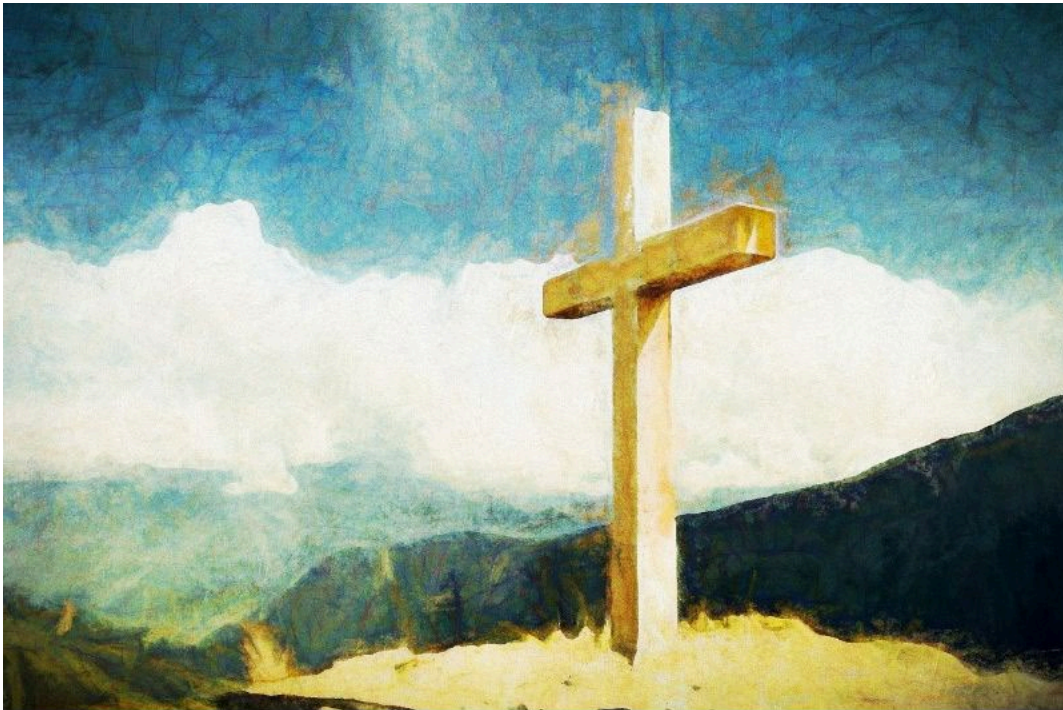


# Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 1, 2024

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*Pastor's Corner for September 1-7, 2024*

## **Our God Gives (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9)**

One of the reasons I enjoy reading the Old Testament is the simple fact that it is old. I find it absolutely fascinating that I can hold in my hands something that is thousands of years old, that millions of people have read, something that hasn't changed from when it was first written, that I get to read stories about real people in real time from the oldest piece of history we have. Adding to this fascination, is that many of the people we read about we will actually see in heaven someday! The fascination keeps growing when I think on the God of creation, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of Moses and David and Solomon and all the rest is our God too!

So, when I read any portion of the Old Testament, I always need to sit back and meditate on the awesomeness of what God has given me to read and enjoy. Even this passage in Deuteronomy, as God is preparing His people to enter the long-awaited Promised Land, we are shown that God has never changed. He has always been a God who gives.

God gives rules. It might not sound very fun, but it is something God gives. The question is, why does God give rules? He gives rules, statutes, laws, commands (they go by many names) so “that you may live” (v. 1). God gives us His righteous rules (v. 8) so that we may live life well, that we may enjoy the life that God gives and hold our relationship with Him close. Living life well, according to God’s will, isn’t just for our own benefit, it is for the benefit of others (v. 6). Even in Deuteronomy, God calls His people to live well so that others may know His love, and that call has never changed.

God gives a land (v. 1). One could argue that this is God’s goal throughout His entire Story. God gives His people a land, He calls His people back. All throughout God’s Story, we see His people break those righteous rules. That theme carries through into our own lives as well. We break those rules all the time. We know our failure and the sins that plague our lives, but we have a giving God who gives us an eternal land, not because we got it all right but because that is who God is. He can’t help but give us His good things.

God gives His presence (v. 7). Even though God’s people break His rules and wander from the path towards His land, He still gives Himself. He draws near to us when we call to Him, repenting of our sin and asking for His forgiveness. God has always found joy in a repentant people. God has always forgiven His people. God has always protected His people. God has always drawn His people to Himself.

Because our God is a giving God, we can’t help be a receiving people. When God’s people stop receiving, that’s when we find ourselves in a hard place. Let God be God and receive the things He wants to give.

