

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025



Pastor's Corner for April 13-19, 2025

Jesus, Our Servant (Philippians 2:5-11)

It's finally here, Holy Week. It's the week when we celebrate the greatest actions of Jesus. It's the week, we have been waiting for throughout all of Lent. It's the week where we celebrate strength, power, glory, and majesty. It's the week when we celebrate the King of kings on a donkey, the Lord of lords washing feet, the God of creation hosting dinner, the Son of God betrayed by a friend, the Prince of Peace killed by crucifixion. That doesn't really sound like power and glory, does it? That doesn't really sound like something to celebrate. It sounds like something to cry over or even sweep under the rug.

But that is what Jesus came to do.

The downward descent that Jesus takes is nothing but incredible. Paul says it in a profound way in his letter to the Philippians when he says that Jesus “emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant.” Jesus emptied Himself. What did He empty Himself of? The place of honor that He was due. The seat of power that He once sat upon. The height of strength that He alone would know. Jesus gave up all of it for one purpose, to do the thing set in motion before time began. Jesus gave up all of it to die. Jesus gave up all of it to die for you.

Holy Week is the week that we remember what Jesus did for you and me and for every human being that has lived, is living, and will live. What Jesus did on this most holy of weeks, He did for all of creation. Jesus lived the perfect servant life so that we may be exalted to the glory that He left for us. Jesus washed feet so that we would be washed from sin. Jesus hosted a dinner so that we may sit at His table in eternity. Jesus was betrayed so that we may be eternally known. Jesus was killed so that we may become alive.

This is what Jesus came to do.

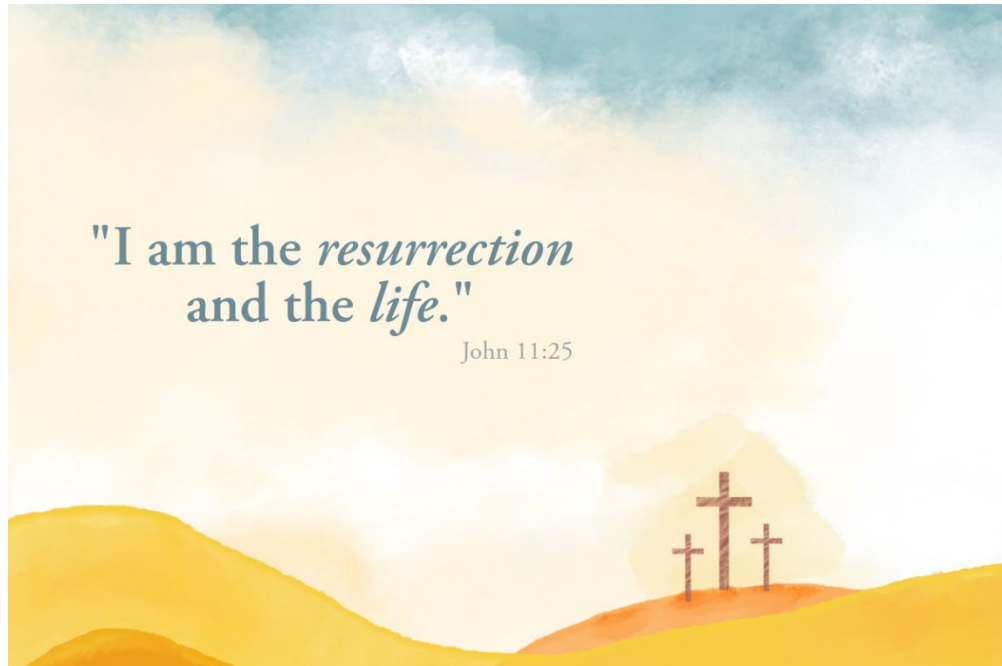
This week is the week when it all comes together. This is the week when we see how much Jesus loves us. This is the week when we see why it all matters. This is the week when we see who Jesus is. This is the week that we shout “hosanna!”, that we eat and drink, that we weep, that we wait. This is the week when eternity comes to us.

Because this is what Jesus came to do.

Your waiting brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Please note, there will not be a Men's Breakfast this month. Join us for the RLC Day of Service on Saturday, April 26! The Men's Ministry will be serving breakfast to all attendees at 8:00 am in Family Life Center Gym. Men, consider joining in on one of the many service opportunities and/or helping to prepare breakfast.

