

The Ascension of Our Lord

May 21, 2023



Pastor's Corner for May 21-27

God's Story, Unfolding for You (Luke 24:44-53; Eph 1:15-23)

From the Little Red School House to "Wal-Mart Lutheran," to 100 W. Lochmere Drive, God's love and mercy in Christ Jesus has been lavish and abundant for the people of Resurrection Lutheran Church!

This weekend we hark back to a portion of the story of God's love and mercy dating back 2000 years. It records Jesus' ascent into heaven. As a child, I envisioned Jesus' ascension as a day Jesus "rocketed" up, up, and away into heaven. It was all a bit of a mystery. In some ways, I suppose, it still is. But according to St. Paul, the crucified Son of God, now seated at the right hand of

the Father, is therefore “above all rule and authority and power and dominion.” That means many of the things pertaining to faith that not only seem (humanly speaking) impossible, are —because of Jesus— actually possible. Jesus may no longer be visibly present with us here below. But He IS present, all the same. And as God with us He is the One who “upholds the universe by the Word of His power.” What hope that promise brings!

I can't think of any better reason to give thanks to God as we celebrate His faithfulness to our congregation on this anniversary weekend. A very happy and blessed anniversary weekend to everyone!

45th Anniversary of Our Church's founding (1978 - 2023)

This weekend, Resurrection Lutheran Church celebrates 45 years of God's grace. Forty-five years is not that long in the lives of churches... but much has happened in that space of time. I invite you to take a few minutes after worship services this weekend to peruse the photographs on the anniversary display table documenting the founding of Resurrection Lutheran Church, the building of worship spaces and schools, and (most of all) the people who God gathered together in this place.

Christian Ed Opportunities for Adults in May-June

Many thanks to Mindy Stephani and Tim Kearby for leading conversations around major events in Christian history this summer. The sessions begin Sunday, June 4, at 9:30 AM, and will continue all summer long. I also invite anyone interested in getting up to speed on the fundamentals of Christian doctrine to join me for an opportunity to compare/contrast Christianity with other world religions and hold up the Lutheran tradition to other Christian denominations. Entitled “This Is the Church,” the class begins at 9:30 AM on Saturday May 27.

Eastertide peace and joy...

Pastor Jonathan

Those in attendance at the groundbreaking pictured above:

Eric Bostick, T. Bostick, Nathan Kibler, John Healey, Ellen Healey, Kay Hood, Roy Hood, Pastor Paul Kibler, A. Bell, Amy Kibler, Marlene Kibler, L.

Rosenkoetter, Arlene Poggemueller, Mel Anderson, Ruth Healey, Ardella Berg, Arnold Poggemueller, Carolyn Davis, Ruth Anderson, Cal Berg, A. Roller, Chap. Costello, M. Bell, Pastor Lineberger, Mrs. Costello, Yvonne Braswell, Pastor Nagle, George Davis, A. Eckard, G. Wiggins, Rich Rosenkoetter

Prayers of the Church

20 May is National Armed Forces Day - Sunday

Armed Forces Day is set aside to recognize those who are currently serving in uniform for the defense of our country at home and abroad. The Armed Forces comprises of 6 Branches of Service under the Department of Defense. The branches are the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Space Force.

Recognizing the day allows communities to show their support for those who selflessly act in risking their lives to keep us safe. During the day, take a moment to ask those service members about their role in how they individually serve in the military.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Saturday, May 20
at 8:00 am

Fellowship Hall

Come gather for fellowship, food, and message.
All men welcome.

Contact Tom Gebbia or mens-ministry@rlcary.org.



Join us as we celebrate
our 45th Anniversary!
(1978-2023)

Food and fellowship after all services
in Fellowship Hall and Family Life Center lobby.
Take time to browse through old photos and albums.

Mites for Missions

We will be collecting Mites for Missions at all services this weekend, May 20 and 21. Please place your gifts in the large purple Mite Box in the Narthex near

Sanctuary Worship.

Gifts can also be made by check, payable to RLC, and mailed directly to Donna Krupcale, % Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518. The large Mite Box is always available at the Welcome table in the Narthex for gifts anytime during the month.

Thank you for supporting the mission grants of Lutheran Women in Mission.



• **YOUNG FAMILIES** •
gathering



Join us for Pizza in the Park! **Sunday, May 21 at 1:00 pm**, we will gather at the playground at Ritter Park for fellowship and food. RSVP to Pastor Zach (zach.sarrault@rlcary.org) for a count on pizza.

