

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 13, 2025



Pastor's Corner for July 13-19, 2025

Help Found in Unlikely Places (Luke 10:25-37)

Have you ever found yourself an unlikely “Good Samaritan”? I have. I will never forget the day I, though a foreigner in an out-of-the-way corner in one of the world’s major cities, was asked by a passerby for help. It wasn’t a big deal. I was young, and this older gentleman who clearly didn’t know where he was asked if I could help him find a landmark I knew was a couple of blocks away. Never mind I didn’t look anything at all like the other pedestrians on the street that day — including my questioner. Never mind I could barely speak the language he and all the other people around him were using. Never mind the road we stood on was not exactly familiar turf for me either. But I did know just enough about my surroundings that I could walk up the road a bit to show him the path he needed to take. In that brief encounter, the absolute last person on that crowded street

who SHOULD have been able to help, did. The fact that it was yours truly made it a moment I still carry with me almost 40 years later.

“Who is my neighbor?” a lawyer trying to justify himself as someone who truly loved his neighbor once asked Jesus. Ironically, the moment the lawyer tried to justify himself was the very moment he no longer cared for the very “neighbors” God was putting in his path! How does Jesus answer the question about neighbors? With a parable about a Good Samaritan. Samaritans would have been the least likely heroes in a story told to Israelites in Jesus’ day. They were generally shunned by the people of Israel as outsiders. They were believed to have possessed a misguided half-pagan faith. Yet this Samaritan — not the fellow countrymen of the man left for dead by the side of the road — was the one who had compassion on the poor man, cared for him, and lived as one who was truly a “neighbor” to him. Jesus’ parable reveals God at work in the most unlikely and unexpected places: A Samaritan...a cross...a garden tomb. Perhaps even a lawyer inclined to justify himself. Even me. And yes, even you!

This week we remember and celebrate that no one is outside the reach of God’s love. Similarly, anyone can be used by God to be a “good Samaritan” to someone else. Why? Because God is used to showing up in the most unlikely places. Jesus, our Good Samaritan, has done all that was needed to rescue us — so that we might care for one another. Let’s keep our eyes and ears open for opportunities to be a good neighbor to someone this week because of all that Jesus has done for us!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan

Photo Credit: “The Good Samaritan” (1890), by Alfonso Cattaneo. Public domain.

Prayers of the Church

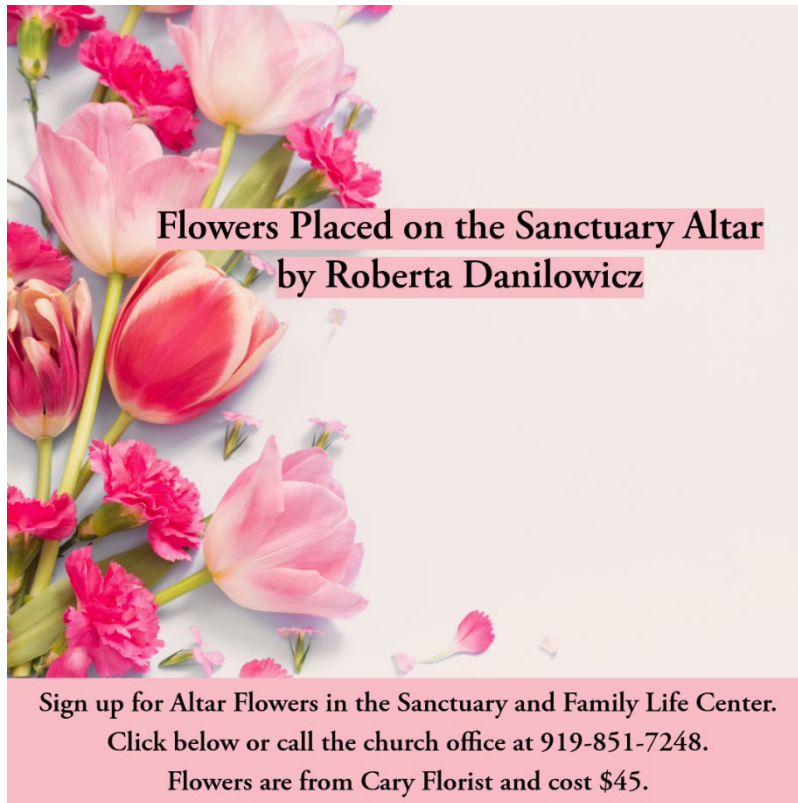


It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we remember our brother in Christ, **Wayne Gene Conners**, who was called to rest with Jesus on May 19, 2025. Our prayers remain with his wife, Dorothy, and their family.

