

Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 9, 2024



Pastor's Corner for June 9-15, 2024

Our Seeking God (Genesis 3:8-15)

“Where are you?”

When you read those words, how do you hear them in your mind? What emotions are behind the words?

Do you hear a sing-song voice from your childhood as you are hiding under the bed during a high stakes game of hind-and-see? Is it a voice of exasperation on the other end of the phone after driving in circles for an hour lost beyond belief? Maybe a voice of anger shouting down the hall because you broke your mom's favorite vase and you're terrified of the consequences? You might hear these words

with the weight of sadness because you know the person you're looking for is no longer around to answer. Do you hear a voice of compassion, calling out to you when they know you're lost and all they want to do is help?

"Where are you?" We can hear these words in any number of ways depending on the relationship you have with the speaker. These are the very first words out of the mouth of God after sin has entered the world, "Where are you?" It isn't a statement of disbelief or anger. It isn't a declaration of condemnation. It isn't silence either, which may be expected, it's a question of seeking out those that are lost.

While we can never know the tone of voice God spoke with, the question itself tells us a lot about who God is. Our God is a Seeking God, One who always looks for those who are separated from Him. God would have had every right to strike down Adam and Eve after they ate the fruit, but He didn't. He could have spoken a word and caused all creation to disappear as quickly as it appeared, but He didn't. God went looking with a question of compassion, a word that wanted His people back. Back where? Back in His possession, His protection, His love and mercy.

That is who God is. All throughout the Story of God, we see God seeking. Every time His people fall away, God goes seeking. That is our foundation in this relationship we have with God. We can be confident in our God who seeks. There is never a sin that is too great to make God stop seeking. Adam and Eve invented sin and God went looking for them! If God still loved Adam and Eve after that, think how much love God has for you.

We will always try and hide in our sin. We hide in embarrassment, shame, anger, and hate but God will still seek us out with that little question, "where are you?" And as we answer in the quiet of our hearts or the boldness of our voice, God will hear us, and He will run to us with arms wide open and compassion flowing from His lips, because that's who God is. He is the loving God who always seeks out His people.

Your found brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church

I ♥ MY CHURCH

Join Us as We Close the Gap for Our General Fund

Dear church family,

As we approach the end of our fiscal year, we want to express our gratitude for your faithful support and commitment to our church community. Your generosity has allowed us to carry out vital ministries, serve our congregation, and impact lives both within our walls and beyond.

However, like any family, we face financial realities. Our budget projections are based on faith and careful planning, but sometimes unexpected circumstances arise. This year, we find ourselves with a gap of \$205,772 between our budgeted income and the actual funds received.

We invite you to prayerfully consider joining us in bridging this gap. Your special gift between now and June 30 will make a significant difference as we strive to meet our financial obligations and continue our mission. Whether it's a one-time donation or a commitment to give over a few weeks, every contribution matters.

How can you participate?

Pray: Seek God's guidance on how much you can give. Remember that it's not

about the amount but the heart behind it.

Give: You can contribute online through [our secure giving platform here](#) or drop your gift in the offering box during our services.

Spread the Word: Share this opportunity with fellow church members, friends, and family who may also want to be part of this effort.

Celebrate Together: Let's celebrate God's faithfulness as we close this fiscal year strong, knowing that our collective sacrifice will bear fruit in the lives of those we serve.

This General Fund appeal began the weekend of May 25 and will go through the end of our 2023-2024 fiscal year, June 30. We will update the income received week-by-week in the worship bulletin, so that you can mark the progress.

Thank you for being part of our church family. Your generosity fuels our ministry, and together, we can make a lasting impact. If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to me (jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org) or RLC Treasurer Mike Hahne (treasurer@rlcary.org).

Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan Blanke

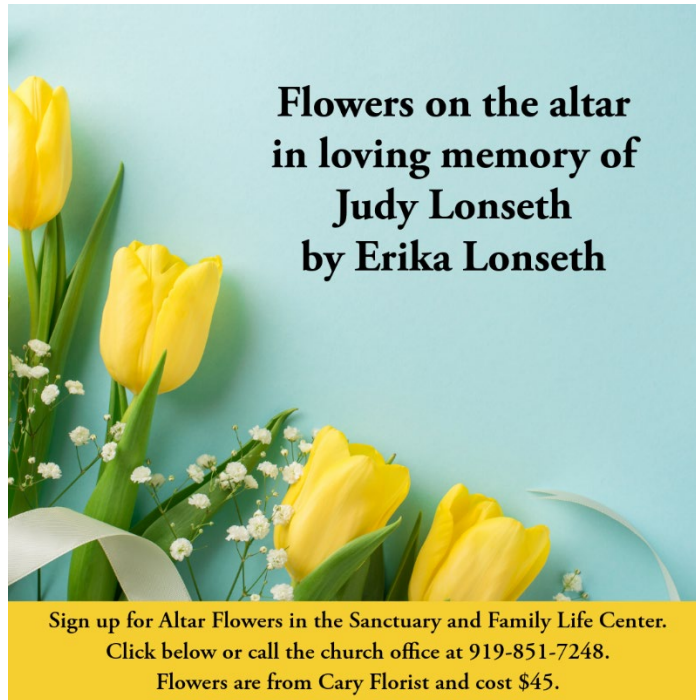
Voter's Meeting

Sunday, June 9

The next Resurrection Lutheran Church Voter's Meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 9** at 12:30 pm in the Family Life Center.

The main topic for this meeting is approval of next year's budget (1 July 2024 thru 30 June 2025) for the Church, School, and Preschool.

We will also have several updates including introductions from the newly formed Facilities Management Team and Cross-Cultural Missions Engagement Team.



[Sign Up Online Here!](#)

Adult Game Night

June 9, 5:00-9:30 pm

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. Snacks and food are welcome, too!

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.



Veterans Group Lunch

Monday, June 10
at 12:00 pm

IHOP
1301 Kildaire Farm Road, Cary

RSVP through RCB

The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, June 14

We thank all our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses! And thank you to Travis Taylor's band, *Nick Farmer's Big Band*. They were great!

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, June 14** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center gym. We will have *Old Play* play for us!

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





It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we announce that our sister in Christ, **Eve Sommers**, was called to rest with Jesus on Saturday, May 18.

Memorial service will be held at Resurrection on **Saturday, June 15 at 11:00 am** with reception to follow.

Our prayers are with her daughter, Janice Sommers, and son-in-law, Mike Koury, and their family at this time.

Resurrection Lutheran Church Youth Group

FOOD DRIVE


JUNE 2024

We will be collecting
until June 25th!



The RLC Youth Group will be collecting nonperishable food items to help Western Wake Crisis Ministry restock their shelves during the week of their Staycation Mission Trip. We want to make this a community event and involve RLP campers, VBS families, our RLC family and of course our Youth Families! Help us stock those shelves!

DROP-OFF LOCATION

 **Resurrection Lutheran Church/Preschool**
100 W. Lochmere Dr. Cary, NC 27518

For More Information :

Contact Ms. Jenny

jenny.piontek@rlcary.org

Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry for
the Visually Impaired meets

Friday, June 28

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

Contact Annette Langefeld-Kennedy to learn more and for volunteer needs
or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

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's Ministry News June

Vacation Bible School

Thank you to all the volunteers that volunteered to serve and the donations given! We are excited to see all the great things God has planned for VBS 2024 at Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Family Resources

The LCMS website has family resources available. There are monthly devotion calendars & dinner conversation cards.

Check them out!

[Family Ministry - The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod \(lcms.org\)](https://www.lcms.org)

Vacation Bible School

June 24-28 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Ages 4 - 5th Grade

[Register today!](#)



looking for oceans of fun?

we hope to "sea" you here!

