

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

**May 25, 2025**

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*Pastor's Corner for May 25-31, 2025*

## **The Bride of Christ (Revelation 21:9-15, 21-27)**

All throughout the Bible, God uses many different images to describe His people. In the Old Testament, there is a lot of talk about His people as His bride (Isaiah 54:4-6). In the New Testament, especially in Paul's letters, we hear God's people compared to a house (Ephesians 2:19), a family (Romans 8:15-17), and a body (1 Corinthians 12). All of them go a long way to help us understand the Church and how intimately connected we are to one another and to our Savior.

Among all these different images, my favorite may be the Church as Bride. It is a beautiful image that goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden when God walks Eve down the aisle to Adam at the first wedding in history (Genesis 2:22). Revelation adds yet another layer to this image of the Church as Bride. We are told that "the Bride, the wife of the Lamb" is "the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God." Whoa! Church = Bride = Holy City. Make

sense? Probably not, and that's ok! Let's see why this still matters.

As baptized members of God's Church, we know that we are guaranteed a place in heaven, eternally dwelling with God. On the Last Day, when Jesus returns, He will bring heaven down to earth with Him, "prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Rev. 21:2). There is that one word I love the most in that verse, "prepared". God has prepared us for the Last Day. God has prepared us to dwell with Himself in glory, beauty, and perfection. God is, even now, getting us ready for that unimaginably glorious day to come. What does that mean? It means that our lives are not in vain.

God has already prepared us for that day by His death and Resurrection. He came for one purpose, to bring us back to Himself through His sacrifice on the cross. We are brought into that through the waters of baptism, washed clean and prepared for the Last Day. Because we are prepared, we are not just the Bride, we will be the Holy City. What happens in cities? A lot of stuff! It is where people live, work, play, and enjoy life. It is where God will live with us for all eternity!

It is for that day that we are prepared, and so we wait for it with joy! As the Church, we are married to Jesus. As His Bride, we are also that place that He dwells, the Holy City. That starts now. At this very moment, we are already prepared as the Bride for Jesus, while He also dwells with us by the Holy Spirit. All this goes to say, that we are participating in the preparation, pointing others to Jesus, our Groom, that they too may become the Church-Bride-Holy City of the Lamb.

Your prepared brother in Christ,  
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Please note, the church office will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

## Prayers of the Church

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It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we remember our brother in Christ, **Paul Wozniak**, was called to rest with Jesus on April 8. Our prayers remain with his wife, Jan, and their family.

A Celebration of Life in Christ and Committal will be held at Resurrection on **Saturday, May 24** at 11:00 am. Service will be followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

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Baptized on Sunday, May 25  
during the 9:30 am worship service

**Otto Michael Lucien**

born April 28, 2025,

son of Ted Michael Lucien Jr. and Janet Niquette Lucien.

Godparents are Justin and Abby Groth.

May God's blessing be upon Otto Michael as he grows in his baptismal grace.

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### Mites for Missions

We will be collecting Mites for Missions at all services this weekend, **May 24 and 25**. Please place your gifts in the large purple Mite Box in the Narthex near Sanctuary Worship.

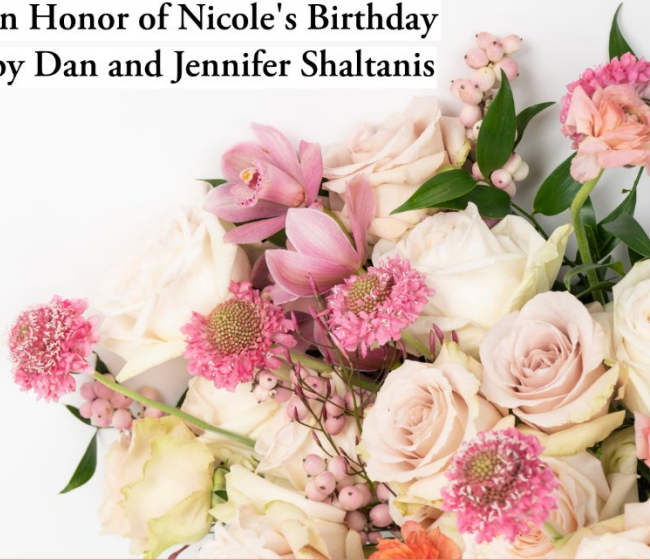
Gifts can also be made by check, payable to RLC, and mailed directly to Donna Krupcale, % Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518. The large Mite Box is always available at the Welcome table in the Narthex for gifts anytime during the month.



