

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024



Pastor's Corner for May 5-11, 2024

Overcome!
(1 John 5:1-8)

Confirmation Sunday is this weekend! It is a great celebration for our 12 students and their families as they are continually drawn closer to God through their immersion in God's Word over the past two years. They have spent time learning the Bible stories and Luther's Catechism, seeing the ways God has worked in and with His people in the past and their own lives still today. They have learned that their God never changes and always has one goal, to forgive sinners. In that forgiveness there is eternal life, living in God's presence with no end in sight!

Because there is no end in sight, Confirmation is not the end but just another beginning. It is another season of equipping, a continuation of what God started in their baptisms. It is part of the overcoming that we are all brought into. Pull out your Bible really quick and read 1 John 5:4-5. This will be read over our Confirmands on Sunday, and it is the work of God that is true for them and all of God's people!

It is utterly amazing that God has guaranteed us victory at this very moment, even when we don't feel that victorious. These students know the troubles of the world. You and I know them, and these students will get to know these troubles more and more intimately as they keep growing up. They can be overwhelming to the point of despair and desperation. We can feel beaten down, alone, hated, and afraid. It is a scary world that we live in, and the devil is good at his job. All he wants is to pull us away from God, make us think that we really are on our own and that God has left us. But that is not true!

What John reminds us of is the incredible work of God for us. John tells us that we have overcome the world because we have been born into God's family. We have overcome the world because we have been given faith, anticipatory hope in what is to come. We have overcome the world because we believe in the One who has defeated death itself, the One who is risen from the dead, the One who has conquered all!

This overcoming is something that is already ours. No matter what we face in this world, we have already won because God has already won. This is a guarantee, a fact, a reality, the truth. There is nothing more solid in our lives or the lives of these students than Christ's victory and the reality of God's presence with us always, causing us to be overcomers in everything we do.

So, join me in prayer today and in the days to come. Pray for these Confirmands, that they may always hold tightly to the Right Hand of God that grips them fast. That they may be confident in their overcoming the world by God's power alone. That they may continue in their journey in faith where there is no end in sight!

Your overcoming brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church



Confirmation

Sunday, May 5 ~ 9:30 am Worship

**No Sunday School, Adult & Youth
9:30 am Service Live Stream Only**

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday

No Class This Week!

Metaphors and the Figurative Language of the Bible

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

April 7-May 19

Contact: Larry Cameron

Language is one of the most remarkable gifts that God has given us. This series of classes will identify many of the prominent metaphors found in Scripture and

demonstrate the benefits that figurative language offers compared to more basic wording. Understanding the structure and the multi-layered meanings of these metaphors will expand our appreciation of God's revelation and deepen our understanding of His all-embracing love for us.

Training to Become a Stephen Minister

Sundays, 2:00-4:00 pm in Room 151, Family Life Center

February 25-June 30

Contacts: Pastor Alan Shaw, Jan Boyer, Sue Campau

Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations that use the Stephen Series system. Congregations equip and empower lay caregivers, Stephen Ministers, to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

Monday

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Measured by Grace: How God Defines Success by Sharla Fritz

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm in Room 151, Family Life Center

Ongoing - Contact: Jamee Thieme

In the Bible, you'll find no lack of sinfulness, shortcomings, rejections, and broken people. People like Joseph, Rahab, David, Jeremiah, John the Baptist, The Samaritan Woman, Peter, and Paul. We see them as people God transformed, turning their lack into faithfulness for His good. Study these eight biblical figures to see that God does the same for you.

Men's Weekly

Nurturing Your Faith: Patient Urgency

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center

Ongoing - Contact: Tom Gebbia

Current study is *Nurturing Your Faith: Patient Urgency* by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When we share Jesus with others, we're eager-urgent even-to speak the

Good News. However, we do understand the need for patience in how others receive the Gospel in their lives. In *Nurturing Your Faith: Patient Urgency*, we will learn via Mark's Gospel about a map, a means, and a model for having healthy spiritual conversations with others.

Tuesday

Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

Ongoing - Contacts: Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault

We will look at the appointed readings from each week that are used in the weekend sermons.

There will no class on May 21 with the last class on May 28.

Christian education information, including detailed class descriptions, can be found [here](#).

To download the Christian Education Winter 2024, Block 2 Sheet, [click here](#). Paper copies are available at the Information Centers in the Narthex and Family Life Center Lobby.

Any questions can be directed to the church office at office@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248.



LBW
LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

Last weekend, Brooke Pernice travelled from St. Louis to share with us the work she is involved in at Lutheran Braille Workers. She was also able to attend April's Food and Fellowship for the Blind, which she and the guests very much enjoyed.

In case you missed it, you can view [her Temple Talk](#) at the beginning of the 8:00 am service. And [check out this video](#) where she shares her passion for ministry towards the blind and visually impaired.

