

# Resurrection Lutheran Church

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Altar Flowers:.....Christmas Poinsettias  
Nursery:..... Beth Shuler and Barbara Haigler  
“ Next Sunday: .....Mallie Shaw and Krystal Zeigler  
Acolyte and Crucifer..... Sarah Haigler and Anna Briggs Evans  
“ Next Sunday: .....Joseph Haigler and Natalie Grace Porth  
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

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

# Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

Cameron, South Carolina

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*December 22, 2024*

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## **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: 254 (RLC) 631 (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**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might,  
free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you al-  
ways, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever.

**Amen.**



### **LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH**

**HYMN NO: 240 (VS. 1-4)**

**“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”**

## BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATH

Praise to you, O God, who lives with us, sharing our flesh and bones. As Mary waited and Joseph dreamed, so we dream and wait for you. Bless us and let your face shine upon us, more radiant than these candles, and more dear than all else we seek. Restore us when we fail to refuse the evil and choose the good, and banish all our fears. We pray in the name of Emmanuel, your promised child and our Savior.

**Amen.**

## WORD

# Children's Message



## FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; <sup>5a</sup> and he shall be the one of peace.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Luke 1:46b-55 (read responsively)

<sup>46b</sup> My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> **for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your | lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will | call me blessed:**

<sup>49</sup> you, the Almighty, have done great | things for me  
and holy | is your name.

<sup>50</sup> **You have mercy on | those who fear you,  
from generation to | generation.**

<sup>51</sup> You have shown strength | with your arm  
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,

<sup>52</sup> **casting down the mighty | from their thrones  
and lifting | up the lowly.**

<sup>53</sup>You have filled the hungry | with good things  
and sent the rich | away empty.

<sup>54</sup>**You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,  
to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,**

<sup>55</sup>the promise made | to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever.

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; <sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. <sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’ (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).” <sup>8</sup>When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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 first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among

women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Eric Little

**HYMN OF THE DAY NO: 439**

**SOON AND VERY SOON**

**NICENE CREED**

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“CALL TO ADVENT”**

**ADULT CHOIR**

## **OFFERTORY RESPONSE—HYMN NO: 884**

**“Praise God, from Whom...”**

## **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.**

## **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.

**Amen.**

## **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.**

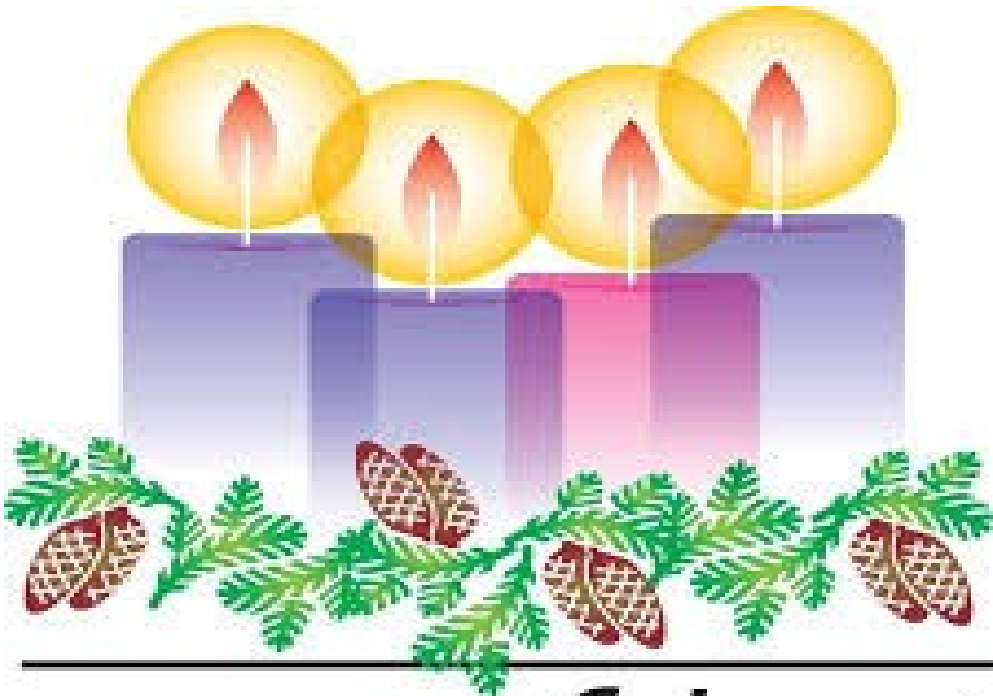
**SENDING HYMN NO: 723**

**CANTICLE OF THE TURNING**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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### **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.

#### **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.

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 2024

Tuesday	5:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service: 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 Knobeloch—friend of the Nell Felkel  
Beth Dowtin—niece of the Reta Westbury  
Karen Kennedy—cousin of the Mickey 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 Denton Ussery, Sr.—father of Mitzi Weeks  
Bess Holloman—friend of the Community