# The Holy Trinity June 15, 2025



Pastor's Corner for June 15-21, 2025

# Who Are We... That God Should Be Mindful of US? (Psalms 8)

Psalm 8 is one of my favorite Psalms. This week it is the appointed Psalm for Holy Trinity Sunday.

The opening lines of the Psalm sum up the mystery of the Triune God: From "above the heavens" (v. 1) to "out of the mouths of babies and infants" (v. 2) there is testimony to God's majestic name! Is it any wonder the Psalmist, looking at the moon and stars and all that God has created can't help but say out loud to God, "What is man... that You are mindful of him?" (v.4) That question — a prayer and statement of praise at the same time — is not a bad place to begin our weekend focus on our One Triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Seminary professor Peter Nafzger sees the mindfulness of God in the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Our Father and Creator God is mindful of all His creation. But God's relationship to you and me, the humanity He first formed out of the dust of the earth and inbreathed with His own breath of life, is not only unexpected. It is worthy of our praise! The Son was so mindful of us that He took on our very own human flesh to rescue us and set us free from our sins. Now His lovingkindness is reflected in His interceding for us at the right hand of the Father. The Holy Spirit is mindful of us in a way that seems even more personal. The Spirit has taken up residence in our very own hearts and minds. It is there that our faith is strengthened. The Spirit is the reason we are enlivened to live our calling as renewed people of God for service to the world. Now every day is a chance to live out our praise to the God who is mindful of us!

As a kid who grew up in Richmond, VA I rarely got to see majestic snow-capped mountains. We had the Blue Ridge not so far away. But snow in or on the Blue Ridge Mountains gave a different impression from snow on Bald Mountain, CO, any one of the Swiss Alps, or on top of Mt. Fuji. Ever been completely oblivious of your surroundings and then seen a majestic snow-capped peak you never expected seemingly appear out of nowhere? That's what happened to Juli, Sarah and me last month when we went to the airport in Kayseri, Turkey. Our arrival in Cappadocia had been at night, under cover of darkness. During the daylight return to Kayseri we saw what we could not have seen before: the beautiful and awe-inspiring mountain that towered over the flat Cappadocian plateau (Mt. Erciyes... see photograph). How majestic is God's name in all the earth! How mindful God is, even for us, people who have done nothing to deserve His love for us!

Who are we, that God should be mindful of us? By the grace of God, we belong to Him. He cares for us. Let that be the reason to marvel and wonder at the glory of God and sing the praises of the Holy Trinity this weekend and all week long...

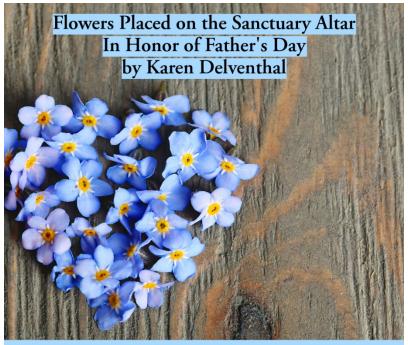
Love in Christ, Pastor Jonathan

# **Prayers of the Church**



It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we remember our brother in Christ, **Michael Edward Collins**, who was called to rest with Jesus on May 5, 2025. Our prayers remain with his wife, Shirley, and their family.

A Celebration of Life in Christ will be held at Resurrection on **Saturday**, **June 14** at 1:00 pm, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.



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!

# **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.



It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we remember our brother in Christ, **John Philip Healey**, who was called to rest with Jesus on April 14, 2025. Our prayers remain with his family.

John and his wife Ruth were active, early members of Resurrection Lutheran Church. John held numerous roles within the church, including serving as congregation president and building committee chairperson. His leadership was instrumental in the construction of both the original church building and the new location at 100 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary.

