

Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

Cameron, South Carolina

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

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.

GATHERING HYMN NO: 712 LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE

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.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'" ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 130

(read responsively)

¹Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, | hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.

³If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O LORD, | who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you | is forgiveness,**

in order that you | may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits;

in your word | is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning, more than those who keep watch | for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall | redeem Israel**

from | all their sins.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the eleventh chapter.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." ¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise

again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

SERMON

Pastor Eric Little

HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 773

PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

APOSTLES' CREED

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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 ... ”

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.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN NO. 886

OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

DISMISSAL

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



Memorials Given to

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

In Memory of

Mary Lynd Heape

Given by:

Martha Emily Shirer

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Worship—March 29, 2026
“Is it I, Lord?” Program—7:00 pm (Resurrection)

Maundy Thursday—April 2, 2026
Resurrection Lutheran—7:00 pm

Good Friday—April 3, 2026
Resurrection Lutheran—7:00 pm

Annual Easter Egg Hunt—April 4, 2026
Saturday at 11:00 am

Easter Sunday Worship—April 5, 2026
Sunrise Service at Jericho UMC—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



Parish News

Pastor Office Drop-In Hours...

hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 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.

“Is It I, Lord”...

A living dramatization of the Last Supper, will be presented on Palm Sunday evening, March 29, 2026 at 7:00 pm at Resurrection Lutheran. Please make plans to attend this special service during the Easter Season.

Lutheridge Day Camp...

Will be held June 22-26, for rising 1st-6th graders. Registration forms are located on the table outside the fellowship hall.

Lenten Worship Services...

Weekly services are scheduled for 7:00 pm each Wednesday at Resurrection Lutheran Church with dinner at 6:00 pm. The Lenten offering will go to NOVUSWAY in support of Lutheridge’s 75th Birthday Capital Campaign.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt...

will be held at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 4, 2026 at 11:00 am. A light lunch will be served afterwards.

Flowering of the Cross...

Everyone is invited to participate in the flowering of the Cross on Easter Sunday Morning during the Sunday School hour. Please bring your own flowers and come join us!

Offering counters needed...

After many faithful years of service to our church, Gloria Rast is needing to step back from her financial secretary duties. The first step is that we need counters every week to count the offering, record it, and then deposit the offering. If you are willing to serve on a team, please let the pastor or our finance committee chair Pat Black know.

Synod Assembly...

is in Columbia, SC this year from June 11-13, 2026. This year we will be electing a new bishop among the other business of the assembly. Resurrection Lutheran is allowed three lay voting members to this assembly. Pastor Eric is a voting member because he is a rostered leader in the SC Synod. If you would like to be a voting member this year, please let our council chair, Josh Johnson, or Pastor Eric know.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2026

Today	12:00 pm	Lutheridge Day Camp Meeting: 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	Sunday School: RLC
	11:00 am	Worship: RLC
	7:00 pm	“Is it I, Lord”



MEMBERS:

Chris Philpot
John Capizzi, III
Wayne Rast

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. 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
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
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
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
Robert English—friend of John Capizzi, III
Tracy Burttram—father of Olivia Salley
Debbie Roland—friend of the Community
Sarah Longshore—daughter of Josh Gates
Anna Jendral and her Family—friends of Heber and Gloria Rast