

# 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 un-  
der either element of the bread or the wine.  
Grape juice is available in one of the chalices for those who prefer it .*

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Pastor: ..... Rev. Eric Little  
Organist: ..... CB Bull  
Lay Assistant(s): ..... Mims Taylor  
“ Next Sunday: ..... Brett Evans  
Sound & Recording System ..... Katie Haigler  
“ Next Sunday: ..... Richard Smith  
Altar Flowers: ..... Mickey and Mitzi Weeks  
“ Next Sunday: ..... Breck and Erin Burch  
Nursery: ..... Katie Haigler and Jordyn Baldwin  
“ Next Sunday: ..... Deborah Porth and Barbara Haigler  
Acolyte and Crucifer ..... Corbin Johnson and Anna Briggs Evans  
“ Next Sunday: ..... Bryson Baldwin and Jordyn Baldwin  
Altar Guild: ..... Becky Haigler and Olivia Salley  
Ushers: ..... William Robinson, Capt., Reed Salley, Hank Rhame, and Parker Shaw

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

# Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

Cameron, South Carolina

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

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## PRELUDE

## SHARING

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross 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: 401 (RLC) 695 (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.**

## KYRIE

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**HYMN OF PRAISE: “This is the feast....”**

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

# Children's Message



## FIRST READING: **Jonah 3:10—4:11**

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

<sup>4:1</sup> But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup> He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. <sup>3</sup> And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup> And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” <sup>5</sup> Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup> The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup> But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup> When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup> Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about

the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup> And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8** (sung responsively, cantor begins)

<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, my | God and king,  
and bless your name forev- | er and ever.

<sup>2</sup> **Every day | will I bless you**  
**and praise your name forev- | er and ever.**

<sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised!  
There is no end | to your greatness.

<sup>4</sup> **One generation shall praise your works | to another**  
**and shall de- | clare your power.**

<sup>5</sup> I will speak of the glorious splendor | of your majesty  
and all your | marvelous works.

<sup>6</sup> **They shall tell of the might of your | wondrous acts,**  
**and I will re- | count your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup> They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness;  
they shall sing joyfully | of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,**  
**slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30**

<sup>21</sup> For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, <sup>24</sup> but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup> Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup> so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

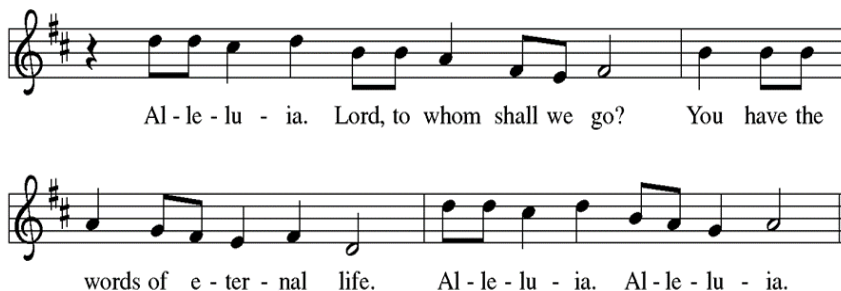
<sup>27</sup> Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that

you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel <sup>28</sup> and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup> For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, <sup>30</sup> since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup> and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup> When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup> They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup> When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup> saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do

what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’<sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Nathan Gragg

**HYMN OF THE DAY NO: 695 (RLC) 659 (SMLC)**

## APOSTLES’ CREED

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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

TO GIVE ELECTRONICALLY...



## SPECIAL MUSIC

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE—HYMN NO: 465**

**“As the Grains of Wheat...”**

## OFFERING PRAYER

### MEAL

## DIALOGUE



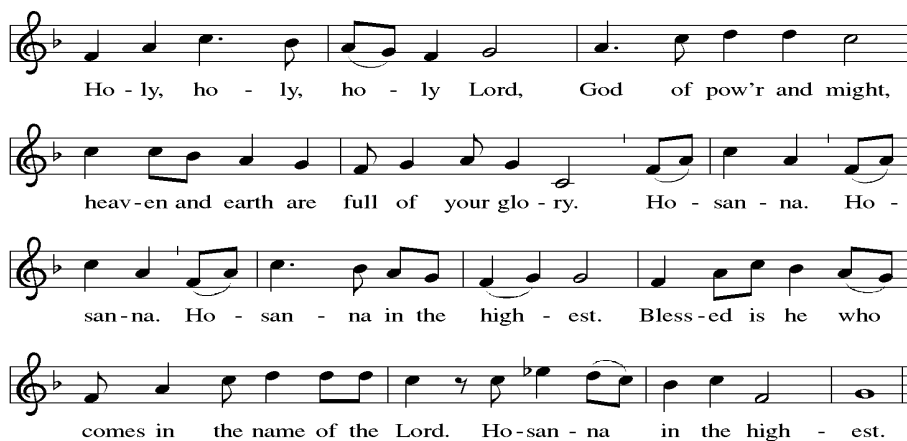
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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:



