

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: Db Rast
Lay Assistant: Kim Little
“ Next Sunday: Mary Jo Spiers
Altar Flowers: Lois Johnson
Altar Flowers: Peter and Julia Sonne
Nursery: Ansley Turnblad and Brenda McLellan
“ Next Sunday: Katie Haigler and Beth Rast
Acolyte and Crucifer Corbin Johnson and Barbara Haigler
“ Next Sunday: Kinsey Stowe and Sydney Haigler
Altar Guild: Sherry Houck, Rhonda Polin, and Sharon Polin
“Ushers: Jim Gates, Capt., Brad Stowe, Ryan Haigler, and Edward Rast

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

Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

Cameron, South Carolina.

The Second Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 2025

PRELUDE

SHARING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
Whose steadfast love is everlasting.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God with us,

**We confess that we have turned away
those seeking shelter,
claiming there is no room when we have plenty.
We have made power and wealth our idols,
while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger.
We have overlooked the shepherds,
expecting good news in prettier packaging.
Too often, we have valued violence
instead of your peace.
Turn us from our ways to your ways.
Grant us the grace to begin again.
Free us from all that keeps us bound,
and forgive our sin,
through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us.
Amen.**

Hear the good news and rejoice!
You are God's chosen ones,
holy and beloved,
† forgiven in Christ,
and freed to respond in joy,
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN NO. 303 (RLC) 275 (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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HYMN OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Children's Message



FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (sung responsively-cantor beginning)

¹ Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
² **that he may rule your | people righteously**
and the | poor with justice;

³ that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.

⁴ **Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,**
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.

⁵ May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.

⁶ **Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**

⁷ In his time may the | righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.

¹⁰ **May the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba | offer gifts.**

¹¹ May all kings bow | down before him,
and all the nations | do him service.

¹² **For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress,
the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.**

¹³ He has compassion on the low- | ly and poor,
and preserves the lives | of the needy.

¹⁴ **From oppression and violence he re- | deems their lives,
and precious is their blood | in his sight.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

¹ This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “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; ⁴ and 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.’” ⁷Then 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Eric Little

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

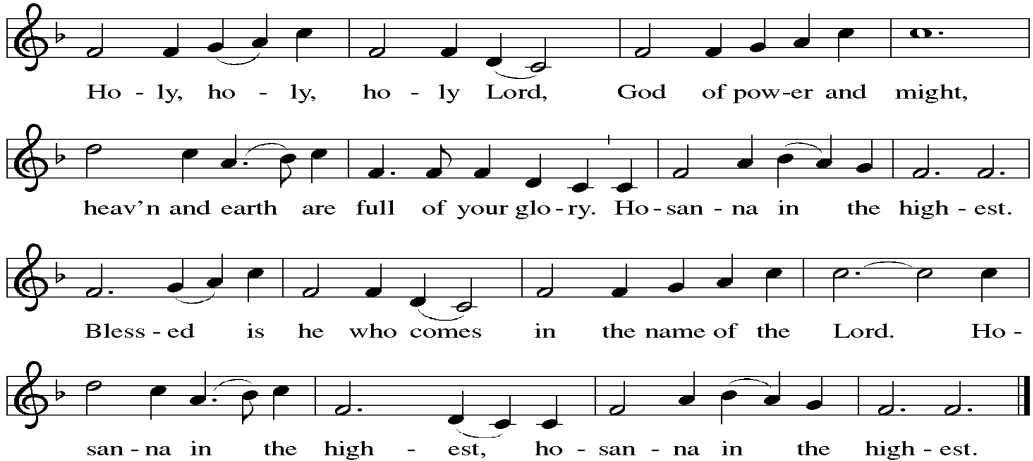
DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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. 671 (RLC) 291 (SMLC)

DISMISSAL

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

Announcements

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.

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.

Council meeting...

All council members are requested to attend the regularly scheduled meeting Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. If you cannot attend, please let Richard Smith, our council chair, or the pastor know.

Annual Meeting...

of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cameron, SC is scheduled for Sunday, January 19, 2025 immediately following the morning worship service.

Bible Study...

will resume on Monday, January 6 at SMLC at 7:00 pm and Wednesday, January 8 at RLC at 10:00 am.

Lutheran Men in Mission....

will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm. All men of the parish are invited to attend this time of food and fellowship.

All committees to meet....

Sunday, January 26, 2025 after morning worship. A light lunch prepared by LMM will be served. Each committee is to make plans for the upcoming year.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 2025

Monday	7:00	pm	Bible Study: SMLC
Wednesday	10:00	am	Bible Study: RLC
	6:30	pm	LMM: RLC
Next Sunday	10:00	am	Bell/Singing Practice: RLC
	10:00	am	Sunday School: RLC
	11:00	am	Worship: RLC
	6:00	pm	Council Meeting: 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
 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 Downtin—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
 Bess Holloman—friend of the Community
 Delane Cochran—friend of the Community



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