A Celebration of Life in Christ will be held at Resurrection on **Saturday, July 12** at 11:00 am, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.



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.



[Sign Up for Altar Flowers!](#)

Christmas in July is here!

The Human Care Committee is sponsoring our Christmas Giving Tree in July. This effort will give our congregation the opportunity to support these organizations that assist families working to stabilize their housing and financial situations.

The Christmas tree is located in the Narthex of the Sanctuary from **July 1-31**. The tree has numerous ornament "tags". Take a tag (or 2) and return it to the tree with the requested item and tag next time you are at church. No need to wrap them!

This year our gifts will benefit Green Chair Project (thegreenchair.org) and Families Together (famielstogethernc.org).

Blessings on your summer and thank you for your support,
Human Care Committee



Emmaus Way Walking Group

Come join the Emmaus Way Walking Group on Wednesdays! Meet in the Java Jive parking lot at **8:30 am** (*note time change).

Java Jive is located across Kildaire Farm Road from RLC. (2425 Kildaire Farm Road, Suite 403, Cary)

Questions? Contact Lyle Malotky through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

Men's Ministry ~ Summer Gatherings

During the summer, we are meeting up for casual gatherings. Enjoyed our time together at the Tap Station in Apex during our June event!



All men welcome! Our next event will be **Wednesday, July 23** from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Cleveland Draft House in Fuquay Varina.

Contact Tom Gebbia at mens-ministry@rlcary.org.

Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry
for the Visually Impaired meets

Friday, July 25

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).

Texas Flood Disaster Relief

Devastating flash floods swept through Central Texas over the July 4 weekend, claiming over 100 lives and leaving many still missing — especially in Kerr County and at Camp Mystic. Our hearts and prayers are with all affected.

The Texas District of the LCMS is actively responding with relief and care, but due to the enormity of the devastation, they are overwhelmed with individual donations. The Texas District has asked that gifts be directed through the Southeastern District so we can send one collective check. [You can donate here, include "Texas" in the memo line.](#)

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.

Free Evening Seminar for All to Attend!

**TRIANGLE
FAITH.ORG**

Sunday, August 10, 2025

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Revealing Jesus:
Christ's Fulfillment of the Old Testament**

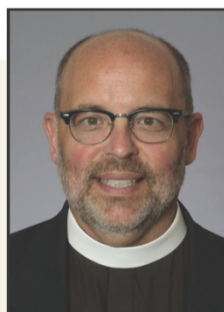
Jesus' words are saturated with the Old Testament. He speaks of Himself and His work as the fulfillment of everything promised by Moses and the prophets. Everything! From Genesis to Malachi, every word drips with Jesus. Let's take a look at how Jesus uses the Old Testament to make His person and work known. We'll examine specific Old Testament texts to understand them in their original context and then see how Christ fulfills them. Not only will our appreciation of the Old Testament grow, but we will have a deepened insight into what the New Testament teaches us of Christ.

- Walking with Jesus to Emmaus: Christ's Self-Reference to the Old Testament
- Reading the Old Testament on Its Own Terms
- How the New Testament Reads the Old Testament

Workshop Location

Hosted by: Jordan Lutheran Church
Location: 309 Holleman St., Apex, NC

TriangleFaith.org is a cooperative effort of congregations in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod that seeks to bring the message of forgiveness to the greater Raleigh Triangle community.



Dr. Kevin Golden
Associate Professor of
Exegetical Theology

Dr. Kevin Golden is associate professor of Exegetical Theology, dean of Theological Research and Publication, and director of Resident Field Education at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He joined the faculty in 2021.

Golden's research experience includes Hosea, biblical usage of the divine name, Genesis 6-9, Jonah, the Book of the Twelve (Minor Prophets) and biblical intertextuality.

He is the author of *Blessed Be His Name: Revealing the Sacred Names of God* (Concordia Publishing House, 2021), *God's Own Son Is Born A Child* (Concordia Publishing House, 2019) and *LifeLight: Minor Prophets* (Concordia Publishing House, 2009). He contributed to the festschrift, *The Mercy of God in the Cross of Christ: Essays on Mercy in Honor of Glenn Merritt* (LCMS, 2016).



In addition to this free evening seminar, Dr. Kevin Golden is offering a continuing education workshop geared for pastors, church workers, and laity interested in digging into the Scriptures on **August 11-13**.

