmas Angel Tree Presents ...

are due back to the church by Tues., Dec. 10, 2024. If you have any questions/concerns please contact Gloria Rast at 803-707-2288.

## Christmas Eve Service...

at Resurrection will be on Dec. 24, 2024 at 5:30 pm. St. Matthew's will not have a Christmas Eve Service this year!

# Committee Assignments...

We are now working on committee assignments for 2025. 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.

# Directory Update...

We are now working on updating the church's directory. Please, make sure all of your information is up to date. Also, please check your land line entry and let us know if you no longer have one. The directory is located on the lecture stand near the table outside of the fellowship hall for you to hand write any corrections next to your name.

## Lutheran Men in Mission....

will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 pm. All men of the parish are invited to attend this time of food and fellowship.

#### **OFFICIAL NOTICE**

Congregational Meetings at Resurrection to be held after the morning worship services on the following date:

# January 19, 2025

Purpose to receive annual reports and any other business that may come before the congregation.

# **Holy Spirit Lyrics**

There's nothing worth more
That could ever come close
No thing can compare
You're our living hope
Your presence, Lord
I've tasted and seen
Of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome, by Your presence, Lord
Your presence, Lord

There's nothing worth more
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Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord
Your presence, Lord

Let us become more aware of Your presence Let us experience the glory of Your goodness Let us become more aware of Your presence Let us experience the glory of Your goodness

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your presence, Lord



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# SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2024

Today	12:00	pm	Congregational Meeting: RLC
	12:10	pm	Council Meeting: RLC
Monday	7:00	pm	Bible Study: SMLC
Wednesday	10:00	am	Bible Study: RLC
	6:30	pm	LMM: RLC
	7:30	pm	Choir Practice: RLC
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 Heber Rast

#### **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

# 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 Roy Lockett-friend of Gary Porth Gwynette La-Terra—friend of Larry Barwick Alison Weeks—Daughter-in-law of Perry and Martha Ann Weeks John Jones—nephew of Frank and Emily Heape Rhea Kelsall—friend of Peggy Hirth Frances Huffman—friend of Doris Giese 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 Emily Knobeloch—friend of the Nell Felkel Beth Dowtin—niece of the Reta Westbury Karen Kennedy—cousin of the Mickey Weeks Denton Ussery—father of Mitzi Weeks Tasha Gaffney-friend of John Capizzi Shirley Fox Irick-niece of Doris Giese Beth Irick Kuck-niece of Doris Giese Gregg Culler-friend of Mitzi and Mickey Weeks