

Resurrection Lutheran Church

PO Box 427 — 8160 Old State Road

Cameron SC 29030

(803) 823-2915

rlccameron@windstream.net • www.cameronrlc.org



*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: Milton Dufford
Lay Assistant: Fred Austin
“ Next Sunday: Laurin Evans
Altar Flowers: Hayne and Ann Haigler
“ Next Sunday: Edward and Beth Shuler
Nursery: Catherine Austin and Deborah Porth
“ Next Sunday: Emily Ann Evans and Sarah Haigler
Acolyte and Crucifer Ella Bea Austin and Arleigh Nickel
“ Next Sunday: Finley Evans and Barbara Haigler
Altar Guild: Lois Johnson and Mary Jo Spiers
“Ushers: Josh Johnson, Capt., Reed Salley, Keith Haigler, and Danny Philpot

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

Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

Cameron, South Carolina.

Presentation of Our Lord

February 2, 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,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.
Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.
Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In † Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.
AMEN.

GATHERING HYMN NO. 417 (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.

KYRIE

PAGE 203

HYMN OF PRAISE

PAGE 204

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

¹ 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. ² 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; ³ 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. ⁴ 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: Psalm 84 (sung responsively)

¹ How dear to me | is your dwelling,

O | Lord of hosts!

**² My soul has a desire and longing for the courts | of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.**

3 Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may | lay her young, by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king | and my God.

4 Happy are they who dwell | in your house!

They will always be | praising you.

5 Happy are the people whose strength | is in you,
whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.

**6 Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a | place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.**

7 They will climb from | height to height,
and the God of gods will be | seen in Zion.

**8 Lord God of hosts, | hear my prayer;
give ear, O | God of Jacob.**

9 Behold our defend- | er, O God;
and look upon the face of | your anointed.

10 For one day in your courts is better than a | thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in
the tents | of the wicked.**

11 For the Lord God is both sun and shield, bestowing | grace and glory;
no good thing will the Lord withhold from those who walk | with integrity.

**12 O | Lord of hosts,
happy are they who put their | trust in you!**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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. Luke, the second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they

had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Eric Little

HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 490 (RLC) 313 (SMLC)

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

PAGE 227

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. 545

LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

is being administered today to *Henrik Cameron Le Febvre*, son of *Tim and Savannah Le Febvre*, grandson to *Hank and Donna Rhame*, and great grandson of *Lois Johnson*. May the power of the Holy Spirit be upon Henrik throughout his life to guide him and strengthen his faith; and may God's presence and blessing always be a part of his home!

Bring a Friend to Church...

will be on February 9, 2025. A pancake breakfast will be served at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall followed by our regular worship service at 11:00 am.

DayCamp Committee Meeting...

will meet on Sunday, February 9, right after the morning worship service for 30 minutes to discuss plans for Day Camp. For Day Camp to continue and thrive, we need a strong and dedicated committee. We invite you to join us and share your talents to make this week a success for our children and our church family.

There are many ways to get involved-whether it's helping with crafts, leading a devotion, organizing activities, or simply lending a helping hand. Every role matters, and together, we can make an impact!

As 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 reminds us:

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work."

We hope to see you there! Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can use your gifts to support Day Camp.

My Deepest Appreciation...

to everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy and condolences to me and my family in the loss of my grand daughter, Erin Bochette. We are most grateful for your prayers for comforts and grace, and for caring. Most sincerely, Doris Giese

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday...

The youth/children will be collecting donations after church on Sunday, Feb. 9. Donations will be given to the Calhoun County Snack Pack program to "ensure that all the children in our county have access to enough nutritious food to grow and live well."

Memorials Given to

Resurrection Lutheran Church

In Memory of

Jeanne C Rast

Given by:

Mickey and Mitizi Weeks

Nancy and Ken Holt

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Today	10:30	am	Choir Practice: RLC
Monday	7:00	pm	Bible Study: SMLC
Wednesday	10:00	am	Bible Study: RLC
Next Sunday	10:00	am	Children's Choir Practice: RLC
	10:00	am	Sunday School: RLC
	10:00	am	Breakfast: RLC
	10:30	am	Choir Practice: RLC
	11:00	am	Worship: 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 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
 Bess Holloman—friend of the Community
 Delane Cochran—friend of the Community



MEMBERS:

Barbara Corley
 Chris Philpot
 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