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

- **Last Monday Night Women's Bible Study**
Join us for *Heroes of Faith*, based on Hebrews 11, **Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm** from April 17-May 22.

Hebrews 11 gives us a list of role models: ordinary people who trusted God in radical ways. This eight-session LifeGuide® Bible Study by Douglas Connelly on the heroes of faith will encourage you and help deepen your own trust in our great God who still keeps all his promises, so that you might live out your faith in radical ways today. For more information, contact Jamee Thieme through RCB.

- **Last Men's Ministry Weekly Study and Fellowship**
Join us this week, **Monday, May 22 at 6:30 pm** in Room 240, Family Life Center, for **POTLUCK** and study!
- **Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship**
This study does not meet in the summer; we will resume after Labor Day.
- **Men with Kids**
Our Wednesday night group is on break for the summer and will start back after Labor Day.
- **This Is the Church**
Three 90-minute gatherings on Saturday mornings (9:30-11:00 am on **May 27, June 3, and June 10**) in Room 151, Family Life Center, will focus on the basics of what Christians believe and how the Christian faith can be understood in distinction from other world religions. If interested, contact jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org.

Young Adults Gathering

Are you 18-30 years old with no kids? Do you love Jesus?
Then join us for a new time of fellowship around God's Word!

Tuesday, May 23 from 8:00-9:00 pm, we will gather at Pastor Zach's house to look into God's Word and the challenges that come from this life-giving, life-changing Word!

Interested or need the address? Contact Pastor Zach (zach.sarrault@rlcary.org) or Elliot Lubak through RCB.



Food and Fellowship for the Blind
Friday, May 26 from 5:30-7:30 pm

We enjoyed another wonderful evening on April 28 with our visually impaired guests! Thank you to all of the volunteers who make these evenings possible.

Our next fellowship dinner for the blind will be Friday, May 26 in the Fellowship Hall. We can always use more volunteers! If interested, please contact Annette Langefeld-Kennedy or the church office at 919-851-7248 or office@rlcary.org.

Graduating?

Please contact the church office with high school and college graduate information by May 28. We will highlight our graduates in the June newsletter.



Please include the graduate's name, school graduating from, and any future plans. Email susan.moore@rlcary.org or call 919-851-7248, ext. 33. Thanks!

RLC Worship Servants

There is a need for volunteers to help out in all of our worship services. If you have ever watched an usher, worship assistant, or lay reader and thought "I could do that", we would love to have you! Reach out to the following for more information:

- Saturday, 6:00 pm - Lori Jannings
- Sunday, 8:00 am - Brenda Peterson
- Sunday, 9:30 am - Dara Linn
- Sunday, 11:00 am - Suzi Heffner

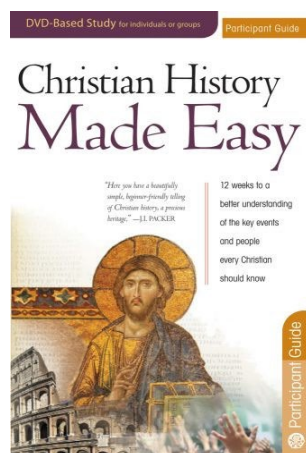
You may also contact the church office at 919-851-7248 or office@rlcary.org for assistance.

Summer Adult Christian Ed Class

Yes, we will again have a summertime Sunday School for adults. The class will be held **Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am from June 4-August 20** in the Fellowship Hall. It's a 12-week program titled, *Christian History Made Easy*.

During the class, we will explore the people, places, and rulers who were notable for the Christian faith over the centuries. Starting with the time of Martin Luther, there will be a focus on Protestant Christianity. Scripture will also be featured in each class.

There are two study guides for the class and we ask for a donation of \$10. Mindy Stephani will lead with assistance from Tim Kearby. Put June 4 on your calendar and make plans to attend the Saturday night service or one on Sunday at 8:00 am or 11:00 am. Come and join us!



The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, June 9

We thank all our volunteers who helped us to have a wonderful Coffeehouse in May. We had 176 people attend. And we loved the *Every Voice Choir!*

We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come be a volunteer! Our special needs guests love to attend and we need lots of volunteers to make them feel special and loved. We need Setter Uppers at **5:30 pm** (both food and room), Servers at 6:30 pm, and Cleaner Uppers at 8:30 pm.

