

## Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

### June 25, 2023

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*Pastor's Corner for June 25-July 1*

### **"I Am With You Always"**

This weekend, we end our June sermon series, *God Said What??*, and I hope that you've had fun looking at the challenging words of God! There are many challenging stories in the Old Testament that have caused people to question their faith. God's Word isn't easy, we must not think that it is. God's Word is challenging, uncomfortable, and countercultural. As the saying goes, "If it were easy, everyone would do it." Being a Christian isn't easy. It never has been, and it never will be, and it shouldn't be our hope that the Christian life, in this world, leads to an easy life. That Life is coming! That is where our hope finds its foundation, in the easy life eternal to come (1 Peter 1:8-9).

Challenging words of God aren't only found in the Old Testament. Jesus spoke challenging words to His disciples throughout His ministry. Not just words that are hard to follow, words that challenge our way of life and the choices that we make, but words plainly stating the opposition disciples (that's you and me!) will face in this world. Jesus says...

"Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against their parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name's sake." (Matthew 10:21-22)

"In this world you will have tribulation." (John 16:33)

Jesus said what?? These are uncomfortable words, words that we would rather skip over, words that we would rather remove from our Bibles. We don't want this way of life! But Jesus is very blunt about the way His people will be received by the world. What is even more interesting about this is that Jesus says this right before He sends His disciples on Mission. He doesn't want us to be surprised by what we will face in the world.

But He never ends there. Jesus never leaves us hanging with a word of trouble, confusion, and confrontation, Jesus always leaves us with hope, His presence, and His power....

"But the one who endures to the end will be saved.... even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not." (Matthew 10:22, 30-31)

"But take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

We do not fear the world, we don't fear the confrontation we may experience or see, we are not overcome by the ways of the world because we follow and live with the One who has "called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). Jesus wants us to know what we face, but He doesn't want us to despair, "I have said these things to you to keep you from falling away" (John 16:1).

So, when you see things in the news that makes you angry or even scared, or when

you are pained by a loved one who is struggling in the faith, don't forget who your God is. Don't forget the power of your God and His Word of comfort. He knows what you face, and He gives you a promise, "I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20, The Message translation).

### **Nursery News**

Just a reminder as you gather for worship this summer, our nursery is always available! The nursery is found at the end of the hall, past the bathrooms by the Fellowship Hall. The doors will always be unlocked during worship, and it will be staffed during the 9:30 service on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month. We love to hear your little ones during worship, but if you feel the need to bring them out of the sanctuary, know that our nursery is available.

Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Zach Sarrault

## **Prayers of the Church**

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### **Saturday, June 24**

We will use the Taize format of worship for the Saturday, 6:00 pm service.

A darkened setting with candles, singing of short ostinato refrains of Biblical and liturgical phrases, periods of quiet for reflection, the celebration of communion, readings, and sermon.



### 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. Make plans to attend the Saturday night service or one on Sunday at 8:00 am or 11:00 am, and come and join us!

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## Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry for  
the Visually Impaired meets

**Friday, June 30**

5:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

We thank all of our faithful volunteers who helped again to make our last meal and time of fellowship with our blind and visually impaired guests on May 26 such an amazing evening!

We appreciate anyone who would like to come and help! Contact Annette Langefeld-Kennedy or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

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**YOUNG  
ADULTS**

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!

We will get together on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 8:00-9:00 pm** to look into God's Word and the challenges that come from this life-giving, life-changing Word!

Contact Pastor Zach ([zach.sarrault@rlcary.org](mailto:zach.sarrault@rlcary.org)) or Elliot Lubak with any questions and for the location of the **July 5** gathering.

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## **The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults** **Friday, July 14**

We thank all our volunteers who helped us to have a wonderful Coffeehouse in June! Thanks to Elliot Lubak and his group for great music. We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come be a volunteer! Our special needs guests love to come to these events 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. In the summer, we have less volunteers - please help!

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

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, July 14 from 7:00-8:30 pm** in the Family Life Center gym. We will have the Wake Christian Academy Jazz Ensemble again perform for us!

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



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## 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](mailto:office@rlcary.org) for assistance.

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*See you soon!*

**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.

Contact [kelseysarrault@rlscary.org](mailto:kelseysarrault@rlscary.org).

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## Student Ministry

Middle School and High School

And just like that the school year is done! I am so grateful for all of the youth and families this year. I wish all of you a very happy summer and can't wait to see you again in the FALL!

On **June 18-23**, our Middle School youth will be traveling with the YouthWorks program to Rutherford County, North Carolina right in the foothills of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. This area is both a beautiful travel destination and a struggling manufacturing area that struggles with food insecurity, homelessness, drugs, and parents looking for safe spaces for their children while they work. We will be working alongside organizations like the Salvation Army, YMCA, the local Community Garden and Food Banks, to build relationships with community members and learn how we can use our hands to do Jesus' work throughout Rutherford County.

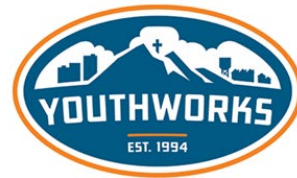
Our RLC group of 7 youth and 3 adult leaders will be immersed in devotions, serving at our sleeping location, serving the community, and coming together in both our small group and our larger group to give praise each night for the amazing work God is doing within Rutherford County. We ask for prayers for our group, as well as share the prayer YouthWorks has for our servant location:

“Please pray for the ministry of Work Projects and with our Service Partners that will happen in Rutherford County this summer and that we continue to build deeper relationships with the community members. Pray that as YouthWorks



arrives for summer 2023, we can support the community well, add to the great things happening there already and shine Jesus' love and light."