Prayers of the Church



Palm Sunday | April 12 & 13

6:00 pm ~ Sanctuary Worship with Holy Communion on Saturday

8:00, 9:30 am ~ Sanctuary Festival Worship with Holy Communion
Led by Sanctuary Choir, Heavenly Handbells, and Brass Ensemble

11:00 am ~ Praise & Worship with Holy Communion
Led by Reign! in the Family Life Center

Maundy Thursday | April 17

4:00 pm ~ Sanctuary Worship with Holy Communion

7:00 pm ~ Sanctuary Worship with Holy Communion

(First Communion for 5th Grade Students)

Good Friday | April 18

12:00 pm ~ Sanctuary Worship, Musical Offerings by Cantus Christe Quartet
Preceded and Followed by a Soup and Salad Lunch

7:00 pm ~ Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary, Featuring *The Messiah, Part II*
Led by Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra

Easter Sunday | April 20

6:30 am ~ Sunrise Service Begins in Prayer Garden, Processes to Sanctuary
Led by Celebration Singers

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am ~

Sanctuary Easter Festival Worship with Holy Communion

Music Led by Sanctuary Choir, Heavenly Handbells, and Brass Ensemble

11:00 am ~ Praise & Worship with Holy Communion

Led by Reign! in the Family Life Center

Mites for Missions

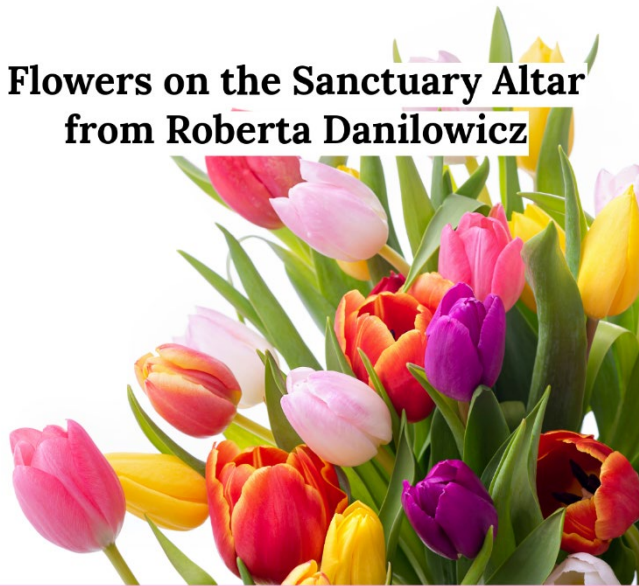
We will be collecting Mites for Missions at all services this weekend, **April 12 and 13**. Please place your gifts in the large purple Mite Box in the Narthex near Sanctuary Worship.

Gifts can also be made by check, payable to RLC, and mailed directly to Donna Krupcale, % Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518. The large Mite Box is always available at the Welcome table in the Narthex for gifts anytime during the month.



Thank you for supporting the mission grants of Lutheran Women in Mission!

Flowers on the Sanctuary Altar from Roberta Danilowicz



**Sign up for Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary and Family Life Center.
Click below or call the church office at 919-851-7248.
Flowers are from Cary Florist and cost \$45.**

[Sign Up for Altar Flowers!](#)



It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we announce that our brother in Christ, **Paul Wozniak**, was called to rest with Jesus on April 8.

Our prayers are with his wife, Jan, and their family at this time.

A Celebration of Life in Christ is being planned at Resurrection for Saturday, May 24. Details to follow.

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

SUNDAY

The Pastoral Epistles: Paul's Last Letters

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am

Fellowship Hall

March 30-May 18

Larry Cameron

MONDAY

No Monday Night Women's Bible Study

(We will not meet for 2 weeks, April 14 and 21.)

Meant for Good by Donna Snow

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm

Room 151, Family Life Center, and Online via Zoom

January 6-May 19

Jamee Thieme, Sharon Hahne, Dawn Leister

No Men's Weekly Study and Fellowship

The Intersection of Church & State

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm

Room 240, Family Life Center

March 31-April 28

Tom Gebbia

TUESDAY

No Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am

Fellowship Hall

Ongoing

Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault, Pastor Alan Shaw

WEDNESDAY

No Intentional Parenting

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm

Room 240, Family Life Center

January 8-April 30

Pastor Zach Sarrault, Erika Hulse

No Men with Kids

Jesus's Farewell Message by Francis Chan

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm

Room 247, Family Life Center

March 26-April 30

Group Led, Tom Gebbia

No Assertiveness with Pastor Alan Shaw and Sue Campau

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm

Room 151, Family Life Center

March 26-April 30

Look for detailed class offerings [on our website](#).

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

Wednesday Evening Dinner

Join us for dinner on **Wednesdays, 5:15-6:00 pm**, in the Family Life Center Gym! All are welcome.

April Menus:

April 16 - No Dinner, Holy Week

April 23 - General Tso, Chicken Lo Mein, Salad, Fruit, and Ice Cream with

Fortune Cookies

April 30 - Burgers and Dogs, Mac 'n Cheese, Salad, Fruit, and Brownies

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

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).