The next Coffeehouse is Friday, June 9 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center gym. We will have the Wake Christian Academy Jazz Ensemble perform for us!

In the summer, we have less volunteers - please help!

Sign Up: <https://bit.ly/3kqoHGN>

Questions? Contact Brenda Peterson or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).



Job Opportunity

One of our longtime custodians, Charles Shiel, will be retiring at the end of June, and we are looking for someone to fill his position. Workdays are Monday-Friday, approximately 10-12 hours/week, in the early morning hours. (Schedule can vary and exact times negotiable.)

Responsible for cleaning the church building, to include vacuuming, floor buffing, bathrooms, trash & recycling, windows, light bulb replacement, and other cleaning duties.

For more information or to apply, contact the church office at 919-851-7248 or office@rlcary.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

May Newsletter

Sunday School

Children's Sunday School is held in Resurrection Lutheran School classrooms
Sundays 9:30-10:30

May 7 -Lesson Food from Heaven

May 14 - Mother's Day - Lesson Waterworks

May 21 -Last Sunday School - Celebration with attendance awards



Children's Church

Upcoming Events

KICKS

Kids in Christ Keep Shining
Grades 3-5

Our May event will be May 24th from 6:30-7:30 in the Family Life Center Gym.



KICKS April Event
Sportsmanship

Questions?

Interested in learning more about Children's Ministry at RLC?
Contact Erika Hulse at erika.hulse@rlcary.org

Vacation Bible School (VBS)
Monday, June 26 - Friday, June 30
9:00 am-12:00 pm



Shine a light on Jesus' love!

Let's launch on a cosmic quest where we'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets us on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith building fun.

We welcome all children ages 4 through rising 5th grade to join us for this amazing week in God's Word. It will be filled with games, crafts, music, and most importantly, Jesus' learning that'll last for light years to come.

[Click Here to Register Now!](#)

Cost: Early Bird Price from March 15-May 31, \$5 per child or \$15 max per family; June 1-June 26, \$10 per child or \$30 max per family

Cash (exact change) or check accepted, payable to Resurrection Lutheran Church. Mail or drop off to Church Office, 100 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary NC 27518.

Volunteers Needed!

Contact kelseysarrault@rlscary.org.

Student Ministry

Middle School and High School

Here's what is coming up...

- **Sunday, May 21**
9:30-10:30 am - **Last** Connection Cafe (Sunday School for Middle/High School)
Super Fun Bible Jeopardy and Donuts!

6:30-8:00 pm - Breakaway (High School Youth Group)
GLOW NIGHT! ALL rising freshman are welcome and invited! We look forward to welcoming you to the family!
- **Sunday, May 28**
No Breakaway (High School Youth Group)
- **Sunday, June 4**
Come celebrate our Seniors at the 11:00 am service in the Family Life Center!



Questions? Contact Ms. Jenny, Youth Director

jenny.piontek@rlcary.org

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool



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Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

3-year-olds
to rising kindergarteners

(children currently in our 2's classes are eligible)
(ALL Ages **MUST** be toilet-trained)

June 5 – 8 (9:15–12:30)
June 12 – 15 (9:15–12:30)
June 19 – 22 (9:15–12:30)

Neighbors, friends, & family welcome!
EMAIL FOR BROCHURE & REGISTRATION FORMS!

Mark Your Calendars!

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email- office@rlpcary.org
call- **919-851-7270**

Resurrection Lutheran School



Junior kindergarten fun in the strawberry patch 🍓



Outdoor education at its finest in fourth! 🌳 🍃



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Latest Lion's Tale

WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Worship
in Sanctuary

Saturday, 6:00 pm
Sunday, *8:00 & 9:30 am

Praise Worship
in Family Life Center

Sunday, *11:00 am

**Services Live Streamed to YouTube*

Online Worship Bulletins

For online services, connect through our YouTube channel at youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC
or through our website at rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship.