A special thank you to Harrison Hulse for being my number two on this Mission Trip. For helping with serving, caring and developing small group time that will be meaningful, and build the groups relationships with each other and God. Thank you to LeAnn Trautman (Jordan Lutheran) for coming along as a partner to help drive the group around all week, keeping the youth wrangled, and allowing them to have a safe, fun adult to see them through the highs and lows of a Mission Trip.



**Middle School Mission Trip  
June 18-23**



Rutherford County, North Carolina

Questions? Contact Ms. Jenny, Youth Director  
[jenny.piontek@rlcary.org](mailto:jenny.piontek@rlcary.org)

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# Resurrection Lutheran Preschool



Resurrection Lutheran **PRESCHOOL** Enrolling **NOW** for **2023-24**

Around **\$23** for a **3-4** hour day of preschool includes:

+Classes for children 2-years-old thru 5-years-old+

- \* Co-Teaching Teams develop a 'learning through play' environment
- \* Developmentally age-appropriate, hands-on, child-centered experiences
- \* Balance of social/academic opportunities
- \* Experienced, nurturing, dedicated Staff
- \* Average of over 10 years staffing stability
- \* Weekly **Chapel & Music/Movement** for all ages
- \* Weekly **Science** for 4's & T-K
- \* Partnership with families to provide a top-quality program
- \* A loving Christian atmosphere



**Drive-Up Drop-Off/Pick-Up (for All ages)**

To ENROLL or schedule a Tour- email [office@rlpcary.org](mailto:office@rlpcary.org) or call **919.851.7270**

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool | 919-851-7270 | [rlpcary.org](http://rlpcary.org)

# Resurrection Lutheran School

Entrepreneurs Day in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade!



[rlscary.org](http://rlscary.org)

Junior Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Resurrection Lutheran School | 919-851-7271 | [rlscary.org](http://rlscary.org)

Latest Lion's Tale



## Online Worship Bulletins

For online services, connect through our YouTube channel at [youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC](https://youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC)  
or through our website at [rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship](http://rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship).

## Visual Faith

## Attendance and Giving

## Church Calendar

**Resurrection Lutheran Church**    100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518  
rlcary.org | 919-851-7248 | office@rlcary.org

## Prayers of the Church – June 25, 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,  
Kathy Siemon, Scott Brinkley, \*Bill Xenakis, Linda, Jimmy Ketner, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman,  
Sue, Kathy, Pamm Haley, Judy Dean, Bob, Michael Murphy, Greta Nelson, Marina de Moura Torres

#### **For Expectant Moms**

Brianne Kibler, \*Brittany McGrady, Katie Wozniak

#### **Those Prayed for on June 18, 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
- Vacation Bible School and Volunteers
- \*Mindy - Thankful for all the prayers with recent health issue while traveling.
- Adult Sunday School Class Starting - 30 Attendees First Week
- Resurrection Lutheran Preschool (RLP) 2023 -2024 Enrollment, Summer Camps
- Resurrection Lutheran School (RLS) 2023 -2024 Enrollment
- Voter's Meeting Held on June 11
- Fathers
- Successful Surgery
- Addison's Birthday
- New Home
- New Job

## **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
- \*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
- \*Brendan Nigg, Continued Recovery
- \*Greg Jarvis, Recovery from Gallbladder Surgery
- Upcoming Heart Surgery (June 19) for Rebecca Jean Tharp, 3 yr. old daughter of Andrew Tharp, Granddaughter of \*Kay and \*Alan Tharp
- Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Mark, Timmy, Ira, Keith, Kevin, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Karen, Chris and Anna, Amanda, Lisa, Lee, Anita, Charlie, Marina, Marion, Kathy, Greta, Julian, Lou, Noreen, Shelby, Joann, Connor and Kevin, Ken, Harold, Donald, Eric, Mara, Sue, Connie, Mary Frances, Marti, Marlene

## **For Comfort**

- Friends and Family of Tom Thompson, Husband of Ann Thompson, VDC and TEC Community
- Friends and Family of Linda Hooper, Sister-In-Law of \*Ken and \*Diane Hooper
- Friends and Family of Patsy King's Fiancé

## **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
- Barry Munns and Family
- Annie Ruth Ford, Mother of \*Dennis Ford
- \*Eric and \*Jill Hambergren, and Safe Travels for Jill to Special Olympics in Germany
- \*Jan and Paul Wozniak
- Jan and Rich Bloom
- Stuart and Sue Sanders, and the \*Boyer Family
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles
- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes, Especially Dave
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- Staffing Needs at Resurrection Lutheran School, Resurrection Lutheran Preschool
- Keep College Students Safe During the Summer, at Internships
- For Christian Activists

- Rain in Canada
- Keep Ayden Safe
- People Struggling with Mental Health Issues
- Homeless
- Those Feeling Isolated from Others and God

**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**

*Updated 6/22/23*

## Attendance and Giving – June 25, 2023

### In-Person Worship Attendance

#### Saturday, June 17

6:00 pm - 51

#### Sunday, June 18

8:00 am - 56; 9:30 am - 121; 11:00 am - 137

**Total In-Person Worship: 365**

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

#### Sunday, June 18

8:00 am - 73; 11:00 am - 42

**Total Online Views: 115 views**

### General Fund Giving and Spending - May 2023

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 102,634.09	\$ 1,183,267.03
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 110,818.75</u>	<u>\$ 1,201,034.92</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -8,184.66	\$ -17,767.89

This Week's Offerings: \$20,292.99

Average Weekly Giving for 2022/23: \$24,651.40

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](http://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](mailto:finance@rlcary.org).

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