Service Opportunity

Are you interested in serving recent immigrants to our community as a volunteer ESL teacher?

Please reach out to the Cross Cultural Mission Engagement Team (CCMET) at ccmet@rlcary.org to let us know.

Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry
for the Visually Impaired meets

Friday, April 25

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

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

RLC Day of Service

(Operation Inasmuch)

Saturday, April 26 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Resurrection has participated for years in dedicated local service projects under the auspices of Operation Inasmuch. We will continue the tradition this year on **April 26, 2025**.

The RLC Day of Service is a way for us to put our faith into action and make a difference in the life of others. The event starts with breakfast prepared by the Men's Ministry and fellowship in the Family Life Center at 8:00 am. After breakfast, we will divide into our groups to complete our service projects. There will be activities for all age groups.

The following are organizations that benefit from our help. Most groups stay at RLC to complete their project. A few groups will leave after breakfast to travel to another location to serve.

- Habitat for Humanity of Wake County
- Quilters and Sewers

- Knitters
- Camp Agape
- Prison Alliance
- Western Wake Crisis Ministry
- Families Together
- Cards for Missionaries, Church Members, and Friends
- Project Linus
- The Miracle League of the Triangle
- Landscaping on Church Grounds
- Designed for Joy

[Click Here for Description of Projects and to Sign Up!](#)



RLC Day of Service

"...Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you did to one of the least of these brethren you did it to me."

~ Matthew 25:40

Prayer Cards

Visual Faith® Ministry has provided prayer cards by the prayer sheets in the Narthex and the Family Life Center.

We invite you to take a few cards home and add prayer notes for your family and friends for whom you are praying.

As you pray for those concerns, color the card, and then send it to the person with a note that says, "You've been in my prayers this week."

If you have questions, please contact Jamee Thieme through RCB.

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 at 919-851-7248 or office@rlcary.org for assistance.

April Children and Family Ministry News

Easter Eggstravaganza

Join the fun Sunday, April 13th at 3 pm! There will be a petting zoo, egg hunts, games and activities. Bring a basket/bag for collecting eggs. Invite a friend!

VBS Volunteers

There will be 2 identical volunteer meetings! You pick one!
Thursday, June 5 at 7 pm in the FLC room 151 -OR- Sunday, June 8 at noon in the FLC room 151.
We are in need of volunteers & would love to have you join the True North VBS team!!

Children's Sunday School

Sundays 9:30-10:30 in the Family Life Center.
No Sunday School April 20 - Happy Easter Sunday!



Vacation Bible School
registration for
participants &
volunteers! →



**Register to attend
or volunteer:**

vbspro.events/p/6557e9

**Vacation Bible School at
Resurrection Lutheran Church
June 23-27, 2025 from 9 am - 12 pm
4 year olds to 5th Graders**

Questions? Contact Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director,
at erika.hulse@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248, ext. 62.

Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

Calendar

Sunday, April 13

Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 am

No High School Youth Group

Wednesday, April 16

No Middle School Youth Group during Holy Week

Service Projects for All Youth:

Sunday, April 13 - Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 26 - RLC Day of Service (Operation Inasmuch)



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

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Enrollment for 2025-26

at Resurrection Lutheran
PRESCHOOL

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

+ Classes for children 2-years-old
thru 5-years-old +



Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

**3-year-olds
to Rising kindergarteners**
(children currently in our 2's classes can come!)

(ALL Ages **MUST** be toilet-trained)

June 2 - 5 [9:15-12:30]

June 9 - 12 [9:15-12:30]

June 16 - 19 [9:15-12:30]

RLChurch VBS June 23-27

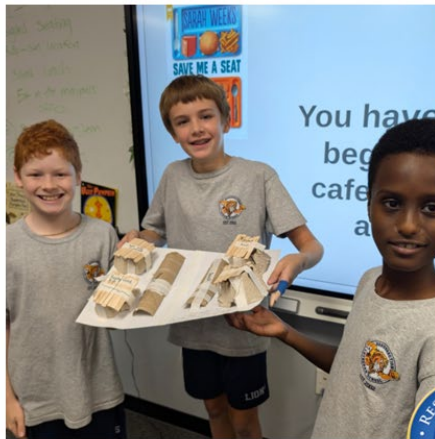
Neighbors, friends, & family welcome!

E-mail for brochure & Registration forms

REGISTER NOW!

