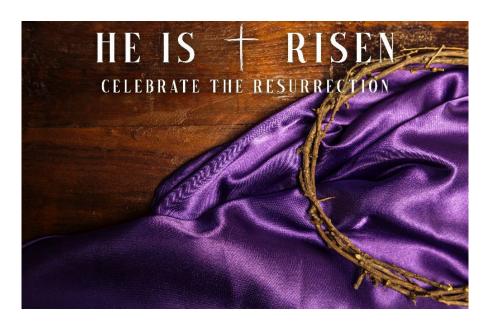
Second Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025



Pastor's Corner for April 27-May 3, 2025

From Hiding to Heralding: What a Difference the Resurrection Makes (Acts 5:12-20)

"He is Risen." It's only been one week since we first started proclaiming that message from Easter morning. The apostles in our reading this week are post-Accession, but still not that many weeks from the Resurrection. What a difference those past several weeks have made for them. They've gone from "hiding" in fear of their lives, to boldly "heralding" the Words of Life in the temple itself. They've gone from following the One who had the power to heal, to being filled with the Holy Spirit's power so completely that even someone in Peter's shadow receives healing.

Our reading starts at verse 12 saying, "Now many signs and wonders were

regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles." Truly a gift from God, but let's back up a couple verses. Take out your bible and read Chapter 4. Peter and John are arrested and questioned by the religious leaders. They stand firm on their message and are released. Then, in verses 23-30, we read a beautiful prayer as the believers come to together and call on God to remember the words spoken through David and see how David's words are happening to them. They end with a petition: "grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." It's not a prayer to free them from the trials but rather to boldly continue the work of Christ to the world around them. God powerfully answered that prayer, and we see His response in our reading this week.

The religious leaders are filled with jealousy. Their attempts to arrest all of the apostles this time and stop their work is met by an angel freeing them from prison and telling them to "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Over the next few weeks, our sermon series looks at how the Resurrection is still important and applies in our lives today. This week's reading is a great start to that message. We may not receive the power to heal those who step into our shadow... but... the prayers of God's people, reminding God of what He's done in the past, and asking for His protection and blessing while we go out and "speak in the temple" of our homes, our workplaces, the coffee shop that we're meeting a friend who needs to hear Good News, will bring opportunities to praise God for the work He continues to do through us.

We, like the apostles, do not live in "hiding", but rather in "heralding" the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection. Go and be filled with the Holy Spirit this week as you share the "words of this Life" with others.

Pastor Alan Shaw

If you ordered **Easter flowers**, please feel free to pick them up this weekend in the Narthex; otherwise, they will be donated.

Prayers of the Church

RLC Day of Service

(Operation Inasmuch)

Still time to sign up and join a service project!

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!



"...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



Saturday, April 26

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.

Joyfully Serving Jesus Together

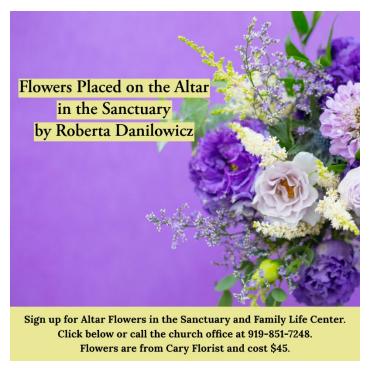
Time and Talent Weekend

Many opportunities are available in the ministries of Adult Education, Connections & Fellowship, Care, Children and Family, Leadership, Music, Operational Support, RLC-Affiliated Schools, Service to the Community, Worship Support, and Youth.



For the descriptions of all the serving opportunities available at RLC, see <u>Time</u> and <u>Talent (rlcary.org)</u>. Paper forms are available in the Narthex and Family Life Center.

Questions? Contact the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).



Sign Up for Altar Flowers!



Congratulations to Pastor Zach and Kelsey Sarrault upon the birth of their daughter!

Amelia Willow Sarrault

was born on April 14, 2025, 7 lbs. 5 oz. and 21 ¼ in.

Our prayers of joy and gratitude are with them as they celebrate this blessing!

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

Monday Night Women's Bible Study 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

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

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

Last Intentional Parenting

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm January 8-April 30 Pastor Zach Sarrault, Erika Hulse

Parents, please join the kids in the Gym for Kidz Live for the last two weeks.

Last 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

Last 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.

Last

Supper & Scripture Wednesday Evening Activities Schedule

5:00-5:30 pm

Jubilee Bells, Sanctuary

5:15-6:00 pm

Dinner, Gym

5:30-6:00 pm

Rainbow Choir, Sanctuary Sonshine Singers, Choir Room

6:00-7:00 pm

Kidz Live, Gym Middle School Youth, Warehouse Intentional Parenting, Gym **6:30-7:30 pm** Adult Christian Ed

Assertiveness, RM 151 Men with Kids, RM 247

6:30-7:30 pm

Heavenly Handbells, Sanctuary

7:00-8:00 pm

Confirmation, RM 240

7:30-8:45 pm

Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary

Last 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 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 <u>rlcary.org</u> 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).

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.

