

# Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## September 22, 2024

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*Pastor's Corner for September 22-28, 2024*

### **God-Given Strength under Control (James 3:13-4:10)**

As I write the devotion for this week, it is that time of the year when autumn starts again. While any day is a good day to consider the goodness of our God and our place in the beautiful world of His creation, doing so especially as the leaves change and the weather turns cool seems especially appropriate. This weekend St. James helps us focus on our call to be people of humility... those who show by their actions “the meekness of wisdom” (3:13).

When most of us think of meekness, we probably call to mind an image of milquetoast, passive, “let-me-be-your-doormat” behavior. The picture of meekness and humility in the Epistle of James is anything but. It is, rather, a picture of

strength under control. When I think of THAT picture of meekness, one that flees from “bitter jealousy and selfish ambition” (14), I call to mind people in my life who I respected as leaders. My parents. Those who mentored me, often without realizing it. Work colleagues. People who are or were not perfect, but people in whom the love of God in Christ compelled them to live for others.

If you are inclined to think of humility primarily as a trait for OTHERS to grow in, consider again the picture of the perfect Son of God on a cross. He died for your sins and mine. He took on our weaknesses, he carried our out-of-control behavior so that we might be declared forgiven and renewed in Him. That is the only true picture there will ever be of true humility.

All of which doesn't mean we can't or shouldn't aspire to live more and more as people who seek what St. James calls “the meekness of wisdom.” It just means that it all starts with an attitude of empty, open hands, eager to receive that wisdom, “wisdom that comes down from above.” Our God is good. He is the Giver of all good things. So we seek to grow as people of humble, grateful, and yes, even meek hearts. Jesus has done it all for us!

That's not only something to think about on the first day of autumn. It's a good focus for any day of the year!

### **In Grateful Thanksgiving to God for Bill Xenakis**

It is my great pleasure to announce to all of you a generous gift to RLC from the Xenakis family in memory of Bill and in thanksgiving to God for all of God's gifts. The Xenakises have requested a special offering of \$12,000 to RLC be dedicated for the purchase of communion rail kneeler cushions in the main sanctuary. They also have requested \$500 be dedicated to the RLC Love Fund (a fund of special offerings used to offer financial assistance to members of the RLC community in need) in a separate offering. We are so grateful for their generosity and love! To God be the glory!

In peace and joy,  
Pastor Jonathan

# Prayers of the Church

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*Welcome!*

## **Lutheran Women in Mission 69th Carolinas District Convention**

September 20-21, 2024

Resurrection Lutheran Church

Lutheran Women in Mission has been an arm of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod since 1942. Resurrection has been involved and supporting this mission work since our beginning in 1978.

The focus of these Lutheran Women is to support mission work in the Carolinas, the US, and many other countries. It is all done with many pennies and prayers collected in those little Mite Boxes. They also strive to build each other up with Bible studies, song, and fellowship.

**Members of RLC are invited to join a Communion Worship Service on Friday, September 20 at 7:00 pm.** It is the opening celebration of the 69th Carolinas District Convention for Lutheran Women in Mission here at Resurrection. LCMS Southeastern District President, Rev. Dr. Bill Harmon, will be the proclaimer. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall following worship. *Plan to attend!*



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

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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 18

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

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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## Supper & Scripture

### Wednesday Evening Activities Schedule

<b>5:00-5:30 pm</b> Jubilee Bells, Sanctuary	<b>6:30-7:30 pm</b> Adult Christian Ed <i>Mere Christianity</i> , Fellowship Hall <i>Men with Kids</i> , RM 247 <i>Grace-ful Women</i> , RM 251
<b>5:15-6:00 pm</b> Dinner, Gym	<b>6:30-7:30 pm</b> Heavenly Handbells, Sanctuary
<b>5:30-6:00 pm</b> Rainbow Choir, Sanctuary Sonshine Singers, Choir Room	<b>7:00-8:00 pm</b> Confirmation, RM 240
<b>6:00-7:00 pm</b> Kidz Live, RM 151 Middle School Youth, Warehouse <i>Intentional Parenting</i> , RM 240	<b>7:30-8:45 pm</b> Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary

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## Wednesday Evening Dinner

The Wednesday evening dinners are back! Plan to attend on **Wednesdays, 5:15-6:00 pm** in the Family Life Center Gym. All are welcome!

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

### Menu for September:

September 25

Burgers & Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Chips, Salad, Fruit, and Cookies

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

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

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## Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry  
for the Visually Impaired meets

**Friday, September 27**

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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• **YOUNG FAMILIES** •  
*gathering*



Join us for food and fun at the Sarrault home!  
(7529 Faith Haven Ct., Willow Spring NC)

**Sunday, September 29 at 4:00 pm**

RSVP to Pastor Zach or Kelsey Sarrault.

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**Blessing of the Quilts and Raffle**

October 5 and 6

Join The Piecemakers, RLC's Quilting Group, for the annual Blessing of the Quilts on the **weekend of October 5 and 6** in all services!

The quilts will be blessed before being sent to Lutheran World Relief for distribution around the world to those in need. There will also be an auction after all services. Come see the beautiful items they will have available for sale. Proceeds are used towards the materials needed for the quilts.



*Thank you to everyone who worked on these quilts!*



It takes many hands to complete just one quilt, and not all of the jobs need a sewing machine. If you are interested in giving us an extra pair of hands, we can find the right job that fits your expertise. Feel free to join The Piecemakers on Tuesdays, 1:00 pm in Room 151, Family Life Center, or reach out to Linda Merrill through RCB or the church office.

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## **The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults**

Friday, October 11

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

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, October 11** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center Gym. We will have *Busted Knuckle Blues Syndicate* play for us!



