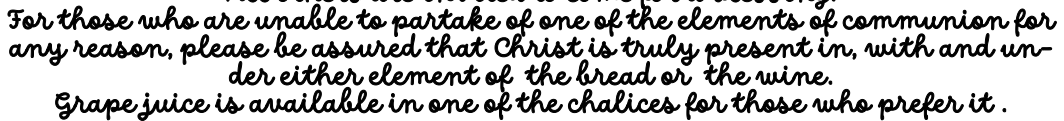


rlccameron@windstream.net • www.cameronrlc.org



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

Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

Cameron, South Carolina

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

PRELUDE

SHARING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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: 254

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

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

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH**

HYMN NO: 240 (VS. 1-4)

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATH

Praise to you, O God, who lives with us, sharing our flesh and bones. As Mary waited and Joseph dreamed, so we dream and wait for you. Bless us and let your face shine upon us, more radiant than these candles, and more dear than all else we seek. Restore us when we fail to refuse the evil and choose the good, and banish all our fears. We pray in the name of Emmanuel, your promised child and our Savior.

Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16**

¹⁰The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³Then Isaiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (sung responsively, cantor begins)

¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

² **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and | come to help us.**

³ Restore | us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

⁴ **O LORD | God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray?**

⁵ You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

⁶ **You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.**

⁷ Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

¹⁷ **Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,
the one you have made so strong | for yourself.**

¹⁸ And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

¹⁹ **Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.**

SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ “Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Eric Little

HYMN OF THE DAY NO: 257 (VS. 1-4, RLC)

260 (SMLC)

NICENE CREED

PAGE 104

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 your 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

To give electronically...



SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERTORY RESPONSE—HYMN NO: 884

"Praise God, from Whom..."

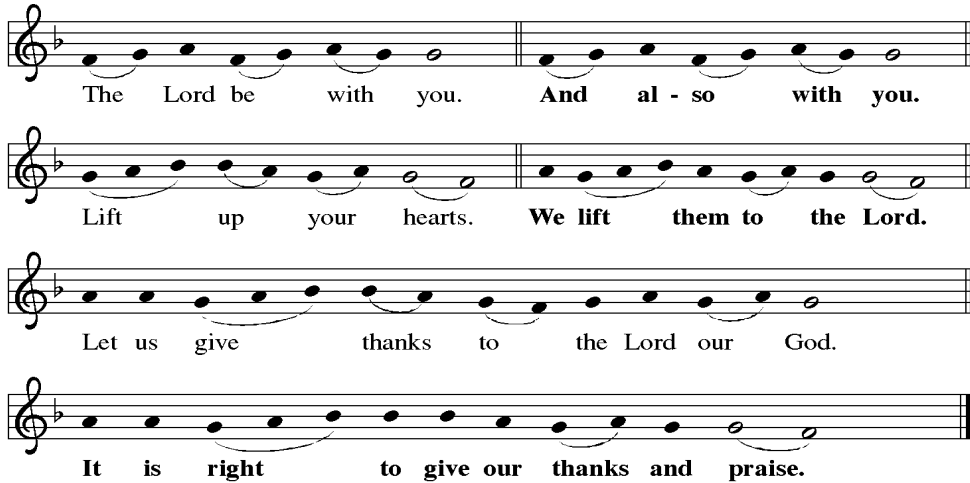
OFFERING PRAYER

"Therefore the Lord
himself will give you
a sign: The virgin will
conceive and give birth
to a son, and will
call him Immanuel."

ISAIAH 7:14

MEAL

DIALOGUE



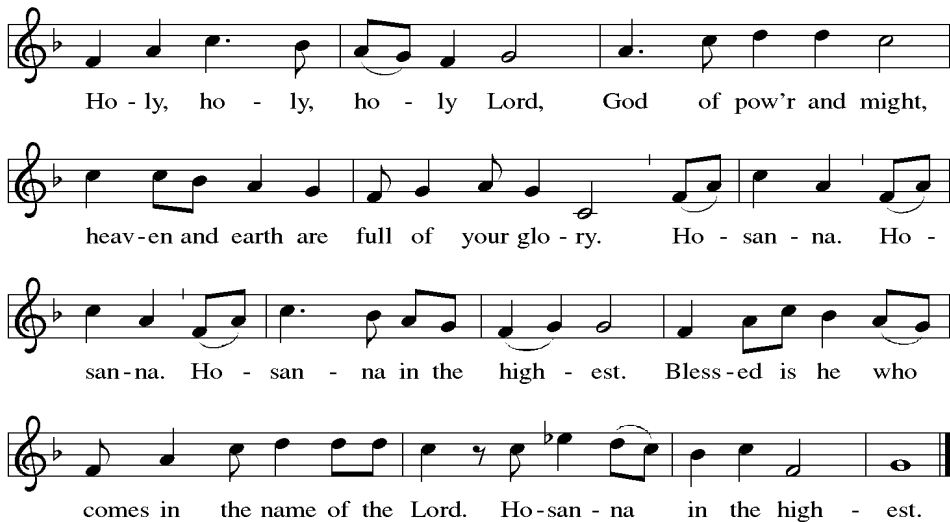
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

