

# The Ascension of Our Lord

June 1, 2025

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*Pastor's Corner for June 1-7, 2025*

## What the Father Has Done (Ephesians 1:15-23)

This weekend we celebrate the ascension of our loving Savior Jesus. The same Jesus who was put to death on a cross and risen from the dead — appearing to His disciples bearing the wounds of His cross — is now ascended into heaven and seated at the right hand of the Father. He has experienced suffering and death, suffered hell in our place, but now sits at the right hand of the Father, with all power and with all authority. As a recent “Lutheran Hour” devotion I saw earlier this week puts it, Jesus is our “friend in high places”!

But what I love about our Epistle text on this Ascension weekend is that St. Paul gives us another way to marvel at the mystery of Jesus crucified, risen, and ascended. Paul underlines the power of the FATHER in seating the Son at His right hand.

Read Ephesians 1:18-23 ahead of worship this weekend and take a little time

considering what Jesus' ascension reveals about our Heavenly Father's authority and power. Then consider also these words from Ephesians 2: "But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus." What the Scriptures have to say about God the Father's power and authority in raising Jesus from death and seating Jesus at His right hand says a lot about His power and authority in our lives, too.

Did you know you were risen with Christ and seated with Him, by the Father? Did you know that by the love of God you belong to His church and are therefore a part of Jesus' body... living and risen with Him (1:23)? If you're like me, you knew that already... you just tend to forget it. Let's hang on tight to that truth together and celebrate it once again this year!

In God's love,  
Pastor Jonathan

## Prayers of the Church



Baptized on Friday, May 23  
during the Resurrection Lutheran School chapel service

**Mary Burke Jaquez**  
born June 10, 2017,

daughter of Kyle Jaquez and Carey Jaquez.

Godparent is Ashley Moody.

May God's blessing be upon Mary Burke as she grows in her baptismal grace.

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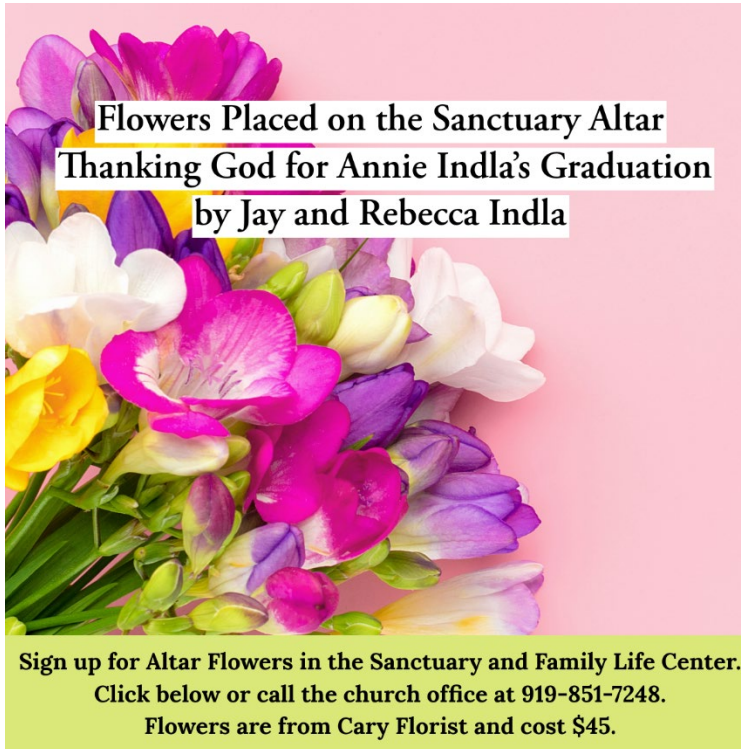


## **Saturday, May 31**

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.

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Flowers Placed on the Sanctuary Altar  
Thanking God for Annie Indla's Graduation  
by Jay and Rebecca Indla

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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## 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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### 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**

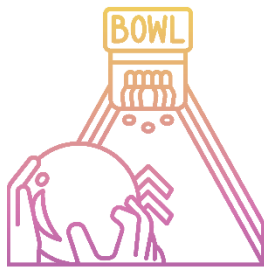
We will meet in Room 151, Family Life Center.

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



# KICKS Bowling Night

Kids in Christ Keep Shining - Grades 3-5



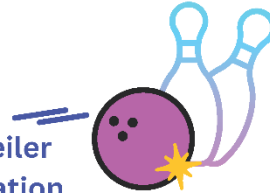
Dinner and Bowling

Friday

June 20th

Contact:

Kim or Dave Breiler  
for more information



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.