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 Witness Subscription

It is time to renew (or start) your Lutheran Witness subscription. This church magazine has timely, informative articles about the faith life of fellow Missouri Synod Lutherans.

The cost is \$22 annually. Make checks payable to RLC and either use the designated offering envelope or note "Lutheran Witness" in memo. **Deadline is October 20.** New members to RLC receive a one-year free subscription for the church.

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## Activities at RLC - Get Involved!

### Weekly

- Men's Weekly (Study and Fellowship) - Mondays, 7:00 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center
- Bagel Bunch (Fellowship) - Tuesdays, 7:30 am at Java Jive
- Men with Kids (Study and Fellowship) - Wednesdays, 6:30 pm in Room 247, Family Life Center

### Monthly

- Men's Breakfast (Food, Music, Message, Fellowship) - 2nd Saturdays, 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

### Annually

- Men's Retreat and Service Event (Service, Fellowship, Study, Food) - March 7-9, 2025 at Camp Agape

### Periodic

- Service and Fellowship Events - Look for Group Announcements in RCB, Church Weekly Announcements and Monthly Newsletter

### Get Connected

- Contact Leadership at [mens-ministry@rlcary.org](mailto:mens-ministry@rlcary.org) or Tom Gebbia through RCB
- Consider joining specific RCB groups for improved communications (Men's Ministry, RSP, etc.).

You can let Tom know or contact the church office at 919-851-7248 to make the request.

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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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# September Children's Ministry News

## Important Dates!

- Sept. 4** 1st Kidz Live Room 151
- Sept. 8** First Sunday School Class -  
Blessing of Educators & Learners
- Sept. 11** Kidz Live & KICKS (3rd-5th grade)
- Sept. 22** Bible Buddy Adoption 9:30-12 room 151
- Sept. 28-29** Bible Distribution \*
- Oct. 2-5:30pm** Hands on Bible Class (2nd graders)

## Don't forget!

Please sign your children up for Sunday School using the link below.



**\*Milestone Bible Distribution\***  
On September 28 & 29 in all services 3 year old and 2nd grade Bibles will be distributed to children. Children and parents will be called forward to receive a Bible from the church staff.



## Bible Buddy Adoption



Children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to adopt a buddy and a habit of reading God's Word!

**Sunday, September 22 from 9:30- 12:10**  
Family Life Center, Room 151



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



The graphic features a blue background with light blue stars. At the top, a yellow box with a black border contains the text "RLC YOUTH WEEKLY SCHEDULE". Below this is a table with three rows. The first row shows "WEDNESDAY" and "MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 6-7PM". The second row shows "SUNDAY" and "SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:30AM". The third row shows an empty cell and "HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 5-6:30PM". At the bottom, the text "ALL 6TH-12TH GRADES ARE WELCOME!" is displayed. The graphic is decorated with red and purple stars.

WEDNESDAY	MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 6-7PM
SUNDAY	SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:30AM
	HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 5-6:30PM

ALL 6TH-12TH GRADES ARE WELCOME!

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

Middle School Retreat! Despite the cloudy skies, they conquered the Mile High Bridge at Grandfather Mountain, enjoyed a delicious meal at the Daniel Boone Inn, and had a blast at Camp Linn Haven.



[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, September 14

6:00 pm - 59

Sunday, September 15

8:00 am - 75

9:30 am - 114

11:00 am - 149

**Total In-Person Worship: 397**

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

Sunday, September 15

8:00 am - 119

11:00 am - 50

**Total Online Views: 169 views**

## Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

### August 2024

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$224,750.00

Actual Giving to Date: \$213,237.69

**Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$(11,512.31)**

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$241,666.67

Actual Expenses to Date: \$242,409.08

**Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$(742.41)**

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

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## Church Calendar



100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518

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

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

## Prayers of the Church – September 22, 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 September 15, 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
- Our Resurrection Lutheran Preschool and Resurrection Lutheran School Students, Families, Staff
- Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs Serving the Community of Winder, GA
- Sara Wagner's Move to Her New Home

#### **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
- 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.
- Amanda Powell, Recovery from Surgery
- \*Yvette Crawley
- Christie, Cancer Treatment
- \*Mark and \*Pat Otten
- Steve Cottle
- Danny, Elena, Jocelyn, Cathy, Jessica, Sara, Linda, Paul, Gabby, Fred, Cheryl, Lynne, Jonathan, Pam, Mike, Mindy, Jerri, Noreen, Kathleen, Maureen, Shelby, Joann, Jimmy, Harold, Ken, Virginia, Darlene, Bill, Ryan, Eric, Mara, Connie, Dan, Shim, Paige, Doug, Mark, Joe, Debbie

#### **For Comfort**

- Friends and Family of Jim Janshego, Father of \*Gary Janshego
- Friends and Family of Susan Jezorek, Cousin of \*Lyle Malotky
- Friends and Family of Dalton Myers, Friend of \*Lisa McCorkle
- Friends and Family of Jim Hanson, Cousin of \*Darrell Moore
- Friends and Family of Angela Monroe, Friend of \*Stacy Reed
- Friends and Family of Ruth Krueger. Mother of \*Sandy Carpenter
- Friends and Family of Harry Hulse, Grandfather of \*Harrison and \* Spencer Hulse

#### **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.
- \*Fran Xenakis
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles and Families in Turmoil
- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- Our Country
- Safety for Louisiana and Texas Communities During Hurricane Francine

- Peace Throughout the World
- Jason, Marine Duty
- Cameron
- Steve and Douglas, Answers for Tests

#### **For the Lord's Wisdom, Guidance, and Strength for the Health 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.*