This workshop will take place at the office of Jordan Lutheran Church, Monday through Wednesday. [Click here](#) to get details on the three-day workshop entitled, *It Stands Written: The New Testament Appropriation of the Old Testament*.

Giving Statements

Giving Statements through June 30, 2025 are available in your church mailbox. Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

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!



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

LCMS Youth Gathering

Keep our team in your prayers! We fly out July 18 and return home July 24. Pray for our safety, our health, and our mission while there to learn more about our faith and continue to grow in Him.

You can also come be a part of our Sending Service on **Sunday, July 13 during 11:00 am worship**. Come meet the team, check out our awesome t-shirts for the week, and send us out with His blessing!

Youth: Avery, Cameron, Jay, Lily, Wyatt, Alec, Chip, Ben, Josh, Eva, Jonah, Nicole, Rachel

Adults: Jenny, Erika, Jason, Jen, Dave, Adam

YAV (Young Adult Volunteer): Spencer Hulse

Flex Volunteer: Leah Robison



Questions? Contact Jenny Piontek, Youth
Director, at 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



Contact Erika Hulse,
erikahulse@rlscary.org



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Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

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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, July 5

6:00 pm - 52

Sunday, July 6

8:00 am - 71

9:30 am - 165

11:00 am - 79

Total In-Person Worship: 367

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, July 6

8:00 am - 114

11:00 am - 81

Total Online Views: 195

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 – July 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,
*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, 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, *Shannon Dawe, *Renee Guerin

Those Prayed for on July 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
- Thanksgiving for a Successful Vacation Bible School Week, and for Leaders, Volunteers, and Participants
- *Alan Sullivan, Cancer Free
- Lutheran Women in Mission Convention in Omaha, Nebraska
- Thanksgiving for a Successful Turnout for Ladies Fellowship Luncheon
- Praise Birth of Carter Dickenson

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
- *Charlie Shiel
- Rhianna, Healthy Pregnancy
- *Kathy Rihani
- *Carol Klevenow, Recovery
- Leta Huntsinger's Mother in Hospice Care
- Cynthia Wyse
- Brian Gorneau, Recovery from Accident
- *Cecelia Brown, Recovery from Accident
- *Fern Frusti
- Deb, Sister of *Pam Dickson
- Tyler, Recovering from Burns, and His Family Supporting Him
- Kim, Healing, Sister of *Paul Schmidt
- Belle, Cancer Return, Healing
- Laurie, Hospitalized, Healing
- *Jackson Lonseth
- Tim, Healing, Brother of *Faith Shaw
- Jeri Breitsprecher, Hip Replacement Surgery, Mother of *Sue Campau
- Knox, Matt, Fran, Kathy, Nove, Bob, Kay, Carol, Jim, Barb, Dale, Graydon, Tim, Timmy, Justin, Red, Jackson, Dennis, Olevia, Jessica, Don, James, Gary, Gene, Lois, Brian, Kevin, Keith, Mark, Sam, Carlton, Anna, Anne, Patty, Skylar, Doug, Alice, Melissa, Stephen, Sandy, Sam, Dana, Joe, Janet, Del, Linda, Rosemary, Richard, Jean, Amanda, Lorraine, Paul, Kelly, Denise, John, Catherine, Harold, Ken, Lauren, Carter, Mara, Eric, Gerri, Chuck, Michell, Sue, Fran, Jack, Michelle

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Johnny Gilliam, Friend of *Sandy Douglas
- Family and Friends of Patrick Barefoot, Especially Friends Brandon and Jason Boyer

- Family and Friends of Chad Smalley, Husband of Carolyn Shimmel Smalley, Niece of *Bob Shimmel
- Family and Friends of *Lorraine Keifer, Mother of *Lana Zieglmeier
- Family and Friends of *Lisa Cullen Whynot, Daughter of *Emmy and *Marty Cullen, Mother of John and Edward
- Family and Friends of Roger Haerther, Uncle of *Juli Blanke

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, WV, Especially the Recent Flooding in TX
- 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, Especially the Community of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
- Dorothy Conners and Her Family
- *Jim and *Thelma Rhodes
- *Anita Moore and Family
- Rundel Family
- Our Government and Leaders, Ease Tensions
- Rebecca, Moving from Maine

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
- Pastor Alan Shaw, Intentional Interim Pastor at Peace Lutheran Church, Goldsboro NC
- 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, Currently Serving on a 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**

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