

# Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 6, 2023

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*Pastor's Corner for August 6-12*

## **Eternal Perspective**

Romans chapter 8 may be my favorite chapter in the whole Bible. If you haven't read it before, or it's been a while, stop right now, pick up your Bible, and read through it. Isn't it such a great chapter! In this one chapter, we get to see the entirety of God's salvation plan. It's all right here in one single chapter. We see the work of the Trinity; the sending of the Son, the work of the Spirit, and the relationship with the Father. As they work together as one God, it is all for one purpose... to give us a place in eternity. That is God's goal, that is why the Son came to earth, that is why the Spirit lives within us now, that's why the Father chooses to call us His children. It's all about the saving grace that leads to life eternal.

So, if the whole chapter focuses on what God has done for us in eternity, then why does this life even matter? If the whole chapter, and really all of God's salvation plan is focused on God's desire to give us a heavenly home, then why concern ourselves with what goes on in our lives here on earth? Do we separate our earthly lives and our eternal lives too much?

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

This may be one of the most well-known verses in the Bible, and for good reason. This verse can bring great strength to the believer, but only when read well. If we don't read the verse well, then the verse can lead us into despair. It can cause us to doubt the strength and love of God if we are not careful how we read this verse.

What this verse is doing is connecting our earthly and eternal lives, giving us an eternal perspective. Hearing the words, "all things work together for good" can cause us to wonder about the troubles (understatement!) that we face in this life and the troubles that God's people have always faced in this life. It doesn't always look like much good is going on! Paul isn't telling us that bad things won't happen to God's people. Quite the opposite actually. Here, Paul is echoing the words of Joseph, speaking to jealously treacherous brothers in Genesis 50:20, "As for you, you meant evil against me and God meant it for good."

It's all about the eternal perspective that God gives us in this life. We certainly will face troubles in this life (Rm. 8:18), but when they come up, how do we respond. Do we become angry, fearful, depressed, or stressed, or do we look at the situation with an eternal perspective, knowing that God has our place in heaven already prepared. This doesn't give us permission to be lazy or overly carefree, but it does give us permission to trust that God is in charge and working in you today.

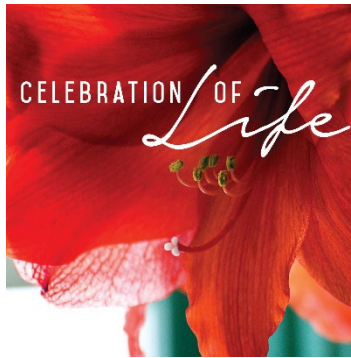
This is one of our goals in our confirmation classes, giving our students an eternal perspective. Looking at the stories of Scripture that are part of our story, the way that God has led people like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, David, Paul, Peter, and John through this life with an eternal perspective can aid us in our lives

too. If you have a student in Middle School who is interested in Confirmation, we have two information sessions on August 9 at 6:30 pm and August 13 at 12:30 pm, both in Room 151. If you have any questions, contact me ([zach.sarrault@rlcary.org](mailto:zach.sarrault@rlcary.org)) or Pastor Jonathan ([jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org](mailto:jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org)).

Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Zach Sarrault

## Prayers of the Church

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A Memorial Service for our sister in Christ,  
**Randi Munns**  
to be held at Resurrection on Saturday, August 5 at 11:00 am.

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.  
Our prayers are with her husband, Barry, and their family at this time.

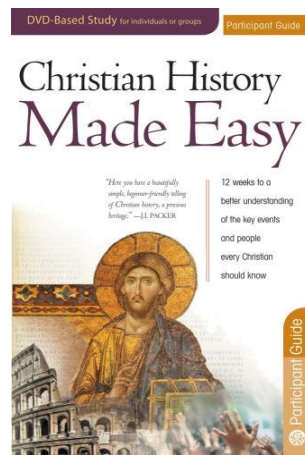
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## Summer Adult Christian Ed Class

This summertime Sunday School for adults is held **Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am from**

**June 11-August 27** in the Fellowship Hall. The 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!





It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we announce that our sister in Christ, **Lena Licciardi**, was called to rest with Jesus on August 2.

