# Resurrection Lutheran Church

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We celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion today which is open to all baptized Christians. All others are invited to come for a blessing. For those who are unable to partake of one of the elements of communion for any reason, please be assured that Christ is truly present in, with and under either element of the bread or the wine.

Pastor: Rev. Eric Little Organist: CB Bull Cantor: Milton Dufford Lay Assistant(s): Gary Porth " Next Sunday: Fred Austin Altar Flowers: Richard Smith " Next Sunday: Pat and Kathy Black Nursery: Mallory Baldwin and Barbara Haigler " Next Sunday: "Laurin Evans and Emily Haigler "Next Sunday:-----Bryson Baldwin and Megan Bozard Altar Guild: Gwen Fulmer and Sallie Porth "Ushers: """ Wayne Polin, Capt., Johnny Evans, Pat Black, and Edward Shuler

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

# Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

Cameron, South Carolina.

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

August 3, 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.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

You free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary of what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are Gods children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN NO: 393 A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING!

#### 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

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### WORD

Children's Message

**FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23** 

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. <sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. <sup>2:18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM: Psalm 49:1-12** (sung responsively, cantor begins)

- <sup>1</sup>Hear this, | all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,
  - <sup>2</sup> you of high de- | gree and low, rich and | poor together.
- <sup>3</sup> My mouth shall | speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.
  - <sup>4</sup>I will incline my ear | to a proverb and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp.
- <sup>5</sup>Why should I be afraid in | evil days,

when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,

- <sup>6</sup> the wickedness of those who put their trust in | their own prowess, and boast of | their great riches?
- <sup>7</sup>One can never re- | deem another, or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;
  - 8 for the ransom of a life | is so great that there would never be e- | nough to pay it,
- <sup>9</sup> in order to live forev- | er and ever and never | see the grave.
- $^{10}\,\text{For}$  we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu-  $^{\dagger}$  pid they perish

and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.

 $^{11}$ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to  $^{\dagger}$  generation,

though they had named lands af-  $\mid$  ter themselves.

 $^{12}$  Even though honored, they cannot  $^{\dagger}$  live forever; they are like the  $^{\dagger}$  beasts that perish.

#### SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

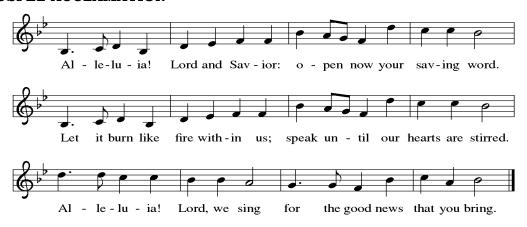
<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed,

then you also will be revealed with him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'You fool!

This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON** Pastor Eric Little

HYMN OF THE DAY NO: 774 (RLC) 515 (SMLC)

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#### 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.

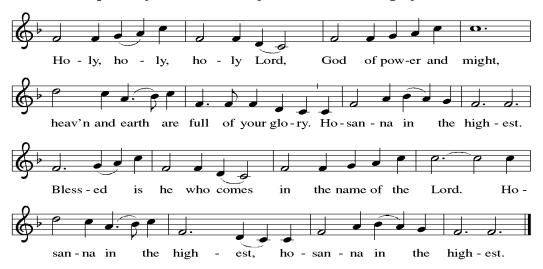
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

#### **COMMUNION SONG**





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: 650 IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



# We Express Our Sympathy...

to the family and friends of *Mr. Roger "Frank" Gruetzmacher, Jr.* at his death Sunday, July 27, 2025. Services will be held at Resurrection Lutheran Church on August 9, 2025 at 2:00 pm. The family will greet visitors in the fellowship hall afterwards.

# Council meeting...

All council members are requested to attend the regularly scheduled meeting on Sunday, August 10, at 12:00 pm in the fellowship hall . If you cannot attend, please let Richard Smith, our council chair, or the pastor know.

# **Education Committee Meeting...**

will be held right after the morning worship service in the fellowship hall. If you are not able to attend, please let Somer Lynne Haigler (803)928-0540 know.

# Bible Study...

will continue this Wednesday morning at 10:00 at RLC. We will continue to study the book of Esther.

# Back to School Supply Drive...

Today is the last day to donate school supplies for Barbara Haigler to distribute to teachers for the 2025-2026 school year.

# The Blessing of the Backpacks Luncheon...

will be held on August 17, 2025 after the Sunday service. We hope to see you all as we honor our students. The church will provide the meat for the meal. We ask that you bring sides and desserts of your choice. See you on August 17th.

# Special Thank you from Richard Smith:

I want to express my gratitude and appreciation for the thoughts, prayers and kind words from the RLC family following my recent diagnosis and surgery. It is truly amazing to be a part of such a caring Church.

# SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 3, 2025

Today	10:30	am	Choir Practice: RLC
J	12:00	pm	Education Meeting: RLC
Wednesday	10:00	am	Bible Study: RLC
Next Sunday	10:00	am	Sunday School: RLC
_	10:30	am	Adult Choir Practice: RLC
	11:00	am	Worship: RLC
	12:00	pm	Council Meeting: RLC



#### **MEMBERS:**

Chris Philpot John Capizzi, III

#### **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

Rev. Yehiel Curry, Presiding Bishop-Elect-ELCA

# FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE PARISH:

Carol Rivers—wife of Delmar Rivers

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 Mack Shirer-brother of Martha Ann Weeks Roy Lockett-friend of Gary Porth Gwynette La-Terra—friend of Larry Barwick Alison Weeks—Daughter-in-law of Perry and Martha Ann Weeks Matthew Lizewski-friend of Gary Porth Barbara Ryder—friend of Larry Barwick David Mellon—brother of Chris Philpot Gwen Huffman—friend of the Community Karen Kennedy—cousin of Mickey Weeks Tasha Gaffney—friend of John Capizzi Gregg Culler-friend of Mitzi and Mickey Weeks Delane Cochran—friend of the Community Janina Grimsley—sister of Larry Barwick Pinckney Thompson—friend of the Community David (Shack) Felkel—friend of Doris Giese Donnie Fulmer—husband of Gwen Fulmer Rosie Such-friend of the Barwick's Jennifer Davies—family of the Barwick's David Adden—friend of the Community Nan Barwick—mother of Larry Barwick

Kathryn Lamar—mother of Kathy Rast, grandmother of Ansley and Erin Chris and Clarence Felder—friends of Doug Doster John Rich—friend of Larry Barwick Dangerfield Family-friends of the Community BJ Harrelson-mother of Deborah Porth