

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 16, 2023



Pastor's Corner for July 16-22

How's your prayer life going?

With our July focus on “Thy Kingdom Come”, maybe you’ve thought more about your own prayer habits. While we may not have a sermon series on prayer, the Kingdom theme is certainly laced with prayer. We cannot talk about the Kingdom of God without talking with God about His Kingdom and our place in it.

And that is exactly what prayer is! It is nothing more than talking with our Father God about whatever may be going on in our lives. But, if that is all it is, then why

can it be so hard to pray? Many of us struggle with the habit of prayer. We may doubt its effectiveness. Does God really answer my prayer? Surely, He has more important things going on, why would He worry about little ol' me? We may not be happy with the timing of God's answers, or we may fear the way He may answer. He always takes so long to answer my prayers, so why even take the time? God doesn't give me what I want, so how can I be sure that He's really paying attention? Or we may simply be too busy to take the time to sit and pray.

I have a coffee cup in my office with a Martin Luther quote that says, "Pray and let God worry." If only it was that easy. I've heard another Luther quote that I like a little better, "I have so much to do today that I shall have to spend the first three hours in prayer." Three hours in prayer?? It seems like a lot of prayer. Whether or not he actually spent that much time in prayer, it goes to show what prayer does.

In prayer, we are reminded of God's Word, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways" (Isaiah 55:8). As adopted children of the heavenly Father (Romans 8:15), we look to live our lives according to God's plan and we cannot follow God's desires if we don't talk with Him, reminding ourselves of our own inability to be who God calls us to be. In prayer, we are reminded of the grandness of who God is for us and His desire to hear us and to speak to us in His Word.

When we struggle with how to pray, we also must remember that we do not pray alone, but the "Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit" (Romans 8:16). The Holy Spirit prays with us and even for us when we don't know what to say (Romans 8:26). In prayer, we are brought closer to the fullness of our Triune God. In prayer, we are one with the Son who prays with us, guided by the Spirit who prays for us, and we find ourselves crawling into the lap of our Father God who listens to every word we pray.

So, this week, I challenge you to take time in prayer. Maybe you start your day with three hours in prayer like Martin Luther may have done, or you simply pray with your family before meals or before bed. Whenever or however you may pray, keep our High School Youth Group in your prayers, as they travel to Savannah, Georgia for a weeklong Mission Trip. Keep their leaders, Jenny Piontek and Harrison Hulse,

in your prayers for their faithful leadership and patience through the work God has prepared for them (Ephesians 2:10).

In all your prayers, may we continue to pray “Thy Kingdom Come” as we walk with our Father God in His Kingdom work.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church

Class is cancelled this week! **Summer Adult Christian Ed Class**

Yes, we have a summertime Sunday School for adults again. The class is held **Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am from June 11-August 27** in the Fellowship Hall. The 12-week program is titled, *Christian History Made Easy*.

During the class, we 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 is featured in each class.

There are two study guides for the class and we ask for a donation of \$10. Led by Mindy Stephani 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!



Mites for Missions

We will be collecting Mites for Missions at all services this weekend, **July 15 and 16**. 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!



Christmas in July

Christmas in July is here again for 2023! The Christmas trees are located in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and the Lobby of the Family Life Center from **July 1-30**. Each tree has numerous ornament “tags”. Take a tag and return it to the tree with the requested item next time you are at church. No need to wrap them!

This year, our gifts will benefit Green Chair Project (thegreenchair.org) and Families Together (famielstogethernc.org). These two organizations work to house homeless families in Wake County.

The Green Chair Project has asked for Healthy Home Bundles which consist of:

- Small Trash Can or Bucket or Laundry Basket
- One Roll of Toilet Paper
- One Roll of Paper Towels
- Dish Soap
- Pack of Sponges
- Antibacterial Spray or Wipes
- Glass Cleaner Spray

Place all the items in the can, bucket, or laundry basket and return to the Christmas tree. (The tree tag will have this list on it.)



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) or Elliot Lubak with any questions and for the location of the **July 19** gathering.

Food and Fellowship for the Blind

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 such an amazing evening!

We will meet again on **Friday, July 28 from 5:30-7:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Volunteer Opportunities

WakeMed-Cary is recruiting community volunteers who sew, crochet, or knit to make comfort items for the patients. Handmade items requested are blankets, hats, huggables, and quilts. The patients truly love the items they receive. Learn more at wakemed.org/volunteer/community-sewing-volunteer.

If interested in working within a small group at Resurrection to help provide these items, reach out to Linda Merrill for The Piecemakers or Betsy Moll for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Also feel free to stop by when they are meeting!

The Piecemakers, RLC's quilting group, meets every Tuesday at 1:00 pm in Room 151, Family Life Center. The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 4:00-5:30 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center.

