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

Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

Cameron, South Carolina

First Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2024

Service of Lessons & Carols

PRELUDE

SHARING

GATHERING HYMN: *It Came Upon The Midnight Clear*

NO. 282

1 *It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.*

2 *Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing,
and ever o'er its babel sounds the blessed angels sing.*

3 *And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow:
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;
oh, rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!*

4 *For lo! The days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.*



OPENING PRAYER:

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

L: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

L: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CONGREGATION MAY BE SEATED

*For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given: and the
government shall be upon his
shoulder: and his name
shall be called.....*

*Wonderful, Counsellor,
the mighty God,
the everlasting Father,
the Prince of Peace.*
Isaiah 9:6

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

CAROL: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

NO. 272 (vs. 1 and 2)

*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath
sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as
seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a-
mid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.*

*Isaiah had foretold it, the rose I have in
mind; with Mary we behold it, the
virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she
bore to us a Savior, when half-spent was the night.*

SECOND READING: Micah 5:2-5a

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. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ 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; ⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

CAROL: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

NO. 279 (vs. 1 & 4)

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!*



THIRD READING: Luke 1:26-35, 38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁸Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

CAROL: *What Child Is This?*

NO. 296 (vs. 1 and 2)

- 1 *What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!*

- 2 *Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!*

FOURTH READING: Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

CAROL: *Away in a Manger*

NO. 277 (vs. 1)

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord
Jesus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

CAROL: *Silent Night, Holy Night!*

NO. 281 (vs. 1)

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child,
Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heav-en-ly peace,
Sleep in heav-en-ly peace.*

FIFTH READING: Luke 2:8-16

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’ ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.



CAROL: *Once In Royal David's City*

NO. 269 (vs. 1)

*1 Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.*

SIXTH READING: Luke 2:17-20

¹⁷ And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

CAROL: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

NO. 288 (vs. 1)

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!*



CAROL: *Go Tell It On The Mountain*

NO. 290 (vs. 1)

Refrain

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

- 1 *While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. Refrain.*

SEVENTH READING: Matthew 2:1-11

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



CAROL: *The First Noel*

NO. 300 (vs. 1 and 3)

*The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in
fields as they lay; in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Refrain.*

*And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
o seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.
Refrain.*

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

EIGHTH READING: John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.



CAROL: Love Has Come

NO. 292 (vs. 1)

*Love has come—a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE—HYMN NO: 884 “Praise God, from Whom...”

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Let us pray.

L: Glory to God in the highest,

C: and peace to God's people on earth.

L: Blessed are you, Prince of peace.

You rule the earth with truth and justice.

C: Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

L: Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humility.

C: Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

L: Blessed are you, Son of God.

You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

C: Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.

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.



DISMISSAL:

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: May we be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

May almighty God bless us now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

NO. 270

1 *Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

2 *Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! Refrain*

3 *Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. Refrain*

Go in peace, and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thank you to...

Bayne Haigler for leading our service today while Pastor Eric and Kim are away on vacation.

Committee Assignments...

We are now working 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.

Calling committee Chairs...

If you are a committee chair please compile your report and email or give it to the church secretary no later than Jan. 12, 2025.

From the pastor....

I would like to thank the congregation for your generous gifts to Kim and myself during this Christmas season.

A Word of Thanks...

Mr. Morris, CB and myself would like to thank the church for the gifts that you gave each of us at Christmas. We feel truly blessed to work with the people here and wanted you to know how much it means to us!

~Sommer Lynne

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 29, 2024

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
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Frank Gruetzmacher

MILITARY:

Andrew Pekarek

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Asst. to the Bishop

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Rev. Elizabeth Eaton,
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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
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Emily Knobeloch—friend of the Nell Felkel
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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
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