For more information about Lutheran Braille Workers, lbwloveworks.org. To learn more about RLC's Blind Ministry, contact Annette Langefeld-Kennedy or the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248).

The Lord is their shepherd; they shall not want.

Because of the generosity of Resurrection people, inmates will come to know Him as their shepherd.

On April 20-21, Ann Johnson shared information about Prison Alliance and their goal of providing 20,000 Bibles to the hands of inmates in U.S. prisons by June 30 at the cost of only \$5. They currently serve 8,000 Bible students behind bars and the number one request is to have a Bible. ([Click here for the video from the Temple Talk](#))

We can now update the total to \$1,275 donated for Bibles to go to prison inmates! That buys 255 Bibles! Praise the Lord and the people of Resurrection Lutheran Church.

For anyone still wishing to make a monetary donation, please use the envelopes already stamped and addressed to Prison Alliance at the information centers. Also if you have gently used Bibles to give, the bin under the coat rack in the hallway by the church mailboxes is available anytime.

Prison Alliance volunteers respond to a variety of letters received from inmates all over the country. Most of them fall into three categories: requesting to be enrolled in Bible studies, requesting a certain book or Bible, and/or asking for prayer. Each volunteer letter writer receives templates to help them construct a response back. If you are interested in working with this prison ministry, [click here for more information](#).

Many thanks for making this drive such a success!



The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, May 10

We thank all our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come be a volunteer. Our special needs guests love to attend these events and we need lots of volunteers to make them feel special and loved. We thank God for this ministry among us! We need Setter Uppers at 5:30 pm (both food and room), Servers at 6:30 pm, and Cleaner Uppers at 8:30 pm.

Sign Up: bit.ly/3kqoHGN

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, May 10** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center gym. We will have *Nick's Brass Band* play for us (a band from Travis Taylor, son of Ron and Marie Taylor)!

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



MEN'S BREAKFAST

A top-down view of a breakfast spread on a dark, textured surface. It includes a skillet of scrambled yellow eggs, several bagels (some with cream cheese), a cup of coffee, a glass of orange juice, and a bowl of fresh raspberries and blueberries.

**Saturday, May 11
8:00 am
Fellowship Hall**

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

Questions? Contact Tom Gebbia at mens-ministry@rlcary.org or the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248).

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Build Day ~ Saturday, June 1

Helping Children in Need Sleep Better

All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. Across the country, too many boys and girls go without a bed – or even a pillow – to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors. This can affect their happiness and health.

That's where Sleep in Heavenly Peace comes in. We are volunteers who are dedicated to building, assembling, and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) provides the bed, mattress, and bedding to each child. Bedlessness is a real problem in the US with 2-3% of the population sleeping without beds.

A volunteer crew delivered to a family of three little girls that had all been sleeping on the same (broken) twin size bed. That same night, a bed was delivered to a 17-year-old that had never had a bed of his own.

SHP provides all the tools and expertise that allow people with little or no experience to build all the components for a solid, wood bunk bed. It is always a fun-filled half day that ends with branding the beds. Fellowship is wonderful and the ability to solve a problem for others leaves everyone feeling a bit better about the world!

RLC will be sponsoring a Sleep in Heavenly Peace Build Day on **Saturday, June 1 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm** in the church parking lot. Save the date! We need many volunteers for the build.

Sign Up Now: <https://x.gldn.io/e/jmexMVPI3Gb>



Ambassadors of Reconciliation

Ambassadors of Reconciliation (AoR) is hosting a local in-person event (Regional Reception) for the Eastern Region. AoR is committed to help Christians and their churches live lifestyles of reconciliation by the power of the Gospel through the "ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself... and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

This short, but impactful event is held over a 24-hour period over 2 days. It promotes a time of fellowship with like-minded people, an opportunity to network and growing together over meals, main sessions and casual conversations. Longer workshops cover a variety of topics and help to answer some of the most relevant questions about relationships.

Come join us on **June 7-8** at Resurrection and walk away improving your own personal relationships for the unity of the Body and the testimony of Christ.

REGIONAL RECEPTION

June 7-8, 2024

Resurrection Lutheran Church – Cary, NC

Learn how to live a lifestyle of reconciliation in your family, church, and community



\$99 for individuals
and \$149 for couples

Start at 1:00 pm on Friday and end at 12:00 pm on Saturday.

Schedule features four workshops, dinner with keynote speaker, and breakfast with keynote speaker.



For tickets, schedule, and more details, visit aorhope.org/regional.

Graduating?

Please contact the church office with high school and college graduate information by May 27. We will highlight our graduates in the June newsletter. We request the graduate's name, school graduating from, and any future plans. Email susan.moore@rlcary.org or call 919-851-7248, ext. 33.