Funeral and burial will be held in New York.  
Please keep her loved ones in your prayers.

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**J.P. and Aimee Cima**

Serving the Lord in the Kingdom of Cambodia



# Thank you!

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[missioncentral.us/cima](http://missioncentral.us/cima)

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J.P. and Aimee, along with their children (Celeste, Bella, and Isaac), have served in southeast Asia for more than 15 years, currently in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. J.P. serves the Cambodia Lutheran Church (CLC), a growing collection of Lutheran congregations. J.P. travels throughout Cambodia to equip and empower the leaders of the CLC with informal mentorship and formal theological education, that they might boldly announce and demonstrate the Gospel to the people of Cambodia. Aimee serves as the Mercy Manager for the Asia region. She supports the other personnel serving in this region and works with local church partners to coordinate mercy work.

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# Poland Mission Trip

Erika Hulse, Mission Trip  
July 31 - August 14

LCMS Short Term Missions



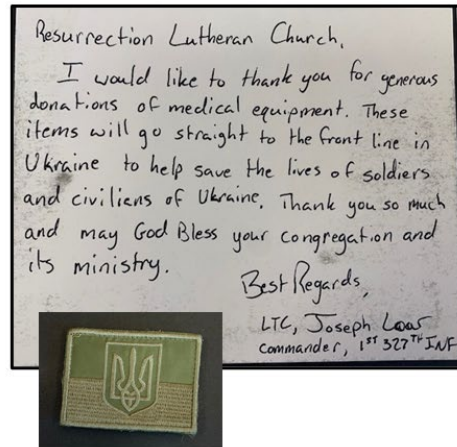
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## The Veterans Group at RLC

The Veterans Group at RLC was approached with an opportunity for supporting Ukraine families living in Poland along with assisting US Military support directed towards Ukraine soldiers. We are talking with a US soldier currently serving in Poland at the border of Poland and Ukraine. He shared a request with the group for medical supplies and hygiene items.

Our own Karen Delventhal was able to locate, shop, and send the valuable items to the soldiers at the Polish border. USA LTC Loar shared this note with the church for our support.



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## The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, August 11

We thank all our volunteers who helped us to have a wonderful Coffeehouse in July! Thanks to Elliot Lubak for playing CDs for us.

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, August 11 from 7:00-8:30 pm** in the Family Life Center gym. We will have the *Wake Christian Academy Jazz Ensemble* perform for us again!

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





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## Adult Game Night

August 13

Looking for a night of fun and fellowship? Like to play board/card games?

Join us the 2nd Sunday of the month from 5:00-9:30 pm  
for Adult Game Night in Room 240, Family Life Center!

We'll bring a variety of games, but feel free to bring your favorite.

For more information or to sign up, contact Sandy Wuori or Ben Wuori  
through RCB or the church office at 919-851-7248 or [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org).

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## Wednesday Night Dinners

*Mark your calendars!* We are thrilled to announce the return of Wednesday Night Dinners from 5:00-6:00 pm in the Family Life Center Gym **starting September 6**. Begin with a delightful dinner, then stay for a variety of activities, including adult Christian ed classes, confirmation, youth events, and music ministry rehearsals.

Our dinners are thoughtfully prepared, catering to all ages with a kid friendly, buffet-style setup. We will have a fantastic vegetarian option available upon request. Plus, a delectable dessert to satisfy your sweet tooth. An excellent opportunity to bond with family and friends over a sit-down meal!

In the upcoming weeks, we will begin to collect RSVPs through the church website and provide an online sign up for volunteers interested in helping with set up, serving, and cleaning. We also welcome individuals or groups who would like to contribute to preparing the food. Look for details in the weekly announcements.

Questions? Contact Kim Simpson through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)). We look forward to seeing you there!