Attendance and Giving

Visual Faith

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – May 21, 2023

*Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
Hebrews 4:16*

We lift the following prayer requests this week:

Ongoing Prayers

*Diane Cuper, *Eve Sommers, *Anne Altieri, *Charlotte Raines, *Eric Hammergren, *Anita Moore,
*John Shaeffer, *Vern Ebert, *Aaron, Marcus, *Malcolm, *Sandy Nigg, Henry Otten, Michael Flannery,
*Helen Campbell, *Lena Licciardi, Paul Batt, Peter and Esther Kuo, *Geoffrey Wiggins, Marc and
Elizabeth Langefeld's Baby Adoption, Caitlyn, Mark Zimmerman, Justus Nicolai, Alex Fernandez,
*Cheri Spitz

Ongoing Cancer Treatments

*Mike Allen, Anne Price, *Gary Ferro, Angie Price, Alison Zieglmeier, Carol Diliberto, Jackie, Linda H.,
Kathy Siemon, Scott Brinkley, *Bill Xenakis, Linda, Jimmy Ketner, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman,
Sue, Kathy, Pamm Haley, Judy Dean, Bob, Michael Murphy

For Expectant Moms

Brianne Kibler, *Janet Lucien, *Brittany McGrady

Those Prayed for on May 14, 2023

Thanking God Today

- Our RLC Family
- Family Celebrations and Time Together, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Weddings, Baptisms
- Our Many Blessings
- Safe Travels
- Caring Organizations Within Our Local Communities
- *Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Recovery
- *Brendan Nigg, Recovery
- Mothers
- People Beginning New Jobs
- Our New Resurrection Lutheran School Principal, Robin Hester
- *Bob Unger, Resurrection Lutheran School Principal
- Vacation Bible School and Volunteers
- Andy McCorkles' New Job
- Zachary Heffner's Baptismal Birthday

For Healing

- *Becky Berger
- *Kim Goss
- All Those Exposed to COVID, with COVID, and Recovering from COVID
- Blind Ministry Guests - Maria Barker, Judy Dean, Sheila McNair, Linda Jones, Desiree, James
- *Brendan Nigg, Recovery
- *Cheri Spitz
- *Eve Sommers, Continued Recovery at Home
- *Marina de Moura Torres
- *Greta Nelson
- Shannon, Friend of *Katy Johnson
- Paul Wozniak, Cancer Treatment
- Mary Ann Wozniak, Cancer Treatment
- Michele, Ira, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Mark, Keith, Kevin, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Wayne

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Glenn Wagner, Brother of *Dawn Leister
- Friends and Family of *Randi Munns, especially Husband Barry, Son Bryan

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- People of Ukraine, And All Those Who Serve to Support Them
- Persecuted Christians
- Uganda Lutheran Church
- All Those Supporting Family Members with Caregiving Needs
- DCE Call Process and Staffing Decisions
- Annie Ruth Ford, Mother of *Dennis Ford
- *Eric and *Jill Hammergren
- *Jan and Paul Wozniak
- Jan and Rich Bloom
- Stuart and Sue Sanders, and the *Boyer Family
- Linda H., In Hospice Care
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles
- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- People and Communities Affected by Spring Storms

For the Lord's Wisdom, Guidance, Strength for the Health and Well-Being of the People They Serve

- Pastor Jonathan and Juli, Associate Pastor Zach and Kelsey, Assistant Pastor Alan and Faith, and Their Families
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Staff
- Area Pastors and School Staff
- Our Stephen Ministers

For Our Missionaries

- *Mark and *Megan Mantey, Kenya
[Click here for the Mantey's Newsletter!](#)
- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia
[Click here for the Cima Family Newsletter!](#)
- Shauen and Krista Trump, Kenya
[Click here for the Trump's Newsletter!](#)

*Lord Jesus, thank You for Your abiding Presence and saving grace. All is in Your Hands.
We trust You are working all things according to Your good plan and purposes,
and with that trust and confidence, we release these prayers to You. In Your Holy Name, Amen.*

***RLC Members**

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Attendance and Giving – May 21, 2023

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, May 13

6:00 pm - 59

Sunday, May 14

8:00 am - 76; 9:30 am - 148; 11:00 am - 92

Total In-Person Worship: 375

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, May 14

8:00 am - 83; 11:00 am - 33

Total Online Views: 116 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - April 2023

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 118,062.87	\$ 1,080,632.94
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 107,272.48</u>	<u>\$ 1,090,421.17</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ 10,790.39	\$ -9,788.23

This Week's Offerings: \$25,319.59

Average Weekly Giving for 2022/23: \$24,559.84

Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2022/23: \$26,908.65

We are grateful for all who are able to maintain financial contributions to our congregation!

There are four ways to make your offering:

- Place in offering plate as you exit the in-person worship service
- Mail to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary, NC 27518
- Online Giving through our church website at rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving
- Download the Vanco Mobile app, search for Resurrection Lutheran Church, transfer funds from your checking or savings account to RLC

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

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