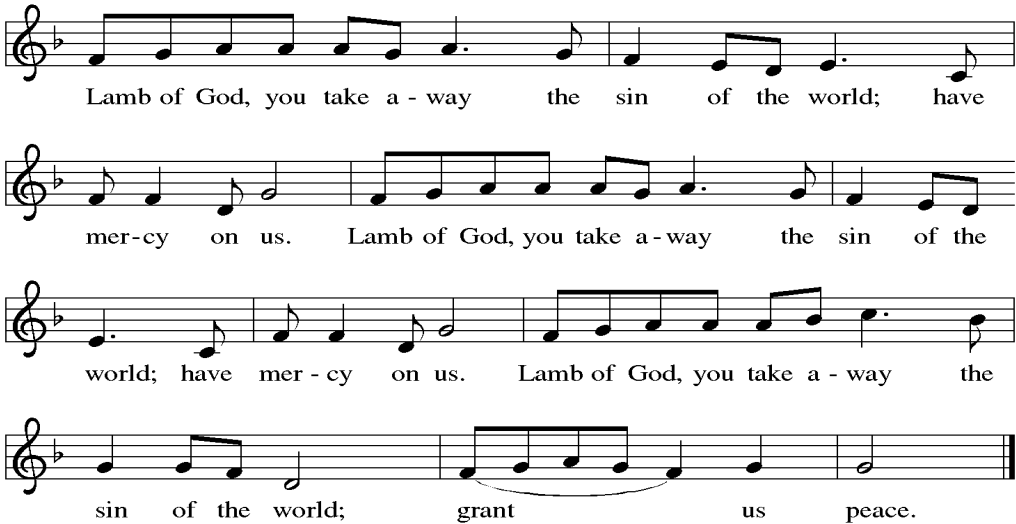
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

PAGE 112

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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: 723 (RLC) 267 (SMLC)

DISMISSAL

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

OFFICIAL NOTICE

**Congregational Meetings at Resurrection to be held after
the morning worship services on the following dates:**

January 18, 2026

Purpose to receive annual reports and any other business
that may come before the congregation.

Congratulations to...

Josh Johnson who was elected as council chair and Krystal Zeigler who was elected council secretary for 2026.

Bible Study...

will resume after the New Year on Monday, January 5, and Wednesday, January 7, 2026.

Christmas Eve Service...

at Resurrection will be on December 24, 2025 at 3:00 pm at SMLC and 5:30 pm at RLC.

Committee Assignments...

We are now working on committee assignments for 2026. 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.

Directory Update...

We are now working on updating the church's directory. Please, make sure all of your information is up to date. Also, please check your land line entry and let us know if you no longer have one. The directory is located on the lecture stand near the table outside of the fellowship hall for you to hand write any corrections next to your name.

Lutheran Men in Mission....

Lutheran Men will be holding a Beaufort Stew on January 14, 2026 at 6:30 pm. All members of the congregation are invited to attend. Please sign up on the sheet outside of the fellowship hall.

Poinsettias...

If you purchased a poinsettia it will need to be picked up on Christmas Eve or by Sunday, December 28th.

Thank you...

to all who participated in the Christmas Angel Giving Tree this year. The gifts have been delivered to many children who now have an extra special Christmas to look forward to! Again, many thanks to all involved.

Winter Jam...

is on January 9th at Colonial life Arena in Columbia, SC. They are asking for a \$15.00 donation at the door to get in. If you would like to participate you can talk to Olivia Salley about meeting up at the arena at 5:30 to get a seat!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2025

Today	9:00	am	Breakfast: RLC
Wednesday	3:00	pm	Christmas Eve Service: SMLC
	5:30	pm	Christmas Eve Service: RLC
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:

Chris Philpot
John Capizzi, III
Mary Lynd Heape
Henry Johnson

MILITARY:

Andrew Pekarek

SC SYNOD STAFF:

Deacon Kimberly Heindl,
Asst. to the Bishop

Rev. Rick Carter,
Asst. to the Bishop

Rev. Ginny
Aebischer, Bishop

Kathryn Lamar—mother of Kathy Rast, grandmother of Ansley and Erin
Rev. Yehiel Curry,
Presiding Bishop—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
David Mellon—brother of Chris Philpot
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
John Rich—friend of Larry Barwick
BJ Harrelson—mother of Deborah Porth
Emerson Jones—friend of John Capizzi, III
Pete and Pam Lesesne—family of Larry Barwick
Sally Sonne—mother of Peter Sonne
Virginia Moore—friend of David Rast
Gary Ryder—friend of Larry Barwick
Butler Spiers—daughter of Will and Amelia Spiers