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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 ([office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org), 919-851-7248) for assistance.

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## Children and Family Ministry

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS**

**Survey**

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to fill out the Children and Family Ministry Survey. Your input will help us plan for the upcoming year! If you haven't submitted your survey yet, please click here:  
<https://forms.gle/kMmqeBLyy7v9nbC76>

**TAKE SURVEY**

Let the little children come to me.  
Matthew 19:14

**Registration**

Registration is now open for the new school year. Please take a minute to register your child(ren) for upcoming classes and activities.  
Please click here to register:  
<https://forms.gle/s4Hm91aa zPiNZm7m7>

**REGISTER NOW**

**Volunteers**

Want to make an impact in the lives of the children in our church?  
Contact Erika at: [erika.hulse@rlcary.org](mailto:erika.hulse@rlcary.org)  
Needs: nursery attendant  
teacher  
teacher helper  
leader of games & devotion

### Links:

Survey - [forms.gle/kMmqeBLyy7v9nbC76](https://forms.gle/kMmqeBLyy7v9nbC76)

Registration - [forms.gle/s4Hm91aa zPiNZm7m7](https://forms.gle/s4Hm91aa zPiNZm7m7)

Questions? Contact Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director  
[erika.hulse@rlcary.org](mailto:erika.hulse@rlcary.org)

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## Student Ministry

Middle School and High School

After a very successful season of Mission Trips this summer to the Blue Ridge Mountains (middle school) and Savannah, Georgia (high school), I am so excited to get all things YOUTH going again, including a full year of activities!

### Important Dates:

- **Sunday, August 20** from 2:30-4:30 pm  
Clean and Prep the Warehouse for a Great Year
- **Sunday, August 27** from 2:30-4:30 pm  
Kick Off of Youth Events with Parent Meetings

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)

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## Resurrection Lutheran School



Looking for a school where  
your child can shine?

Schedule a tour today!

Contact [admissions@rlsclary.org](mailto:admissions@rlsclary.org).

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

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

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

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](https://youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC)  
or through our website at [rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship](https://rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship).

Visual Faith

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar



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## Prayers of the Church – August 6, 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, 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, Paul Wozniak, Mary Ann Wozniak

#### For Expectant Moms

Katie Wozniak

#### Those Prayed for on July 30, 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
- \*Millie Hiteshew's 95th Birthday
- Deb Oesterling and Don Morrow's Wedding on August 4, 2023
- J.P. and Aimee Cima's Visit to RLC, Their Ministry in Cambodia
- Pastor Paul Mundinger's Retirement

#### For Healing

- \*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, Recovery After Surgery
- \*Greta Nelson
- Shannon, Friend of \*Katy Johnson
- Julie Wozniak, Recovery
- \*Ginny Koren
- \*Hope Studt
- \*Mindy Stephani, Recovery
- Joseph McKinney, In Pediatric ICU Waiting Heart Transplant
- Brian, Alice, Charles, Linda, Karl, Patti, Alex, Dana, Lia, Janet, Ben, Megan, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Timmy, Carlon, Carol, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Mark, Keith, Kevin, Ira, Weston, Stuart, Julie, Del, Kent, Alice, Marina, Noreen, Julian, Shelby, John, Ken, Harold, Donald, Glenda, Mary, Nancy, Judy, Bill, Kris, Francis

### **For Comfort**

- Friends and Family of Alison
- Friends and Family of Virginia Sherlin, Mother of \*Jackie Ring

### **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
- Passion Jenkins
- Amanda Gibilisco

### **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, 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**

*Updated 8/4/23*

## Attendance and Giving – August 6, 2023

### In-Person Worship Attendance

#### Saturday, July 29

6:00 pm - 61

#### Sunday, July 30

8:00 am - 64; 9:30 am - 102; 11:00 am - 118

**Total In-Person Worship: 345**

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

#### Sunday, July 30

8:00 am - 87; 11:00 am - 31

**Total Online Views: 118 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: \$26,956.80

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](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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