The Next Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, May 9

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/3VAtWW0

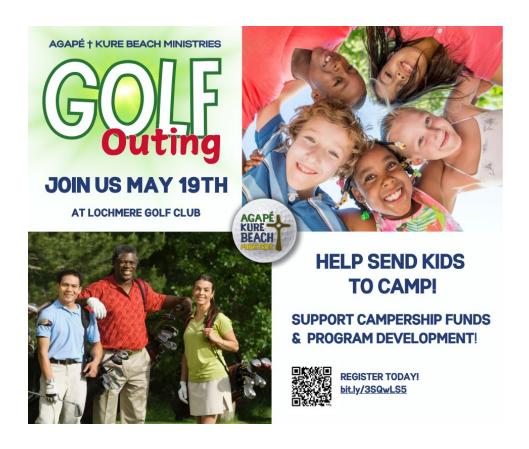


The next Coffeehouse is **Friday**, **May 9** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center Gym. Stephen W. Prins and Olliver Harper Fultz will be singing and playing for us.

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



Contact Tom Gebbia at mens-ministry@rlcary.org for more information.



Support a great cause while enjoying the fun and fellowship of a day on the Lochmere Golf Club course on **May 19**! Why? Help us bring kids to camp this summer. Funds raised in this Golf Event will be used to provide camperships to attend camp and for program development. It is our policy that no one be turned away from camp programs due to lack of funds.

Our goal is to have 80 golfers. Please help us to reach our goal. Bring some friends for a great day of fun, fellowship and raising funds to make a difference in a camper's life. Please share this information with others and gather a foursome to join us.

Format: 4 Person Scramble

Registration Fee:

Individual: \$100.00 Foursome: \$380.00

12 Team Mulligans: \$400.00

We request that all golfers pay

in advance.

Outing Schedule:

8:00 AM Check-in opens

8:00 AM Coffee, Donuts & Biscuits

8:45 AM "Putt for All" Event

9:10 AM Tee Off (Shot gun)

(Boxed lunch served on the course)

When your round is done, head home!

For additional details, please visit agapekurebeach.org or bit.ly/3SQwLS5.

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.

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.





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

Service Project for All Youth:

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

Sunday, April 27

Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 am High School Youth Group, 5:00-6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 30

Middle School Youth Group, 6:00-7:00 pm

We meet in The Warehouse (Room 253) or the Gym in the Family Life Center.

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 ★





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Resurrection Lutheran School



Family Theater Night!

Alice in Wonderland

Tuesday, April 28 6:00-7:00 pm

Everyone is invited to this <u>free</u> event! Snacks available.

Bright Star Touring Theatre is hosting a full day of theater fun at Resurrection Lutheran School.



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:

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 12 6:00 pm - 54

Sunday, April 13 8:00 am - 130 9:30 am - 223 11:00 am - 114

Total In-Person Worship: 521

Maundy Thursday, April 17

4:00 pm - n/a 7:00 pm - n/a

Good Friday, April 18

12:00 pm - n/a 7:00 pm - n/a

Easter Sunday, April 20

6:30 am - 85

8:00 am - 176

9:30 am - 380

11:00 am (Sanctuary) - 165

11:00 am (FLC) - 130

Total In-Person Worship: 936

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13

8:00 am - 145

11:00 am - 67

Total Online Views: 212

Maundy Thursday, April 17

7:00 pm - 85

Good Friday, April 18

7:00 pm - 153

Easter Sunday, April 20

8:00 am - 239

11:00 am (FLC) - 113

Total Online Views: 590

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 27, 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,
- *Helen Campbell, Paul Batt, *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, *Lauren Unger, *Erika Lonseth, *Melody Gerdes, *Christina Benson

Those Prayed for on April 20, 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
- Easter Eggstravaganza
- Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty in DC
- Birth of Sloane Ryan
- Birth of Amelia Roane Peterson
- Holy Week

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
- Martha, Sister of *Charlotte Raines
- Carrie Heilman, Cancer Treatment, Daughter-In-Law of *John and *Virginia Heilman
- Dave, Brother-In-Law of *Susan Brandt
- Clare Roberts, Cancer Treatment, Mother of *Michelle Wood
- *Alan Sullivan
- *Charlie Shiel
- Rhianna, Healthy Pregnancy
- Kathy Siemon
- *Kathy Rihani
- Debbie, Sister of *Lynne Hoffman
- Delaney, New Mother of Sloane Ryan, Recovery
- Michael Collins
- *Carol Klevenow, Recovery
- Leta Huntsinger's Mother in Hospice Care
- Carrie, Julie, Virginia, Tim, Barbara, Bob, Peggy, Carol, Mitchell's Cousin, Rosie, Rhianna, Ann, Mark, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Kevin, Keith, Sam, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Patty, Skylar, Joe, Debbie, Nora

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Brenda Travers, Friend of Bloom Family
- Family of Marvin Brandt, Father of *Paul Brandt
- 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
- Weather Events, Heavy Rain, and Flooding, Especially KY, OH, IN, TN, AR
- 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 and Her Family
- 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
- Our Government and Leaders
- Renee, Guidance and Direction
- Mothers and Fathers Awaiting Birth of New Babies, For Safe Deliveries
- Our Military Who Can't Be Home

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

 <u>Click here for the Cima Family Newsletter!</u>
- 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 Updated 4/25/25