WakeMed-Cary has in-hospital volunteer opportunities as well. Contact Suzanne Regan, Volunteer Services Representative - Cary, directly.

Questions? Contact the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org) and we will point you in the right direction.

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.

Children and Family Ministry

Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

We would love to have you join our team!

There are many ways to serve in Children's Ministry. We are in need of teachers, teacher helpers, substitute teachers and behind the scenes helpers. Our Children's Ministry Director, Erika Hulse, is available to discuss ways you can help and make an impact in the lives of our youngest members.



Contact: Erika Hulse

erika.hulse@rlcary.org

Questions? Contact Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director

erika.hulse@rlcary.org

Student Ministry

Middle School and High School

On **July 16-21**, our High School Youth will be traveling to Savannah, Georgia through the YouthWorks program to participate in a weeklong Mission Trip. Due to the health epidemics and trips to the National Youth Gathering, this is our first Mission Trip in 5 years! We are so excited and grateful for this opportunity to do God's work with our hands and see what he has in store for us to accomplish and how we can help in Savannah.

Over 20% of Savannah's population lives below the poverty line with rises in homelessness and lack of affordable housing options. We will be partnering with missions like Union Mission (working to eliminate homelessness), Salvation Army, helping community members through minor home repair projects to make their homes safe, and other community organizations to get food to those in need. As our own group has felt the effects of the Covid epidemic, this community has also been severely impacted.

Our group of 8 youth and 3 adult leaders are excited to see what God has in store and asks you to keep our safety in travel a part of your prayers but also to please include the YouthWorks prayer for the greater Savannah community:

“Pray for our service partners in Savannah. Pray that we will be attentive and listen to community members in order to serve others well this summer. Pray that we can bring the light of Christ to the staff and clients at the places we serve. Continue to pray for our partner agencies and persons who have been affected by COVID the past several years.”

A special thank you to Harrison Hulse for devoting his time and talents to developing activities and devotions with me to bring a really special opportunity to the HS RLC Youth. Thank you to Heather Burgiss for taking a week to spend with our youth to form deeper relationships within our group and with our community.



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

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool



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

Around
\$23
for a 3-4
hour day
of
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- * Weekly **Science** for 4's & T-K
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- * A loving Christian atmosphere



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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.

Visual Faith

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – July 16, 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 July 9, 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
- The Coffeehouse on July 14, Volunteers and Guests
- Healing for Baby Jonah
- 60th Wedding Anniversary of Valter and Rosalia Kunkel

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, Upcoming Surgery
- *Greta Nelson
- Shannon, Friend of *Katy Johnson
- Paul Wozniak, Cancer Treatment
- Mary Ann Wozniak, Cancer Treatment
- *Ginny Koren
- *Hope Studt
- *Jim Bowen, Sr.
- Julie Wozniak, Recovery
- Bill, Ruthie, Bryan, Alice, Brian, Karl, Linda, Patti, Alex, Andrea, Kay, Cathy, Kent, Marina, Lena, Valter, Harold, Donald, Ken, Debbie, Corey, Eric, Connie, Mara, Sue, Marti, Karen, Bill, Kris

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Linda Hooper, Sister-In-Law of *Ken and *Diane Hooper
- Friends and Family of Joseph Buckner, Father of *Kenn Buckner
- Friends and Family of the Gegel's Whose Son Drowned This Week, Friends of *Bob and *MaryAnn Unger
- Friends and Family of Marta LaCroix, Sister of *Tim and *Karol LaCroix
- Friends and Family of Amy Watters, Cousin of *Linda Crandall
- Friends and Family of Laird Ramiez, Friend of *Stacy Reed
- Friends and Family of Ashley Yates, Friend of *Stacy Reed
- Friends and Family of Zach Hines, Friend of *Stacy Reed

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 for All Traveling This Summer
- 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
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles and Families in Turmoil
- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- Family Transitions, Especially College Students and Their Families
- Keep Ayden Safe
- Rain in Canada

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
- *Erika Hulse, Preparing for Mission Trip to Poland, July 31-August 14

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 – July 16, 2023

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, July 8

6:00 pm - 45

Sunday, July 9

8:00 am - 62; 9:30 am - 123; 11:00 am - 109

Total In-Person Worship: 339

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, July 9

8:00 am - 92; 11:00 am - 44

Total Online Views: 136 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - June 2023

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 91,526.83	\$ 1,274,793.86
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 123,726.43</u>	<u>\$ 1,324,711.39</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -32,199.60	\$ -49,917.53

This Week's Offerings: \$17,206.20

Average Weekly Giving for 2022/23: \$24,515.26

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 enter the 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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