RLC Worship Servants and Training

There is always a need for more volunteers to assist in all of our worship services. Please consider being a greeter or usher, a worship assistant or lay reader, a slide tech or live stream team member. Feel free to reach out directly 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, 919-851-7248) for assistance.

Children and Family Ministry May News

Sunday School
 Children's Sunday School continues each Sunday in FLC classrooms.
 There will be no Sunday School on May 5 due to Confirmation in 9:30 am worship service. The last Children's Sunday School class will be May 19.
 Thank you to all of the amazing teachers who spent many hours and put their heart into teaching our youngest members about the love of Jesus!!
 Leah Robison
 Cristina Fuller
 Eydee Persson
 Sandy Wuori
 Christa Newcomb
 Lauren Patton
 Angela York
 Kelly Zadow

VBS Volunteers
 We are so excited about VBS!!
 We currently have 60 children registered. Thank you to all of the youth and adults who have already signed up to help us make it a great success.
 If you would like to volunteer, please use link below.
 We will host 2 identical VBS Volunteer training meetings. You may choose one to attend.
 Thursday, May 30 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall
 -OR-
 Sunday, June 2 at 12 noon in the Family Life Center room 240 at the top of the stairs.

Moms Together
 Moms Night Out
 Thursday, May 23
 6:00 pm
 Sign up here:
 [QR Code]
 Questions? Contact Erika at erika.hulse@rlcary.org

Moms Together

Moms, you are invited to join other moms for daytime get togethers to socialize, share tips, make new friends, and work on crafts/projects.

Childcare is available for a small fee.

We also meet for evening activities occasionally.



For dates and to sign up: <https://bit.ly/3ZVhyB8>



[Register today!](#)

Questions? Contact Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director
erika.hulse@rlcary.org.

Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

Let me start by congratulating all of our soon to be confirmed Confirmands! It's a big week and we are excited to celebrate this step in your faith journey with you and your families. There will be no Connection Cafe this week, as we join together for Confirmation Sunday during the 9:30 am service.

Looking ahead:
June 2nd - Glow Night (8th Grade & High School)
June 9th - Grad Night (High School)

RLC YOUTH MAY SCHEDULE

*That's a wrap Middle School!
Wednesday nights are done but I hope to
see you in the Fall!*

*John 4:14,15
"but whoever drinks of the water I give him will
never be thirsty again. The Water that I will give him
will become in him a spring of water welling up to
eternal life."*

Sunday School May 12, 19 (ONLY)

High School Youth Group

May 5
6:30 - 8:00pm
with pizza

We will not meet on May 12 or 26.
Note time change for water day!

Water Day

May 19th
3:00 - 4:30 Middle School
5:00 - 6:30 High School

Questions? Contact Ms. Jenny, Youth Director
jenny.piontek@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248, ext. 24.

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Now Enrolling for the 2024-25 preschool year!

We offer classes for children, 2-years-old through 5-years-old.

Our program provides a balance of social and academic opportunities by means of 'learning through play' in a loving Christian atmosphere.

Register for Summer Camps!

Open to 3-year-olds to Rising Kindergarteners. Children in our 2's classes currently can attend. All ages must be toilet trained.

June 3-6, 9:15 am-12:30 pm

June 10-13, 9:15 am-12:30 pm

June 17-20, 9:15 am-12:30 pm

June 24-28 ~ RLC VBS

Neighbors, friends, and family welcome!

rlpcary.org | 919-851-7270 | office@rlpcary.org

Resurrection Lutheran School



rlscary.org | 919-851-7271 | contact@rlscary.org

Latest Lion's Tale

Concordia Handbells in Concert

Come see Concordia Handbells in concert as they tour through Raleigh! Directed by Alex Guebert, the handbell program at Concordia University is internationally respected for its high-quality and richly varied performances. The

program offers a breadth of opportunities for ringers and future directors.

This concert is free, and no tickets are required. Location is St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 7506 Falls of Neuse Road, Raleigh.

A poster for a handbell concert. The top half features a photograph of several young women in black uniforms playing handbells. The bottom half is a black rectangle with white and gold text. The title "CONCORDIA HANDBELLS" is in white, with "in Concert" in a gold script font below it. The date and time "TUESDAY, MAY 7 | 7:00PM" are in white, followed by the location "St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Raleigh NC" and "Hosted by the Raleigh Ringers" in a smaller white font. The Concordia University Irvine logo is in the bottom left, and the website "CUI.EDU/GOMUSIC" is in the bottom right.

