

# Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

## June 23, 2024

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*Pastor's Corner for June 23-29, 2024*

### **How Big Is Your God? (Job 38:1-10)**

This past weekend, I playfully asked a fellow believer who was filing out of church if she had any “words of wisdom” on that particular morning. To my surprise she then raised her index finger as if to say, “wait a minute” and produced a scrap of paper from her purse that said the following: “Don’t tell God how big your storm is. Tell your storm how big your God is.” Ask... and you will receive!

Our Old Testament reading for this weekend depicts GOD telling Job’s storm just how big He was... and is! If you think you just had a bad week, consider Job. A combination of bad weather and marauding gangs had decimated his livestock, slaughtered his servants, and taken the lives of all his adult children. As if that wasn’t enough, Job then broke out in “loathsome sores” from the “sole of his foot”

to “the top of his head.” We don’t know much about his illness, but it was so bad that when his friends came to visit, they didn’t recognize Job (2:12). They show sympathy for him at first. But when Job refuses to believe that God is punishing him for some specific thing Job has done wrong, their voices of anger and condemnation of Job add to the storm raging around him! It is into this space of mere human prognostication in the face of unimaginable suffering that God’s voice is heard: “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?” In other words: Stop drawing your own conclusions about human suffering! If you can trust me with running the universe, can’t you trust me with the details of your life?

Maybe you feel a bit like Job this week. Or perhaps someone you love is facing a future that seems not too far away from the unimaginable fate that awaited Job. Today God’s Word essentially asks: “How big is your God? If you can trust Him with running the universe, can’t you trust Him with the details of your life – or the life of that person you love?” Oswald Chambers once wrote, “A saint’s life is in the hands of God like a bow and arrow in the hands of an archer. God is aiming at something the saint cannot see. He stretches and strains, and the saint cries, ‘I cannot stand anymore!’ God does not heed. He goes on stretching until his purpose is in sight. Then he let’s fly.” We cannot know God’s purpose now. Sometimes we never do, in this life. But God is always at work for our ultimate good. We have His Word on it (Romans 8:28)!

Our faith is a small and fickle thing. But Jesus is present and at rest with us in the middle of our storm. Jesus is “big” enough to enter our world, endure more than we will ever have to, and hear the answer to His own question “Why?” from the cross. The day is coming when all our own personal storms will be calmed. Is God’s grace big enough... is it sufficient for you... to wait until that day? That is one question we all know the answer to!

Love and joy in Christ Jesus,  
Pastor Jonathan

## Prayers of the Church

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# 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. With two weeks to go, we still find ourselves with a gap of \$46,306 between our budgeted income and the actual funds received.

While the response to the need to date so far has been encouraging, we still invite anyone who has not had a chance to do so 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.

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 continues this weekend (June 23) and will go through the end of our 2023-2024 fiscal year, June 30. We continue to 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](mailto:jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org)) or RLC Treasurer Mike Hahne ([treasurer@rlcary.org](mailto:treasurer@rlcary.org)).

Peace and joy in Christ,  
Pastor Jonathan Blanke

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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](mailto: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](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

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**Saturday, June 29**

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.

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## Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, July 12

We thank all our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come join us! Our special needs guests love to attend 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](https://bit.ly/3kqoHGN)

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, July 12 from 7:00-8:30 pm** in the Family Life Center Gym. We will have Charlie Shiel spin some tunes for us!

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



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



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

**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 24-28 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm**  
Ages 4 - 5th Grade  
**[Last chance to register!](#)**





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

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## Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

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!

## Staycation Mission Trip June 24- 28

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](mailto:jenny.piontek@rlcary.org) or 919-851-7248, ext. 24.

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## 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.

[rlpcary.org](http://rlpcary.org) | 919-851-7270 | [office@rlpcary.org](mailto:office@rlpcary.org)

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## Resurrection Lutheran School



[rlscary.org](http://rlscary.org) | 919-851-7271 | [contact@rlscary.org](mailto:contact@rlscary.org)

**Latest Lion's Tale**



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).

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## This Week's Visual Faith Sheet

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### Attendance and Giving

#### In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, June 15  
6:00 pm - 48

Sunday, June 16

8:00 am - 62

9:30 am - 129

11:00 am - 92

**Total In-Person Worship: 331**

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

Sunday, June 16

8:00 am - 90

11:00 am - 29

**Total Online Views: 119 views**

### **Financial Update**

Budget for 2023-2024: \$1,443,588

Giving to Date with 2 weeks Remaining: \$1,397,282

Budgeted Giving to Date at 50 weeks: \$1,388,065

Current Surplus Year to Date: \$9,217.00

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
- Use [Online Giving](#)
- Download the Vanco Mobile app, Search for Resurrection Lutheran Church

Questions? Contact [finance@rlcary.org](mailto:finance@rlcary.org).

# Church Calendar



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## Prayers of the Church – June 23, 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, Joe Huley

#### For Expectant Moms

Jessica, Taylor Stephani

#### Those Prayed for on June 16, 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 Sterling Wallace Phillips, Parents Sara and James, Neice of \*Dawn's Leister
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace Event, 25 Beds Built and Quilts Made
- Blind Ministry Dinner
- Julie's Birthday
- Sue's Retirement
- Father's Day

#### 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
- \*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, Recovery
- Doug Gill, Cancer Treatment
- \*Helen Campbell
- Joan Gresens, Mother of \*Phil Gresens
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of \*Jen Kirby
- \*Cheri Spitz
- \*Bob Bruce
- \*Alison Whatley
- Jack Simpson, Recovery and His Wife and Doctors (Parents of \*Cleveland Simpson)
- Alan, Sally, Gene, Lois, John, Danny, Riva, Breann, Brian, Karl, Linda, Ricky, Peggy, Roland, Virginia, Joe, Doug, Imma, Alice, Paul, Anne, Maija, Carol, Eric, Connie, Mark, Paige, Bob, Corey, Dav

### **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
- Safe Travels
- Annie Ruth Ford, Mother of \*Dennis Ford
- \*Eric and \*Jill Hammergren
- \*Jan and Paul Wozniak
- Jan and Rich Bloom, Care Decisions, Adjust to Transitions and Discernment for Doctors
- \*Ginny and \*Ed Koren
- \*Meredith A.
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles and Families in Turmoil
- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence

- Sara, Upcoming Move
- Job for Mike

**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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