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Organist: ·····	CB Bull
Lay Assistant:	Sandy Houck
" Next Sunday:	Katie Haigler
Altar Flowers:	Lent-no flowers
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Nursery:	······Brenda McLellan and Natalie Grace Porth
" Next Sunday:	······Catherine Austin and Anna Briggs Evans
Acolyte and Crucifer	Henry Johnson
" Next Sunday:	Olivia Turnblad
Altar Guild:	······Venis Holstad, Dianne McKeowen, and Donna Rhame
	Emily Ann Evans, Kristen Evans, Catherine Austin,
	Kathy Black, and Laurin Evans
	······ Hank Rhame, Capt., Breck Burch, Ryan Haigler,
	Edward Shuler, and Perry Weeks
" Next Month: Wayne Rast, Pa	at Black, Brett Evans, William Robinson, and Parker Shaw

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

Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

Cameron, South Carolina

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

PRELUDE

SHARING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN NO: 608 (RLC) 807 (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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD Children's Message

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

⁹ The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰ While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 32 (spoken responsively)

¹Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven, and whose sin is | put away!

² Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt, and in whose spirit there | is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away, because of my groaning | all day long.

⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin. 6 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in 1 time of trouble;

when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.

- ⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble; you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.
 - ⁸ "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go; I will guide you | with my eye.
- ⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you."

¹⁰ Great are the tribulations | of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

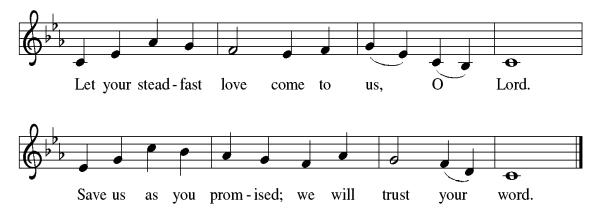
SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

And the mamma ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. JOSIHUA 5:12 **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the fifteenth chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ^{11b} "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dving of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶

He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹ Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Eric Little

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HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 606 (RLC)

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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 ... "



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, 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.

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.

SENDING HYMN NO. 763 (RLC)

328 (SMLC)

DISMISSAL

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

Bible Study...

will resume after the season of Lent.

Lenten Worship Services...

Weekly services are scheduled for 7:00 pm each Wednesday evening at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Dinner precedes the service at 6:00 pm. The Lenten offering will go to Luther Disaster Response of the Carolinas to assist in Hurricane recovery.

Lutheridge Day Camp is RETURNING...

We will have Day Camp at RLC June 16-20, 2025. Registration is now open to all rising first through rising sixth grades. Forms are on the table near fellowship hall. Cost is \$100 per child. If you have any questions, please contact Olivia Salley at olivia.burttram@gmail.com or by calling (843)909-4541.

Easter Lily Forms...

are due by the end of today.

Our 2025 Lenten Devotions...

are now available to pick up at church. They are at various places and have a bright pink color cover. If you would like to have one delivered electronically, please let the office know.

Summer Camp...

Would you like to go away to Summer Camp? Registration is open for NovusWay Summer Camps (Lutherridge, Lutherrock and Luthersprings). There is still time to register. Go to <u>http://</u> <u>www.novusway.org/summer-camps</u> to peruse their offering dates and to sign up. Consider going with a bunch of friends! We support our Day Camp quite well and want to continue to do so, but some may also want to go away for a week--especially those who have aged out of Day Camp.

Synod Assembly...

This year's assembly will be June 12-14 2025, in North Charleston, SC. We need voting members to represent the church. Resurrection is allowed 3 voting members and 1 additional voting member who is under the age of 30. Pastor Eric is a voting member because he is a rostered minister in the South Carolina Synod. If you are interested, please let our council chair, Richard Smith, or Pastor Eric know.

The Blood Connection...

was at Resurrection on March 12, 2025. Twenty-four pints of blood were donated. Thanks to all who participated.

Council meeting...

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

BUT GOD SHOWS HIS LOVE FOR US IN THAT WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.

-ROMANS 5:8



HOLY Sun WEEK Palm Sunday Worship—April 13, 2025

Maundy Thursday—April 17, 2025 Resurrection Lutheran—7:00 pm

Good Friday—April 18, 2025 Resurrection Lutheran—7:00 pm

Annual Easter Egg Hunt—April 19, 2025 Saturday at 11:00 am A light lunch will follow

Easter Sunday Worship—March 31, 2024 Sunrise Service at Jericho GMC—7:00 am (breakfast following) St. Matthew's Lutheran Church—9:00 am Flowering of the Cross at RLC—10:00 am Resurrection Lutheran Church—11:00 am

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 30, 2025

Today	10:30 am	Choir Practice: RLC
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Lenten Supper: RLC
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service: RLC
Next Sunday	9:00 am	Worship: SMLC
	10:00 am	Sunday School: SMLC
	10:00 am	Children's Choir Practice: RLC
	10:00 am	Sunday School: RLC
	11:00 am	Worship: RLC

Council Meeting: RLC 12:00 pm



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

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 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 Gwen Huffman-friend of the Community Emily Knobeloch-friend of Nell Felkel Beth Dowtin-niece of Reta Westbury Karen Kennedy-cousin of Mickey Weeks Tasha Gaffney-friend of John Capizzi Gregg Culler-friend of Mitzi and Mickey Weeks Rick Collins-friend of Gwen Fulmer Delane Cochran-friend of the Community Janina Grimsley-sister of Larry Barwick Kay D. Lancaster-friend of Doris Giese Pinckney Thompson-friend of the Community Jimmy Edwards-friend of Doug Doster David (Shack) Felkel-friend of Doris Giese