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

Resurrection Lutheran School



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

Weekly Attendance

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, April 5

6:00 pm - 63

Sunday, April 6

8:00 am - 85

9:30 am - 126

11:00 am - 140

Lenten Midweek, April 9

6:00 pm - 68

Total In-Person Worship: 482

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, April 6

8:00 am - 108

11:00 am - 26

Lenten Midweek, April 9

6:00 pm - 16

Total Online Views: 150

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

March 2025

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$1,112,875.00

Actual Giving to Date: \$1,059,123.00

Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$(53,752.00)

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$1,087,500.00

Actual Expenses to Date: \$1,055,868.00
Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$31,632.00

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – April 13, 2025

*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 Douglas, Henry Otten, Michael Flannery, Paul Batt, *Helen Campbell, *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, Ames, Doug Gill, Emily, *Alison Whatley, Joe Huley

For Expectant Moms

*Janet Lucien, *Kelsey Sarrault, *Lauren Unger, *Erika Lonseth, *Melody Gerdes, *Christina Benson

Those Prayed for on April 6, 2025

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
- Lenten Services
- Home Sales and Closings
- New Members Joining Our RLC Family, April 6
- Successful Kidney Transplant for Brother-In-Law Glen

For Healing

- *Kim Goss
- All Those Exposed to COVID, with COVID, and Recovering from COVID
- Blind Ministry Guests - Maria and Jeff Barker, Linda Jones, Judy Dean, Ruby Franklin, Miriam Delgado, Betty Oglesby, Helen Rice-Lyles, Nancy Waggoner, Debbie Guice
- *Greta Nelson

- Pastor William Otto, Cancer Treatment and Surgery
- *Pam Dickson
- *Stephanie Ford
- Betty, Memory Issues
- *Vern Ebert
- *Mindy Stephani, Recovery
- Doug Gill, Ongoing Cancer Treatment
- *Helen Campbell
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of *Jen Kirby
- *Alison Whatley
- Bryon, Recovery
- Marion Cecconi, Mother of *Lecia Roberts
- Ingrid, Rehab
- Martha, Sister of *Charlotte Raines
- Carrie Heilman, Cancer Treatment, Daughter-In-Law of *John and *Virginia Heilman
- Dave, Brother-In-Law of *Susan Brandt
- *Paul Brandt's Father
- Clare Roberts, Cancer Treatment, Mother of *Michelle Wood
- *Alan Sullivan
- *Charlie Shiel
- Nicholas Franklin, Recovery from Surgery
- Garrett Durnbaugh
- Rhianna, Healthy Pregnancy
- Kathy Siemon
- *Kathy Rihani
- Debbie, Sister of *Lynne Hoffman
- Sam, Sarah, Lois, Jean, Karl, Linda, Ricky, Tim, Justin, Red, Kevin, Keith, Mark, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Patty, Skylar, Gene, Joy, June, Mike, Kathy, Paul, Alan, Pam, Jan, Rich, Cathy, Ann, Kelly, Noreen, Sylvia, Donna, Andy, Shelby, Harold, Ken, Eric, Kari, Doug, Alvin, Carrie, Virginia, Darlene, Debbie, Joe, Dave

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Shirley Kraus, Aunt of *Denise Fritter
- Family and Friends of Grace Yunker, Wife of Pastor Art Yunker
- Family and Friends of Bertha Leister, Aunt of *Keith Leister
- Family and Friends of Paul Wozniak, Husband of *Jan Wozniak

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Persecuted Christians
- People Around the World Affected by Natural Disasters and Weather Events, Especially People of Western NC, SC
- Families and Businesses Recovering in Western NC
- Mountainside Lutheran Church and Camp Linn Haven
- Safety and Thanksgiving for People Helping with Recovery Efforts
- People of Ukraine, and All Those Who Serve to Support Them
- People of Israel and 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 Wozniak
- Jan and Rich Bloom
- *Ginny and *Ed Koren
- *Meredith A.
- *Fran Xenakis
- *Ron and *Carol Mitchell
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles and Families in Turmoil
- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes, and Federal Workers
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- Wayne and Dorothy Conners, and Their Family
- *Jim and *Thelma Rhodes
- *Anita Moore and Family
- Sale of Homes/Properties
- Our Government and Leaders
- Renee, Guidance and Direction
- Mothers and Fathers Awaiting Birth of New Babies, For Safe Deliveries
- Special Family Need

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
- Chris Reed, SMP Training and Vicarage
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Staff
- Area Pastors and Schools Staff
- Our Stephen Ministers
- Our Ministry of Presence

For Ongoing Mission and Outreach Efforts

- 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
- Read-a-Book at Reedy Creek Elementary School and Our RLC Volunteers
- Orphan Grain Train
- *Ilea Kuo, Southeast Asia Mission Trip

For Our Missionaries

- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia
[Click here for the Cima Family Newsletter!](#)
- Shauen and Krista Trump, Kenya

*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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