

# 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.

Grape juice is available in the inner ring of each tray for those who prefer it.

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Pastor: ..... Rev. Eric Little  
Organist: ..... CB Bull  
Cantor: ..... Db Rast  
Lay Assistant(s): ..... Beth Shuler  
“ Next Sunday: ..... Kathy Stowe  
Sound & Recording System ..... Mickey Weeks  
“ Next Sunday: ..... Richard Smith  
Altar Flowers: ..... Peter and Julia Sonne  
“ Next Sunday: ..... Peggy Hirth  
Nursery: ..... Laurin Evans and Sarah Haigler  
“ Next Sunday: ..... Olivia Salley and Arleigh Nickel  
Acolyte and Crucifer ..... Hadley Evans and Emily Haigler  
“ Next Sunday: ..... Bryson Baldwin and Megan Bozard  
Altar Guild: ..... Sherry Houck, Rhonda Polin, and Sharon Polin  
Ushers: ..... Jim Gates, Capt., Brad Stowe, Ryan Haigler, and Brett Evans

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

# Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

Cameron, South Carolina.

*Second Sunday of Christmas*

*January 4, 2026*

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## **PRELUDE**

## **SHARING**

## **CONFESION 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 <sup>☩</sup> 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 <sup>☩</sup> Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN NO: 672 (RLC) 514 (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

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, 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: Jeremiah 31:7-14

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." <sup>8</sup> See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back; I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path where they shall not stumble, for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. <sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock." <sup>11</sup> For the LORD has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. <sup>12</sup> They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. <sup>13</sup> Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow. <sup>14</sup> I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20 (sung responsively-cantor beginning)

<sup>12</sup> Worship the LORD, | O Jerusalem;  
praise your | God, O Zion,

<sup>13</sup> **who has strengthened the bars | of your gates  
and has blessed your chil- | dren within you.**

<sup>14</sup> God has established peace | on your borders  
and satisfies you with the | finest wheat.

**<sup>15</sup> God sends out a command | to the earth,  
a word that runs | very swiftly.**

<sup>16</sup> God gives | snow like wool,  
scattering | frost like ashes.

**<sup>17</sup> God scatters | hail like bread crumbs.  
Who can stand a- | gainst God's cold?**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD sends forth the | word and melts them;  
the wind blows, and the | waters flow.

**<sup>19</sup> God declares the | word to Jacob,  
statutes and judg- | ments to Israel.**

<sup>20</sup> The LORD has not done so to any | other nation;  
they do not know God's judgments. | Hallelujah!

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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. John, the first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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 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**

Praise the God and  
Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, who  
has blessed us in  
Christ with every  
spiritual blessing in  
the heavens.

**Ephesians 1:3**



## MEAL

### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Life 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:



God of pow-er and might,



Ho-san-na in the high - est.



Ho -



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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## 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. 857 (RLC) 287 (SMLC)

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Pastor Office Drop-In Hours...**

hours are Monday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00-11:00 am. If you need to schedule another time than those listed, feel free to get in touch with Pastor Eric.

## **Bible Study...**

will resume this week: SMLC on Monday, January 5 at 7:00 pm and RLC on Wednesday, January 7 at 10:00 am.

## **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!

## **Communion Altar Linens...**

We are missing some of the altar linens. If you took them home to wash, please return them as soon as you can.

## **Committee Assignments...**

We are now working 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.

## **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. 11, 2026.

## **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.

## **Council meeting...**

All council members are requested to attend the regularly scheduled meeting next Sunday, January 11 @ 12:00 pm. If you cannot attend, please let Josh Johnson, our council chair, or the pastor know.

### **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.

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4, 2026

Monday	7:00 pm	Bible Study: SMLC
Wednesday	10:00 am	Bible Study: RLC
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice: 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
	12:00 pm	Council Meeting: RLC



### MEMBERS:

Chris Philpot  
John Capizzi, III  
Mary Lynd Heape

### MILITARY:

Andrew Pekarek  
Brantley Doster

### SC SYNOD STAFF:

Deacon Kimberly Heindl,  
Asst. to the Bishop

Rev. Rick Carter,  
Asst. to the Bishop

Rev. Ginny  
Aebischer, Bishop

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  
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  
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