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

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**Flowers Placed on the Sanctuary Altar  
In Honor of Nicole's Birthday  
by Dan and Jennifer Shaltanis**



**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!](#)**

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## **Graduating?**

Please contact the church office with high school and college graduate information by Tuesday, May 26. We will highlight our graduates in the June newsletter.

We request the graduate's name, school graduating from, and any future plans. Email [susan.moore@rlcary.org](mailto:susan.moore@rlcary.org) or call 919-851-7248, ext. 33.



**High School Graduates**, please mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 8**. We will

be recognizing our high school graduates in all worship services!

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## Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry  
for the Visually Impaired meets

**Friday, May 30**

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

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## Men's Ministry

During the summer, we shift to meeting periodically (monthly) for casual gatherings. Our first meeting was this week at VPizza in Cary. Great time had by all!



Look out for our next gathering date. All men welcome! Contact Tom Gebbia at [mens-ministry@rlcary.org](mailto:mens-ministry@rlcary.org).

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## Voters' Meeting

Sunday, June 1

*Plan to attend!* The next Resurrection Lutheran Church Voters' Meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 1** at 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

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## • YOUNG FAMILIES • *gathering*



Join us on

**Sunday, June 1 at 4:00 pm**

at the home of Elliot and Holly Canupp

(1404 Leanne Ct., Raleigh)

for fun, food, and fellowship!

Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Hot dogs and drinks will be provided!

RSVP to Elliot and Holly Canupp or Pastor Zach.

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## The Next Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, June 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, 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](https://bit.ly/3VAtWW0)



The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, June 13** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center gym. *Old Play* will be playing for us.

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

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It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we announce that our brother in Christ, **Bryan Carl Boesch**, was called to rest with Jesus on May 2, 2025. Bryan is the son of Don and Alma Boesch, Founding/Charter Members of RLC. Our prayers are with his family at this time.

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### 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.

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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 at 919-851-7248 or [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org) for assistance.

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## **Children and Family Ministry**

### **Vacation Bible School**

Guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

**Join us on June 23-27 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm!**

[Register today!](#) Cost is \$10 per participant. Payments can be made through [Online Giving](#) or by cash/check to the church office.



**Spotlight Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Crew Leader** - leads a small group of children to stations - form a relationship with the crew!

**Sticky Scripture Leader** - lead 4 identical Sticky Scripture sessions each day for the crews.

Two volunteer meetings to bond, learn, and pray (choose one):

**Thursday, June 5 at 7:00 pm**

**OR**

**Sunday, June 8 at Noon**

We will meet in Room 151, Family Life Center.

If you are only able to volunteer a few days, that is ok. You are needed!

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

## **Youth Ministry**

Middle School and High School

### Calendar

**Sunday, May 25**

**No** High School Youth Group!

**Sunday, June 1**


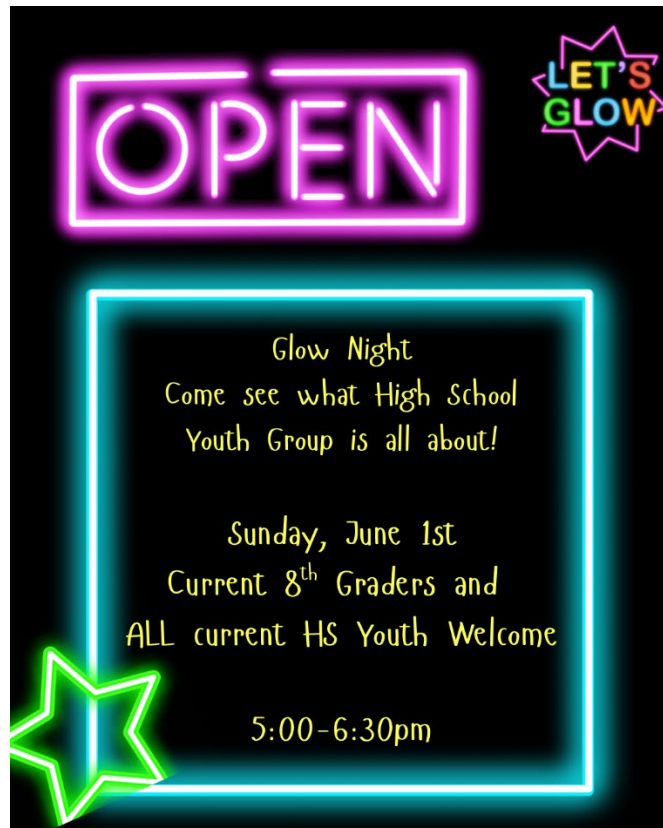
**Glow Night!** For High School Youth and Current 8th Graders.