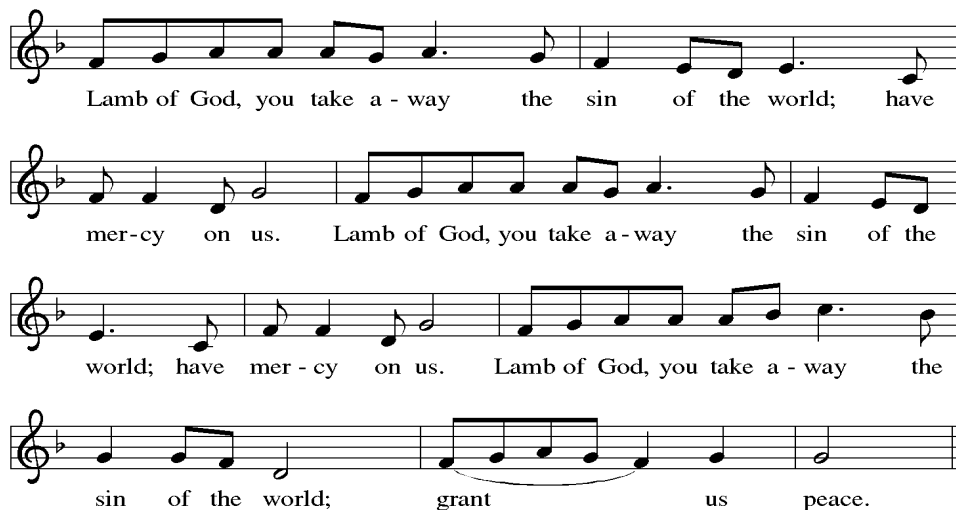
## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### COMMUNION SONG



## 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: 669**

**RISE UP, O SAINTS OF GOD!**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Pastor Eric...**

will be on vacation from Sept. 17th—Sept. 24th. The Rev. Nathan Gragg will be the supply preacher.

**LMM Fundraiser Dinner...**

for the community will be...

**When:** October 8, 2026

**Time:** 6:30 pm—8:00 pm

**Where:** RLC Fellowship Hall (eat in or take out)

**Price:** \$25.00 advanced ticket sales only.

Meal includes Pig Picking, with hash, rice, cole slaw, vegetable and drink. Ticket sales end Oct. 2, 2026, at 8:00 pm. See Richard Smith 803-807-1636 or pay electronically using the QR code below...

**Bible Study...**

There will be no bible study this week, due to Pastor Eric being on vacation. Bible Study will resume next week, September 27, 2026.

**Church Meal...**

Will follow the morning worship service on Sunday, September 27, to honor the visit by our Bishop, Wade Roof, that morning. The church will provide the meat and tea. Everyone else is invited to bring a side and dessert of your choice.

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Next Sunday

9:00 am

10:00 am

10:00 am

11:00 am

Worship: SMLC

Sunday School: SMLC

Sunday School: RLC

Worship: RLC



### **MEMBERS:**

Chris Philpot    Alison Weeks—Daughter-in-law of Perry and Martha Ann Weeks  
John Capizzi, III

### **MILITARY:**

Andrew Pekarek  
Carrie Nelson

### **SC SYNOD STAFF:**

Deacon Kimberly Heindl,  
Asst. to the Bishop

Rev. Wade Roof, III,  
Bishop

Rev. Yehiel Curry,  
Presiding Bishop of 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  
Julie Crider Layton—friend of Gwen Fulmer  
Mack Shirer—brother of Martha Ann Weeks  
Roy Lockett—friend of Gary Porth  
Matthew Lizewski—friend of Gary Porth  
David Mellon—brother of Chris Philpot  
Karen Kennedy—cousin of Mickey Weeks  
Gregg Culler—friend of Mitzi and Mickey Weeks  
David (Shack) Felkel—friend of Doris Giese  
Donnie Fulmer—husband of Gwen Fulmer  
David Adden—friend of the Community  
BJ Harrelson—mother of Deborah Porth  
Sally Sonne—mother of Peter Sonne  
Virginia Moore—friend of David Rast  
Butler Spiers—daughter of Will and Amelia Spiers  
Sarah Longshore—daughter of Josh Gates  
Anna Jendral—friends of Heber and Gloria Rast  
Michelle Isgett—daughter-in-law of Reta Westbury  
Rosie Nastasi—friend of John Capizzi  
Robyn Gaffney—friend of John Capizzi  
Faye Whisenhunt—friend of Gwen Fulmer  
Tracy Burttram—father of Olivia Salley  
Pastor Bob Young—former pastor