Your receiving brother in Christ,  
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Please note, the church office will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

## Prayers of the Church

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### Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

#### SUNDAY

##### **Book of Revelation**

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

September 8-October 20

(No Class September 29, October 6)

Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault

#### MONDAY

##### **Monday Night Women's Bible Study**

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

*The Rock Speaks* - September 9-November 11

Jamee Thieme, Sharon Hahne, Dawn Leister

##### **Men's Weekly Study and Fellowship**

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

*A Study of Heroes of the Faith* - September 9-October 14

*First Night Start with a Potluck at 6:30 pm*

Mark Otten, Tom Gebbia

## **TUESDAY**

### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

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

Starting September 3, Ongoing

Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault

## **WEDNESDAY**

### **Intentional Parenting**

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm - Room 240, Family Life Center

September 4-November 20

Pastor Zach Sarrault, Erika Hulse

### **Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis**

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm - Fellowship Hall

September 4-October 23

Tim Kearby

### **Men With Kids - The Book of Job**

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm - Room 247, Family Life Center

September 4-October 23

Tom Gebbia

### **Grace-ful Women**

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm - Room 251, Family Life Center

September 4-October 23

Shane Jarvis

### **This Is the Church**

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm - Room 140, Family Life Center

September 18 and 25, October 2 and 9 Only

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

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

[Download the Christian Education Fall 2024, Block 1 Sheet.](#)

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](mailto:office@rlcary.org) or 919-851-7248.

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RLC is starting a drama group that will perform short chancel dramas in various services throughout the year. Anyone interested in joining this group is invited to attend a quick informational meeting on **Tuesday, September 3** at 6:30 pm in Room 151, Family Life Center.

We'll discuss plans and ideas for the upcoming year. This group is open to anyone high school-aged and up. Rehearsals will be Tuesday evenings.

If interested and you cannot attend, please reach out to Tyler Timm through RCB or the or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

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Our newly renamed Wednesday evening dinners will start on **September 4 from 5:15-6:00 pm** in the Family Life Center Gym.

Suggested donation of \$7 per person or \$25 maximum per family. Please RSVP through [rlcary.org](http://rlcary.org) or to the church office by Monday Noon.

The first dinner will be Danny's BarBQ - pulled pork, potato salad, hush puppies, salad, rolls, fruit, and banana pudding.

We all have busy schedules and being able to have a family sit down dinner is always a blessing. *Please join us!*

### Help Needed

We need 3-4 people to help cover and set the tables, make coffee, fill water pitchers, and help move the food to the buffet table.

**Wednesdays, September 4-November 20, 4:15-5:15 pm**

It is ok, if you can only help a couple times a month.

Sign Up: [signupgenius.com/go/4090B48AAAB292-wednesday#/](https://signupgenius.com/go/4090B48AAAB292-wednesday#/)

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

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## Ladies Fellowship Luncheon

Wednesday, September 4  
at 11:30 am

IHOP  
1301 Kildaire Farm Road  
Cary

RSVP through RCB Group  
or Church Office

Contact Marcia Shaw through RCB or  
the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

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## Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, September 13

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](http://bit.ly/3kqoHGN)

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, September 13** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center gym.

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



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**Lutheran Women in Mission  
69th Biennial Convention**

September 20-21, 2024  
Resurrection Lutheran Church

*Resurrection Lutheran Women*, you are invited to register and attend this convention!

The Keynote Speaker is Deb Burma, Christian Author and Bible Study Leader. Her book, *Be Still and Know*, will be featured.

Mission Projects for the next two years will be chosen and supported by our Mite Box donations.

Families Together will be the recipient of Gifts from the Heart.

Registration forms can be found on the RLW Bookcase in the hallway near the restrooms. RLW *will assist* in the Registration Fee, so that many may attend. Contact Carol Bostick.

*Come and meet Lutheran Women from both North and South Carolinas!*



The event begins with Registration at 4:00 pm Friday. **There is Communion Worship Service at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary (open to everyone) with a Reception following in the Fellowship Hall.** The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Southeastern District President, Rev. Dr. William Harmon, will lead us in worship.



Questions? [LWML Carolinas District - District Convention Central 2024.](#)

There are several ways to help with this event. If you are interested in how you may serve, contact Carol Bostick through RCB or church office ([office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org), 919-851-7248).

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**Mission Fair**  
**Mark & Megan Mantey**  
**Kenya Africa**

Give here: 

Join for a presentation,  
food, & fun!

**September 29, 2024**  
**9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall**



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## News from the Human Care Committee

### 2024 Neighbors Helping Neighbors Charity Golf Tournament

Western Wake Crisis Ministry

Monday, September 16 at MacGregor Downs Country Club

Ways to participate:

- Be a Sponsor
- Reserve a Team
- Support a Family for 30 days
- Simply Donate

Visit [wwcm.org/golf](http://wwcm.org/golf) for more information.

