

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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*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:..... CB Bull
Cantor: Larry Barwick
Lay Assistant:Milton Dufford
 “ Next Sunday: Mims Taylor
Altar Flowers:Christmas Poinsettias
Nursery:..... Somer Lynne Haigler and Arleigh Nickel
 “ Next Sunday: Beth Shuler and Barbara Haigler
Acolyte and Crucifer..... Hadley Evans and Emily Haigler
 “ Next Sunday: Sarah Haigler and Anna Briggs Evans
Altar Guild:Mims Taylor, Ashley Stowe, Kathy Stowe, Krystal Zeigler,
..... Ansley Turnblad, Beth Rast, Mallie Shaw, and Julia Sonne
“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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 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, † 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,
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.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN NO: 242 (RLC)

843 (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.

KYRIE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; 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. 1-3)

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATH

We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ’s advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord’s coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Amen.

WORD

Children's Message



FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸ as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. ¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰ At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Isaiah 12:2-6 (sung responsively, cantor begins)

² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not | be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become | my salvation.

³ **With joy you | will draw water
from the wells | of salvation.**

⁴ And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call | on God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name
| is exalted.

⁵ **Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done | gloriously;
let this be known in | all the earth.**

⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy | One of Israel.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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. Luke, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” ¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.” ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Eric Little

HYMN OF THE DAY NO: 239 (RLC)

246 (SMLC)

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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

"THE ANGEL GABRIEL..."

JOHN CAPIZZI

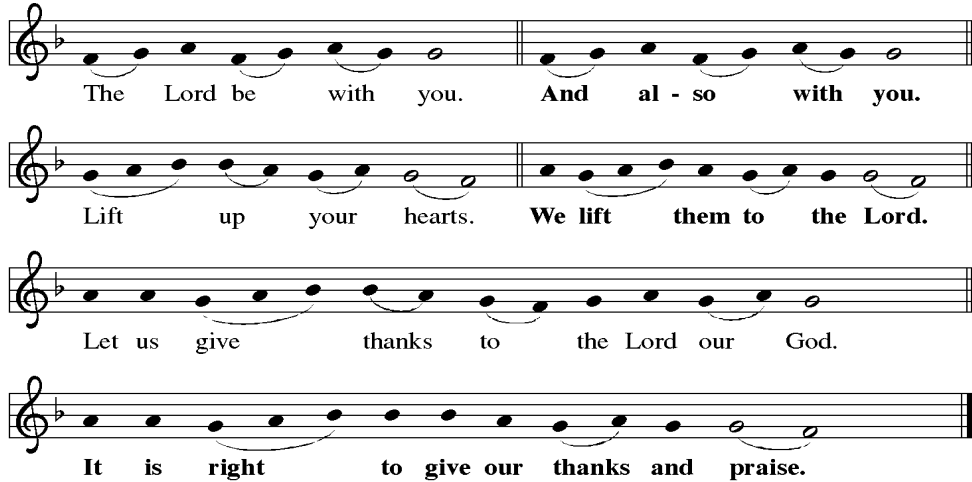
OFFERTORY RESPONSE—HYMN NO: 884

"Praise God, from Whom..."

OFFERING PRAYER

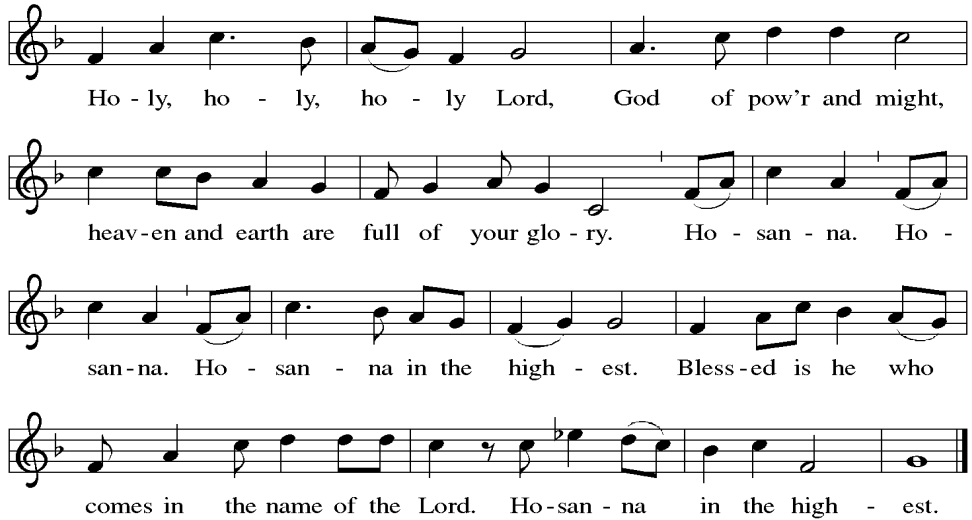
MEAL

DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

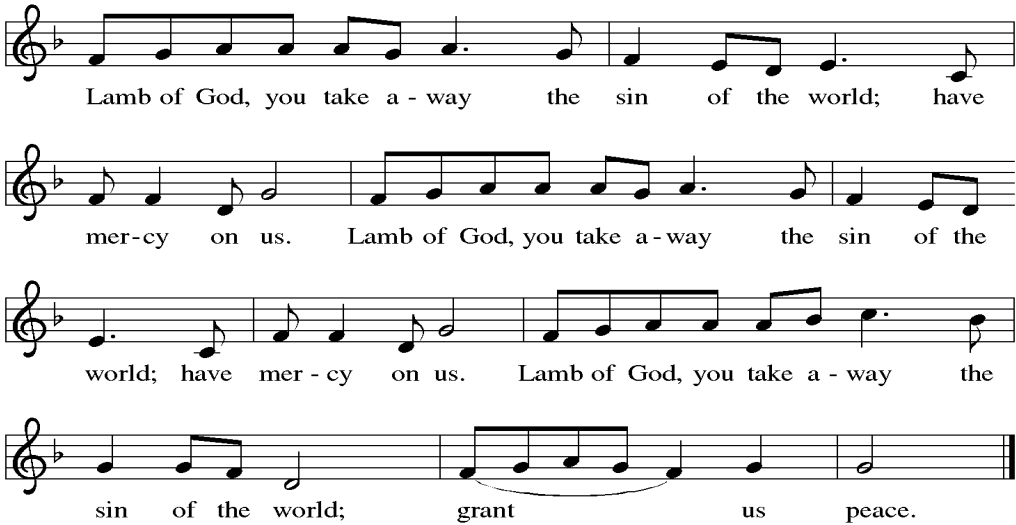
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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

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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: 264

PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

**Congregational Meeting 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.

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.

Bible Study...

Will resume after the New Year on Monday, January 6, and Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

Congratulations to...

Richard Smith who was elected as council chair and Krystal Zeigler who was elected council secretary for 2025.

Thank you...

to all who participated in the Christmas Angel Giving Tree this year. The gifts have been delivered to many children who now have an extra special Christmas to look forward to! Again, many thanks to all involved.

*Memorials Given to
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church*

In Memory of
Jeanne Rast

Given by:
Belle Perrow

In Memory of
Moss Perrow, Sr.

Given by:
Adair Fogle J.D. and Martha Emily Shirer
Sallye Bunch Milton and Esther Dufford

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2024

Wednesday	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

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE PARISH:



MEMBERS:

Barbara Corley
Chris Philpot
Heber Rast
Frank Gruetzmacher

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

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 Knobloch—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
Rick Collins—friend of Gwen Fulmer
Family of Erin Bochette—granddaughter of Doris Giese