5:00-6:30 pm

**Sunday, June 8**

We will be recognizing our high school graduates *in all worship services!*





**ENDURE**  
2025 LCM'S YOUTH GATHERING  
HEBREWS 12:1-3

## Youth Gathering

July 18 - 24

**Final Meeting**  
June 4 @ 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)  
ALL participants, parents, leaders!

**Sending**  
July 13 @ 11:00am service

**RIGHT NOW!**  
I need full names & birthdates for  
ticketing

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

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## 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!**

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

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## Resurrection Lutheran School





Our 5th-8th grade students recently brought *The Wizard of Oz* to life in a fantastic display of creativity, collaboration, and talent!



**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**



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](https://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, May 17  
6:00 pm - 48

Sunday, May 18  
8:00 am - 61



9:30 am - 164

11:00 am - 99

**Total In-Person Worship: 372**

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

Sunday, May 18

8:00 am - 112

11:00 am - 66

**Total Online Views: 178**

## **Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25**

### **April 2025**

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$1,225,250

Actual Giving to Date: \$1,200,489

**Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$(24,761)**

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$1,208,333

Actual Expenses to Date: \$1,172,643

**Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$35,690**

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

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**Church Calendar**



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## Prayers of the Church – May 25, 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, Lyn Becksford

### For Expectant Moms

\*Melody Gerdes, \*Christina Benson, \*Emily Hooper Evans

### Those Prayed for on May 18, 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
- Birth of Gavin Unger, Parents \*Jacob and \*Lauren Unger,  
Grandparents \*Bob and \*MaryAnn Unger
- College Graduates, High School Graduates
- Combined Men and Women Breakfast
- Dimmond King, \*Jack and Rhoda Widey's Oldest Granddaughter Graduation,  
Doctor of Medicine - Neurology
- \*Mike and \*Sharon Hahne, 50th Anniversary
- Birth of Jackson Lonseth, Parents \*Matt and \*Erika Lonseth

### 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, 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 from Brain Injury
- 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 Rihani
- Debbie, Sister of \*Lynne Hoffman
- \*Carol Klevenow, Recovery
- Leta Huntsinger's Mother in Hospice Care
- \*Larry, Recovery
- \*Phil Gresens, Recovery
- Cynthia Wyse, Recovery
- Lyn Becksford, Sister-In-Law of \*Donnie Becksford
- Brian Gorneau, Recovery from Accident
- \*Cecelia Brown, Recovery from Accident
- Fran, Knox, Kathy, Mike, Nove, Carol, Olevia, Cecilia, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Kevin, Keith, Clint, Mark, Carlton, Anna, Anne, Patty, Sam, Skylar, David, Catherine, Homeless Man, James, Gene, Lois, Joe, Rosemary, Susan, Harold, Ken, Paul, Kelly, Matthew, Shim, Laura, Debbie, Dave, Mindy, Diane

#### **For Comfort**

- Family and Friends of Paul Wozniak, Husband of \*Jan Wozniak
- Family and Friends of Betty Oglesby (Guest of Blind Ministry)
- Family and Friends of Wayne Conners, Husband of Dorothy Conners

#### **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
- Dorothy Conners and Her Family
- \*Jim and \*Thelma Rhodes
- \*Anita Moore and Family
- Rundel Family
- Sale of Homes
- Our Government and Leaders
- Renee, Guidance and Direction
- Mothers and Fathers Awaiting Birth of New Babies, For Safe Deliveries
- High School Students, End of Year Exams
- Caitlyn, Exams

#### **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
- Vicar Christopher 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
- Eastern NC Lutheran Via de Cristo

#### **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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