# The Holy Trinity

# June 4, 2023



# Pastor's Corner for June 4-10

### God's Full Name

Have you ever had someone, maybe a student or child, ask you a question and you just didn't have an answer? One of those questions that kids love to ask... Why is the sky blue? Where does the wind come from? Why is water wet? You know that there is a good answer, even a right one, but you just have no idea what the right answer is, so you give an answer along the lines of, "That's just the way it is" hoping that the child will accept the answer as good enough.

There are a lot of questions like these that we may have about the Bible but one of the most challenging questions is that of the Trinity. 1+1+1=1 How does that make sense?? Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are three persons yet One God, working together for the salvation plan put in place from the very beginning. It is something

so far above our understanding that we are in fact asked to believe it without a proper explanation, but simply on faith.

Every single worship service begins and ends with the Trinity. "We begin in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit." You hear it every Saturday or Sunday at church. Why begin in this way? Because where the full name of God is, something incredible is going to happen! In the name of God sinners like us are forgiven. Those that, on our own, hate God are brought close to God by the guidance of the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of the Son, and welcomed with the outstretched arms of our Father. In the name of God, the dead are brought to life. Apart from God, we are nothing. Apart from the name of the Trinity upon our hearts, we are lost in our sin, tormented by our guilt and shame, but with the name and claim of our Triune God, we are free from our sin, guilt and shame, covered in the righteousness of Christ, made holy by the work of the Spirit, and welcomed in the peace of the Father.

How is all this possible? This is a more challenging question than that of the Trinity! How could the perfect God of all creation forgive, cleanse, and want to be with me? There is no answer that can make sense of that. The only answer we can give is that God loves His creation, all of it, and wants all of His creation to be with Him in eternity and for that to happen, His love is there for all to receive.

The Trinity is at work into eternity, moving towards one purpose, one goal in mind from the very foundation of the world. That all God's people may be with Him forever. We are a part of that goal. It is stated with God's name at the beginning of worship, and it is proclaimed at the end in the benediction, "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord life up His countenance upon you and give you peace" (Numbers 6:24-26). These are not just hopeful words we ask God to enact, this the promise of our Triune God to His people. He will do it! Does it make sense? Not really, but His love for us is greater than sense, it is greater than knowledge is greater than logic. It is simply and profoundly love! Thank God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for that!

Your brother in Christ, Pastor Zach Sarrault

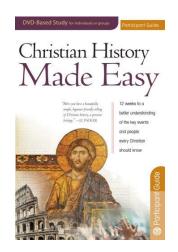
# Prayers of the Church

## Class is cancelled for this week! 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 11-August 27** 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!





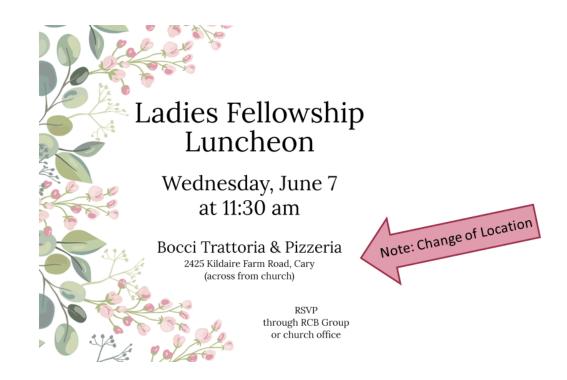


Congratulations to

Lorraine Patterson Glenn and Nathaniel Lewis Carels

who were married on Saturday, June 3 at Resurrection Lutheran Church.

May they dwell in God's presence forever. May His true and constant love preserve them.



# 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: <u>https://bit.ly/3kqoHGN</u>

Questions? Contact Brenda Peterson or church office (<u>office@rlcary.org</u>, 919-851-7248).



MEN'S BREAKFAST		
Saturday, June 10 at 8:00 am Fellowship Hall		
Come gather for fellowship, food, and message. All men welcome.		
Contact Tom Gebbia or mens-ministry@rlcary.org.		

# **Voter's Meeting**

Sunday, June 11 at 12:30 pm Family Life Center Gym

Agenda Includes Upcoming Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Families with small children, your kids can get popsicles and enjoy activities on the outdoor playground with Children and Family Ministry Director Erika Hulse, so you can take part in the meeting.