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## Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

### Calendar

#### Sunday, June 1

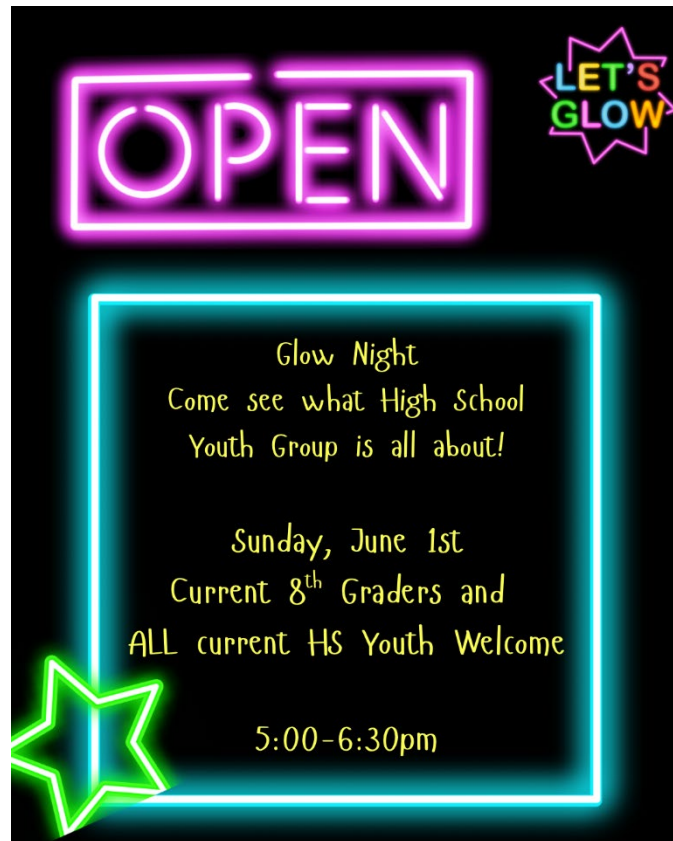
**Glow Night!** For High School Youth and Current 8th Graders.

5:00-6:30 pm

#### Sunday, June 8

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

Please let me or one of the Pastors know what service you will be attending.



**Youth Gathering**  
July 18 - 24

**ENDURE**  
2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING  
HEBREWS 12:1-3

**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 kindergartners**  
(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]

RL Church VBS June 23-27

**Neighbors, friends, & family welcome!**

Email for brochure & Registration forms

**REGISTER NOW!**

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

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## Resurrection Lutheran School

From our Kindergarten graduates to our 8th grade graduates, we've witnessed tremendous growth, faith, and learning in every corner of our school!





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

## Latest Lion's Tale

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# WORSHIP SERVICES

<b>Traditional Worship in Sanctuary</b>	<b>Praise Worship in Family Life Center</b>
<b>Saturday, 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Sunday, *11:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday, *8:00 &amp; 9:30 am</b>	

*\*Services Live Streamed to YouTube*

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, May 24

6:00 pm - 48

Sunday, May 25

8:00 am - 77

9:30 am - 190

11:00 am - 95

**Total In-Person Worship: 410**

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

Sunday, May 25

8:00 am - 95

11:00 am - 47

**Total Online Views: 142**

### 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 – June 1, 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 25, 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
- College Graduates, High School Graduates
- \*Mike and \*Sharon Hahne, 50th Wedding Anniversary
- Birth of Jackson Lonseth, Parents \*Matt and \*Erika Lonseth
- Baptisms of Two Resurrection Lutheran School Students
- End of School Year for Our Resurrection Schools, Resurrection Lutheran School and Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

#### **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
- William, Cynthia, Sam, Dana, James, Gary, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Keving, Keith, Mark, Carlton, Barbara, Patty, Sam, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Alex, Ben, Megan, Pam, Jan, Wendy, James, Gene, Lois, Denise, Ken, Harold, Paul, Kelly, Mara, Connie, Doug, Eric, Carrie, Virginia, Joe, Debbie, Dave

#### **For Comfort**

- Family and Friends of Betty Oglesby (Guest of Blind Ministry)
- Family and Friends of Mark Barnett (Guest of Blind Ministry)
- Family and Friends of Jeff Dobson
- 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
- Our Government and Leaders
- \*Jack and \*Darlene Bartels, Safe Travels
- Memorial Day and Those Who Gave All

**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**

- 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**

*Updated 5/30/25*