A Celebration of Life in Christ will be held at RLC on **Saturday**, **June 21** at 1:00 pm. Service will be followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

# Men's Ministry

During the summer, we are meeting up for casual gatherings. Plan to join us for our next event on **Wednesday**, **June 25** at 6:30 pm. We'll meet at the Tap Station, 320 S. Salem Street, Apex.

All men welcome! Contact Tom Gebbia at mens-ministry@rlcary.org.

# Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry for the Visually Impaired meets

# Friday, June 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).



During the month of July, the 11:00 am Praise Worship Service will be held in the Sanctuary due to maintenance in the Family Life Center Gym.

# **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.

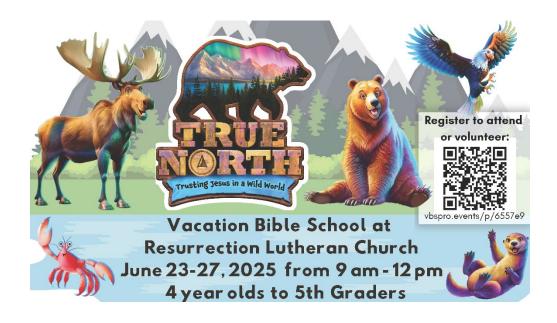
## **Children and Family Ministry**

#### **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!

<u>Register today!</u> Cost is \$10 per participant. Payments can be made through <u>Online Giving</u> or by cash/check to the church office.



# K.I.C.K.S. Bowling Night

Kids in Christ Keep Shining Youth Group for Rising 3rd-5th Graders



Questions? Contact Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director, at <a href="mailto:erika.hulse@rlcary.org">erika.hulse@rlcary.org</a> or 919-851-7248, ext. 62.

# **Youth Ministry**

Middle School and High School



Questions? Contact Ms. Jenny, Youth Director <a href="mailto:jenny.piontek@rlcary.org">jenny.piontek@rlcary.org</a> 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**

RLS has an opening for a part-time, two days per week **Front Desk/Administrative Assistant**. Inquiries reach out to <a href="mailto:contact@rlscary.org">contact@rlscary.org</a>.







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**Latest Lion's Tale** 



# For online services, connect through our YouTube channel at <a href="mailto:youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC">youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC</a> or through our website at

# rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship.

# This Week's Visual Faith Sheet

# **Weekly Attendance**

# **In-Person Worship Attendance:**

Saturday, June 7 6:00 pm - 43

Sunday, June 8 8:00 am - 80 9:30 am - 158 11:00 am - 109

**Total In-Person Worship: 390** 

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

Sunday, June 8 8:00 am - 100 11:00 am - 26

**Total Online Views: 126** 

## Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

### May 2025

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$1,337,625 Actual Giving to Date: \$1,313,090

Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$(24,535)

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$1,329,167 Actual Expenses to Date: \$1,290,792 Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$38,375

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

**Church Calendar** 



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#### Prayers of the Church – June 15, 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 June 8, 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
- Vacation Bible School Leaders, Volunteers, and Participants
- RLC's Music Ministry Participants and Directors Bob Unger and SMP Vicar Chris Reed
- Voters' Meeting and Our Church Council

#### **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
- \*Carol Klevenow, Recovery
- Leta Huntsinger's Mother in Hospice Care
- \*Larry, Recovery
- \*Phil Gresens, Recovery
- Cynthia Wyse, Recovery
- Brian Gorneau, Recovery from Accident
- \*Cecelia Brown, Recovery from Accident
- \*Fern Frusti
- Uncle Curt, Good Test Results
- Joe, Victoria, Kelly, Ken, Harold, Mark, Paul, Dave, Mike, Carrie, Virginia, Kris

#### **For Comfort**

- Family and Friends of Mark Barnett (Guest of Blind Ministry)
- Family and Friends of Michael Collins

#### 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
- Remembering the Sacrifices Made by So Many for Us on 6 June 1944

#### 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
- SMP Vicar Christopher Reed, SMP Training and Vicarage, and His Family
- 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!

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 6/13/25