CONCORDIA HANDBELLS
in Concert

TUESDAY, MAY 7 | 7:00PM
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Raleigh NC
Hosted by the Raleigh Ringers

 CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
IRVINE

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A poster for worship services with a background of horizontal brushstrokes in shades of yellow, orange, and teal. The title "WORSHIP SERVICES" is in large, bold, teal letters at the top. Below it, two columns of text describe the services: "Traditional Worship in Sanctuary" and "Praise Worship in Family Life Center". The times for each are listed below. A note at the bottom states that services are live-streamed to YouTube.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Worship in Sanctuary	Praise Worship in Family Life Center
Saturday, 6:00 pm	Sunday, *11:00 am
Sunday, *8:00 & 9:30 am	

**Services Live Streamed to YouTube*

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

This Week's Visual Faith Sheet

Attendance and Giving

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, April 27

6:00 pm - 64

Sunday, April 28

8:00 am - 79

9:30 am - 119

11:00 am - 116

Total In-Person Worship: 378

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, April 28

8:00 am - 99

11:00 am - 42

Total Online Views: 141 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - March 2024

	Current Month	Year to Date
General Receipts	\$ 141,106.18	\$ 1,068,790.28
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 122,726.75</u>	<u>\$ 1,055,930.16</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ 18,379.43	\$ 12,860.12

This Week's Offerings: \$18,150.81

Average Weekly Giving for 2023/24: \$26,719.75

Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2023/24: \$27,761.30

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 during the worship service
- Mail to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary, NC 27518
- Online Giving through rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving
- Download the Vanco Mobile app, Search for Resurrection Lutheran Church

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – May 5, 2024

*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, Paul Batt, Peter Kuo, *Geoffrey Wiggins, 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, Jimmy Ketner, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman, Sue, Kathy,
Pamm Haley, Bob, Michael Murphy, *Greta Nelson, *Marina de Moura Torres, Paul Wozniak,
Carol Stano, Ames, Doug Gill, Emily

For Expectant Moms

Hannah Peterson, Analissa Vasquez, Sara Phillips, Ally Brown, Jessica, Taylor Stephani

Those Prayed for on April 28, 2024

Thanking God Today

- Our RLC Family
- Family Celebrations and Time Together, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Weddings, Births, Baptisms
- Our Many Blessings
- Safe Travels
- Caring Organizations Serving Our Local Communities
- Birth of Baby Micah, Grandson of *Roberta and *Mike Danilowicz
- Operation Inasmuch!
- Response to Bible Campaign for Prison Alliance
- Our Volunteers
- Zachary Heffner's 24th Birthday
- Suzi Heffner's 53rd Birthday

For Healing

- *Kim Goss
- All Those Exposed to COVID, with COVID, and Recovering from COVID
- Blind Ministry Guests - Maria Barker, Sheila McNair, Linda Jones, Desiree, Jeff Barker

- *Greta Nelson
- Patricia Wellington, Chemo Treatments
- Pastor William Otto, Cancer Treatment and Surgery
- Bruce, Brother of *Ralph Klevenow
- *Pam Dickson
- *Stephanie Ford
- Jimmy, Cancer Treatment
- Emily, Cancer Treatment
- Imma, Progress in Therapy
- Betty, Memory Issues
- *Vern Ebert
- *Mindy Stephani, Therapy at Home
- Doug Gill, Cancer Treatment
- *Helen Campbell
- Joan Gresens, Mother of *Phil Gresens
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of *Jen Kirby
- Avery Stevenson, Recovery
- MaKenzie, Recovery
- Talia, Granddaughter of *David and *Lois Birner
- *Bob Bruce, Recovery
- Alice, Pam, Betty, John, Riva, Danny, Brian, Ricky, Karl, Linda, Bryan, Sam, Doug, Imma, Alice, Paul, Patricia, Gene, Lois, Harold, Ken, Mark, Eric, Mara, Mark, Paige, Brenda, Connie, Joe, Corey, Dave, Eva

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Marvin Thompson, Neighbor of *Alan Sullivan
- Friends and Family of William "Rod" Held
- Friends and Family of Mary Christensen
- Friends and Family of Dick Snayd, Friend of Sue Sanders and *Jan Boyer
- Friends and Family of Franz Helchinger, Father of *Gretchen Bostick

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Persecuted Christians
- People Around the World Affected by Natural Disasters
- People of Ukraine, and All Those Who Serve to Support Them
- People of Israel and the People of Gaza, Peace in the Middle East
- All Those Supporting Family Members with Caregiving Needs
- Annie Ruth Ford, Mother of *Dennis Ford
- *Eric and *Jill Hammergren
- *Jan and Paul Wozniak
- Jan and Rich Bloom, Care Decisions
- *Ginny and *Ed Koren
- Sue Sanders and the *Boyer Family
- *Eve Sommers, Continued Recovery
- *Meredith A.
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles and Families in Turmoil

- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- Baby Adian (Terminal Cancer) and His Family
- Sara, Peace with Upcoming Move
- Caregivers and Aging Parents
- Work Assignments

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
- Pastor Jon Richter, Serving St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Norlina NC
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Staff
- Area Pastors and Schools 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.*