**Adult Game Night** 

Sunday, June 11

Looking for a night of fun and fellowship? Like to play board/card games? Join us for Adult Game Night!

When: 2nd Sunday from 5:00-9:30 pm Where: Room 240, Family Life Center

Bring something to share if you can and join us!

Contact Sandy Wuori or Ben Wuori through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).



Rev. Trump, a former member of RLC, has been serving as a missionary in Africa for fifteen years and as the Regional Director for LCMS mission efforts in Africa since 2020. He is visiting us with his family: his wife Krista and their children Josiah, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Esther.

Our gathering will be at the home of RLC members Jeff and Cheryl Fike: 207 S. Mason Street, Apex, NC 27502-1918

Food and drinks will be on hand for those coming directly from the workplace. There will also be ample parking, including space for handicapped or disabled participants.

Those attending are asked to RSVP at the following link: rlcary.org/about-us/mission-outreach/rev-shauen-trump-and-family-visit



# Join us Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30 pm

at V Pizza - Cary for fellowship!

# **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 <u>office@rlcary.org</u> for assistance.



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: \$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, June 4 Come celebrate our Seniors at the 11:00 am service in the Family Life Center!

### **Breakaway Seniors** We really want to celebrate you! Join us from **6:30-8:00 pm** - our Youth Group time will be devoted to you!



The Seniors will also be recognized at the 11:00am service on Sunday.



Questions? Contact Ms. Jenny, Youth Director jenny.piontek@rlcary.org

### **Resurrection Lutheran Preschool**



Resurrection Lutheran Preschool | 919-851-7270 | rlpcary.org

### **Resurrection Lutheran School**



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Latest Lion's Tale



# **Online Worship Bulletins**

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

# Attendance and Giving

Visual Faith

**Church Calendar** 

Resurrection Lutheran Church100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518rlcary.org919-851-7248office@rlcary.org

### Prayers of the Church – June 4, 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, \*Brittany McGrady, Katie Wozniak

### Those Prayed for on May 28, 2023

### Thanking God Today

- Our RLC Family
- Family Celebrations and Time Together, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Weddings, Baptisms
- Confirmations and Graduations
- Our Many Blessings
- Safe Travels
- Caring Organizations Within Our Local Communities
- \*Brendan Nigg, Recovery
- Vacation Bible School and Volunteers
- RLC's 45th Anniversary 45 Years of God's grace!
- Memorial Day Weekend
- Blind Ministry on May 26 Guests and Volunteers
- Our Resurrection Lutheran School 8th Grade Students as They Graduate on May 31

#### 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
- \*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
- Lonnie, Emergency Surgery and Recovery
- Ruthie, Karen, Charlie, Anita, Marina, Alice, Blaise, Amanda, Jeff, Charlie, Kathy, Valter, Julian, Noreen, Lou, Shelby, Joann, Ken, Harold, Donald, Virginia, Greta, Eric, Mara, Connie, Sue, Kris, Kim, Shannon

### For Comfort

- Friends and Family of John Cima, Father of Missionary JP Cima
- 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
- Travel Mercies
- DCE Call Process and Staffing Decisions
- Barry Munns and Family
- 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, Especially Dave
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence

### 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 <u>Click here for the Mantey's Newsletter!</u>
- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia <u>Click here for the Cima Family Newsletter!</u>
- Shauen and Krista Trump, Kenya
  <u>Click here for the Trump's Newsletter!</u>

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 – June 4, 2023

**In-Person Worship Attendance** 

**Saturday, May 27** 6:00 pm - 28

**Sunday, May 28** 8:00 am - 58; 9:30 am - 136; 11:00 am - 98

**Total In-Person Worship: 320** 

#### Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

**Sunday, May 28** 8:00 am - 91; 11:00 am - 43

**Total Online Views: 134 views** 

### **General Fund Giving and Spending - April 2023**

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

This Week's Offerings: \$25,339.33

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 <u>rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving</u>
- Download the Vanco Mobile app, search for Resurrection Lutheran Church, transfer funds from your checking or savings account to RLC

Questions? Contact <u>finance@rlcary.org</u>.

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