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

Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

Well, parents, this is it! We have had a year packed full of events. Water Day and Glow Night was super fun! I feel so blessed to work with these amazing youth and see how God is working in them and through them, to see the growth in faith and serve alongside them. Have a wonderful summer!

This **Sunday, June 9** at the **11:00 am service**, we will be recognizing our seniors. Please plan to attend!

**CONGRATULATIONS,
GRADUATES!**

You're Invited
SUNDAY, JUNE 9
5:00 - 6:00PM

For our graduates and their families

We would like to celebrate our graduates and their families on this milestone event with some fellowship time and a blessing.

Light refreshments will be served.



**Staycation Mission Trip
June 24- 28**

Are you signed up? You need to be!

We will serve at Vacation Bible School in the morning and then out in the community in the afternoon. Be a part of the fun and service!
(\$5/day or \$25/total) Sign up with Ms. Jenny.

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

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

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 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
Congratulations to Our Kindergarten Graduates!



rlscary.org
Junior Kindergarten-
8th Grade

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

Latest Lion's Tale



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, June 1
6:00 pm - 48

Sunday, June 2
8:00 am - 92

9:30 am - 153
11:00 am - 111

Total In-Person Worship: 404

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, June 2
8:00 am - 107
11:00 am - 43

Total Online Views: 150 views

Budget for 2023-2024: \$1,443,588
Giving to Date with 4 weeks Remaining: \$1,323,320
Budgeted Giving to Date at 48 weeks: \$1,332,542
Current Deficit Year to Date: \$9,222

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



100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518

rlcary.org

919-851-7248 | office@rlcary.org

Prayers of the Church – June 9, 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, *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, *Alison Whatley

For Expectant Moms

Jessica, Taylor Stephani

Those Prayed for on June 2, 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
- For a Great Year at Resurrection Lutheran Preschool and Resurrection Lutheran School
- For Pat Bailey, Retiring After 22 years at Resurrection Lutheran Preschool
- Matthew's Baptism Birthday

For Healing

- *Kim Goss
- All Those Exposed to COVID, with COVID, and Recovering from COVID
- Blind Ministry Guests - Maria and Jeff Barker, Sheila McNair, Linda Jones, Melissa Tucker, Judy Dean, Ruby Franklin, Miriam Delgado, Betty Oglesby, Helen Rice-Lyles, Nancy Waggoner
- *Greta Nelson
- Patricia Wellington, Radiation Treatments

- *Bill Xenakis
- Pastor William Otto, Cancer Treatment and Surgery
- Bruce, Brother of *Ralph Klevenow
- *Pam Dickson
- *Stephanie Ford
- Jimmy, Cancer Treatment
- Emily, Cancer Treatment
- Imma, At Home Recovering
- Betty, Memory Issues
- *Vern Ebert
- *Mindy Stephani, Therapy
- Doug Gill, Cancer Treatment
- *Helen Campbell
- Joan Gresens, Mother of *Phil Gresens
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of *Jen Kirby
- *Brenda Peterson, Recovery
- *Cheri Spitz
- *Bob Bruce
- Hannah Peterson, Recovery
- Jack Simpson, Recovery and His Wife and Doctors (Parents of *Cleveland Simpson)
- Danny, John, Riva, Angie, Nicole, Brian, Karl, Linda, Ricky, Sam, Deena, Megan, Ben, Tommy, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Kevin, Keith, Mark, Timmy, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Patty, Henry, Doug, Imma, Alice, Paul, Rita, Carol, Noreen, Sylvia, Julian, Shelby, Ken, Harold, Tom, Mark, Paul, Virginia, Terri

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of *Eve Sommers, Especially Her Daughter, Janice Sommers and Son-In-Law Mike Koury

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, Adjust to Transitions and Discernment for Doctors
- *Ginny and *Ed Koren
- Sue Sanders and the *Boyer Family
- *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, Discernment about Possible Move
- For All Who Mourn
- New Job
- House to Sell

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.*

***RLC Members**

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