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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.

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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

Hello, RLC Youth Families!

Please take a moment to read through the Youth Newsletter (sent through email) for important registration info, how to get connected, upcoming events, and our September calendar of events.

The Youth Participant Form is for any Youth registering for the LCMS YOUTH GATHERING only.

I am praying for a joy filled start to this new school year for each of you!

# RLC Youth

## Registrations are OPEN!

**DUE 9/4**

**Middle School:  
Fall Retreat  
\$130**

You can pay by check or through Vanco

**DUE 9/15**

**High School:  
Fall Retreat  
\$125**

You can pay by check or through Vanco

**DUE 9/15**

**Youth Gathering:  
FORM  
&  
\$300**

You can pay by check or through Vanco

*See all the fun we have!*

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

Our program offers opportunities and experiences that will enrich, expand, and develop a child's ever-increasing accumulation of knowledge in a loving Christian atmosphere. Classes available for 2-year - 5 year olds. Call for a tour today!



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

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## Resurrection Lutheran School

The RLS PSO is selling GoPlaySave Books (\$35) and App Access (\$30), which grants you access to over \$12,500 worth of coupon savings for area restaurants, services, and activities.

The PSO earns \$12-14 of every app or book sold, and all funds earned support the PSO's activities and programs at Resurrection Lutheran School. [Access the RLS PSO GoPlaySave Storefront today!](#)

Our First Graders, led by Ms. Hulse, shared the story of Noah's Ark in Chapel. Their joy and faith filled the room as they reminded us all of God's promises.



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

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

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

## Latest Lion's Tale

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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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## Weekly Attendance

### In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, August 24

6:00 pm - 57

Sunday, August 25

8:00 am - 64

9:30 am - 140

11:00 am - 86

**Total In-Person Worship: 347**

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

Sunday, August 25

8:00 am - 133

11:00 am - 52

**Total Online Views: 185 views**

## Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

### July 2024

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$112,375.00

Actual Giving to Date: \$104,071.00

**Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$(8,304.00)**

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$120,833.33

Actual Expenses to Date: \$117,672.00

**Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$3,161.33**

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

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## Church Calendar



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## Prayers of the Church – September 1, 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, Jimmy Ketner, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman, Sue, Kathy, Pamm Haley, Bob, Michael Murphy, \*Greta Nelson, \*Marina de Moura Torres, Paul Wozniak, Ames, Doug Gill, Emily, \*Alison Whatley, Joe Huley

#### For Expectant Moms

Taylor Stephani

#### Those Prayed for on August 25, 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
- \*Harrison Hulse, Beginning First Year at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
- All Students and Teachers Returning to Classes for New Academic Year
- Grayson
- Thankful for New Job
- College Move In

#### 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
- Pastor William Otto, Cancer Treatment and Surgery
- Bruce, Brother of \*Ralph Klevenow
- \*Pam Dickson
- \*Stephanie Ford
- Jimmy, Cancer Treatment
- Emily, 8-year-old, Cancer Treatment
- Imma, At Home Recovering
- Betty, Memory Issues
- \*Vern Ebert
- \*Mindy Stephani, Recovery at Home
- Doug Gill, Cancer Treatment
- \*Helen Campbell
- Joan Gresens, Mother of \*Phil Gresens
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of \*Jen Kirby
- \*Cheri Spitz
- \*Alison Whatley
- \*Dianna Spirovich, Comfort and Peace
- \*Sally Cotton
- Dave B.
- Lynn, Recovery
- Amanda Powell, Recovery from Surgery
- \*Yvette Crawley
- DeAnn, Danny, Riva, Brian, Karl, Linda, Ricky, Yvette, Joey, Doug, Imma, Paul, Alice, Mindy, Anne, Darlene, Judy, Cheryl, Lynne, Jonathan, Kathy, Noreen, Sylvia, Joann, Shelby, Jimmy, Dan, Harold, Ken, Eric, Mara, Connie, Mark, Brenda, Paige, Rose, Dave, Joe, Corey, Virginia, Lyn

#### **For Comfort**

- Friends and Family of \*Bill Xenakis, Especially Wife \*Fran and Daughter \*Anne Marie Measmer

#### **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, Peace and Acceptance
- Our Country
- Safe Travel for Sarah

**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, and Ellen
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Staff
- Area Pastors and Schools Staff
- Our Stephen Ministers

**For Ongoing Mission and Outreach Efforts**

- Newly Deployed Missionaries to the Dominican Republic, Stan and Dana Stigdon
- RLC's The Coffeehouse
- RLC's Blind Ministry
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Safe Families for Children
- Families Together/PLM
- Camp Agape Ministries

**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.*