# Resurrection Lutheran Church

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

# Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

Cameron, South Carolina

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

# 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.

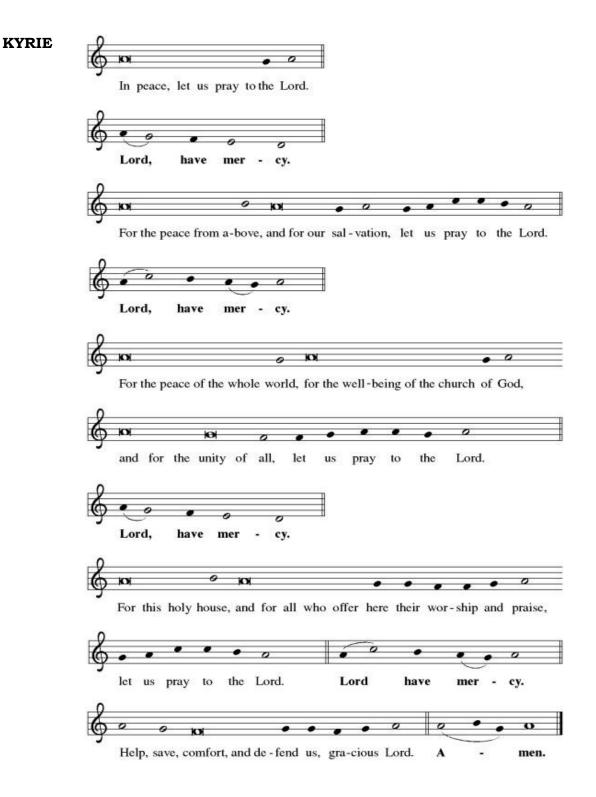
### Amen.

# GATHERING HYMN NO: 449 (RLC) 377 (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.



### **HYMN OF PRAISE**



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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: Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning home: seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." <sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31

(sung responsively, cantor begins)

 <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the | great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.
<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat | and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

#### <sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs | to the LORD, who rules o- | ver the nations.

 <sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.
<sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall | serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

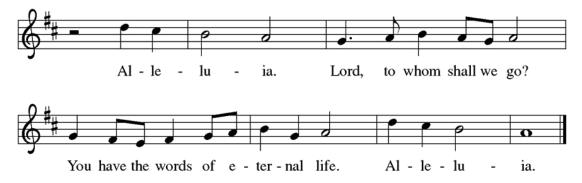
<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn, saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

### SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



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

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

SERMON				Pastor Eric Little
HYMN OF THE DAY NO.	393 (RLC)	<b>403 (S</b> )	MLC)	
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PEACE				
The peace of Christ be with And also with you.	you always.			
OFFERING				

SPECIAL MUSIC

### 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

### 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. 881

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

#### DISMISSAL

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



Memorials Given to **Resurrection Lutheran Church** 

In Memory of Charles B. Baxley

Given by: Lois "Bud" Porth

> In Memory of Angela Myers

Given by: Donnie and Gwen Fulmer In Memory of L.W. Irick Jr.

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In Memory of Cynthia Smoak

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"Praise God, from Whom ... "

# Announcements

### Welcome...

For all those who feel called and wish to join Resurrection Lutheran, please contact Pastor Eric. We will find a good Sunday to welcome all those who wish to join.

### Altar Flowers...

are given by Milton and Esther Dufford to the Glory of God and in memory of their parents, Philip and Roberta Dufford and S.H. and Margaret Houck.

# Synod Assembly will be online...

on June 8th, 2024. We need voting members to represent the church. Resurrection is allowed 3 voting members and 1 additional member under the age of 30. If you are interested, let our council chair, Bayne Haigler, or Pastor Eric know.

# Lutheridge Day Camp is RETURNING...

We will have Day Camp at RLC June 17-21, 2024. Registration is now open to all rising first through rising sixth grades. Forms are on desk outside fellowship hall. Cost is \$100 per child. If you have any questions, please contact Olivia Salley at olivia.burttram@gmail.com or by calling (843)909-4541.

# Council highlights...

from the April 14, 2024 meeting are on the table outside of the fellowship hall.

# The Blood Connection...

was at Resurrection on March 12, 2024. Thirty-one units of blood were donated. Ninety-three lives were saved. Thanks to all who participated. The Blood Connection has given Resurrection \$25 per participant. Resurrection has received a check for \$825. These monies will be added to the Lenten offerings which half will go to Calhoun County Cares and half will go to Orangeburg Calhoun Free Medical Clinic.

# Muffins for Mom...

Please join our youth as they host a Muffin Breakfast for the Moms of our church on Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited!

# **Community Vacation Bible School...**

will be the week of June 23-27 from 5:15-8:00 in the evening. There will be classes for children ages 4 - rising 6th grade. If you would like to volunteer, please let Somer Lynne Haigler (803) 928-9540 or Amanda Johnson (803) 707-4677 know.

# Parking...

Everyone is being asked to please refrain from parking in the spots right behind the church unless it is necessary. Our congregation has many members that are unable to walk long distances to enter the church on Sunday morning.

# SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2024

Monday	7:00	pm	Bible Study: SMLC
Wednesday	10:00	am	Bible Study: RLC
Next Sunday	9:00	am	Worship: SMLC
	10:00	am	Sunday School: SMLC
_	10:00	am	Sunday School: RLC
	10:15	am	Choir Practice:
	11:00	am	Worship: RLC

# FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE PARISH:

Carol Rivers-wife of Delmar Rivers Nancy Whetstone-relative of Kathy Stowe Olivia S. Daniels-friend of the Community Patsy Brooks-friend of Esther Dufford Courtney Line-granddaughter of Lois "Bud" Porth Ricky Line-son-in-law 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 Beth Stone-daughter of Cecile Smith Julie Crider Layton-friend of Gwen Fulmer Justin Line-grandson of Lois "Bud" Porth Mack Shirer-brother of Martha Ann Weeks Carolyn Dietrich-friend of Monty and Kathy Rast Kay D. Lancaster-friend of Doris Giese Zack James-friend of Heber and Gloria Rast Roy Lockett-friend of Gary Porth Gwynette La-Terra-friend of Larry Barwick Alison Weeks-Daughter-in-law of Perry and Martha Ann Weeks Harold Nalley-grandfather of Erin Burch and Ansley Turnblad John Jones-nephew of Frank and Emily Heape Noreen Philpot-sister-in-law of Danny Philpot Sarah Ann Easley-niece of Christ Philpot Rhea Kelsall-friend of Peggy Hirth Frances Huffman-friend of Doris Giese Mamie Mills-aunt of Doris Giese Kathy J. Wiles-Community Friend



#### **MEMBERS:**

Rev. & Mrs. Baylis Corley Chris Philpot Sara Lineberger Milton Dufford Cecile Smith

#### **MILITARY:**

Andrew Pekarek

#### SC SYNOD STAFF:

Rev. Rick Carter, Asst. to the Bishop Rev. Emily Hartmann, Asst. to the Bishop Rev. Ginny Aebischer, Bishop Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop—ELCA