

# **Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

## **February 20, 2022**

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*Pastor's Corner for February 20-26*

### **Doing Mercy**

#### **(Epiphany 7: Luke 6:27-38)**

When my brother and I were little, we never ate dinner around the TV like my friends often did (and I remember envying them at the time!). Dinners in the Blanke household were opportunities to talk together without distractions. Everyone (including the family dog) would gather around the kitchen table. We would sit down to eat and wait for everyone to finish before getting up to be excused... returning to the table again for a family devotion. At times, my older brother and I would get bored while Mom and my sister were eating. One of us would give the other a friendly tap on the arm with our fist or an elbow bump in the side. Then the

other guy would tap or bump back. The “rules” to this game were to keep the action/reaction balanced. More often than not, however, one of us would up the ante with a bruise producing pound, or a fist enhanced by a protruding knuckle. What started out as playful quickly got out of hand. Backing down, you see, wasn’t an option. Backing down or giving in meant you lost the game!

Whenever or wherever people rub shoulders with one another, the rules governing human interaction— however those rules are defined— get broken, sooner or later. Showing mercy to the rule breaker appears to be “losing.” In our text this weekend Jesus calls us to love justice while doing mercy. His is not a call to ignore the rules. It is rather, when all is said and done, to rely on God’s power to still love the rule-breaker and lean into God’s strength to forgive. It is a call to obedience WE cannot fulfill by our own strength! But Jesus at work in us, can. Jesus at work in us, does. After all, in Christ Jesus, God has already forgiven our rule-breaking and extended mercy to each and every one of us. Receiving Jesus again this weekend, we show mercy to others as followers of the One who first extended mercy to us.

### **Resurrection Lutheran School Principal Call Update**

The RLS call committee tasked with recommending a candidate as principal for Resurrection Lutheran School has been hard at work. Three candidates have been identified who have agreed to place their names into consideration:

Meredith Binnie (currently Principal at St. Paul’s Lutheran School, San Diego CA)

Eric Frisco (currently Principal at Redeemer Lutheran School, Kokomo IN)

Wendy Morris (currently Principal at Immanuel Lutheran School, Olivette, MO)

The Call Committee has finalized interview questions for these candidates and will begin scheduling interviews with them next week. Please keep this ongoing process in your prayers.

Peace and joy in Christ,  
Pastor Jonathan



## *Prayers of the Church*

[click here](#)



## *Worship Bulletins*

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### All We Need is Love

Do we overuse the word love, or do we not use it enough? As Christians, do we grasp the immensity of the love that God has given us and the love that we are called to give to others? Throughout the rest of January and into February, we will be taking a closer look at 1 Corinthians 12-13 and three specific stories from Luke's gospel that will guide us as the Body of Christ in the ways that the love of God unites us as His children, as well as how it sends us into service to one another and to those God has placed around us. God is love. He is a love that is greater than anything that we could ever imagine, and He is the love that makes us one as the Body of Christ for the Mission of Christ to bring love to the world.

**February 20 - Love Is All We Need, 6: Called to Love Justice, Do Mercy**

**- Luke 6:27-38**

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**March 2**

**8:45 am in the Sanctuary\***

Imposition of Ashes with Resurrection Lutheran School

**7:00 pm in the Sanctuary**

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

\*Morning service will be live streamed

at [youtube.com/resurrectionlutheranchurchcarync](https://youtube.com/resurrectionlutheranchurchcarync).

*for you are dust, and to dust you shall return*

*Genesis 3:19*

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 26 at 8:00 am

Fellowship Hall



Come gather for fellowship, food, and message.  
All men welcome.

Contact Tom Gebbia or [mens-ministry@rlcary.org](mailto:mens-ministry@rlcary.org).

We will be collecting Mites for Missions  
at all services this weekend, February 19/20.

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 W. Lochmere Dr.,  
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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**Sunday Morning  
Adult Christian Education Class**



**Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am  
January 9-March 13**

We will be looking at three short letters (books) of the New Testament; Paul's letters to Philemon and to Titus, and Jude's letter to the early Church. Why these three letters? The short answer is, "Why not!" They are somewhat neglected in our reading of Scripture, but they contain some important messages and warnings for us as a Church. Philemon has drawn criticism over the years because of its apparent failure to attack the issue of slavery within Christianity. We will look at this issue as well as a possible explanation of why this letter was included in the New Testament. Jude and Titus contain warnings to the early Church about heresies that were infiltrating the Church; these same heresies we may find still exist today. Led by Bill Xenakis.

We are currently looking at Titus. No need to register, just join us on Sunday morning in the **Fellowship Hall!**

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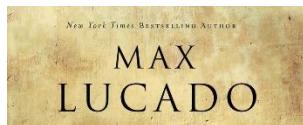
## **Something New on Sunday Mornings!**

We're adding an additional time period for Adult Christian Education on Sunday mornings. The new class, *The Path to the Cross*, is a Ray VanderLaan video class and will be offered 10:45-11:45 am. Those attending the 9:30 service will particularly welcome this class to start after the 9:30 service and past the time when the Pastors and Bill Xenakis offer classes. Mindy Stephani will lead this new class. There's nothing to buy but do bring your Bible and a pen. You can sign up at the first class. It will be in the Fellowship Hall.

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## **Monday Night Women's Bible Study: New Study**

**Life Lessons from Acts: Christ's Church in the World (2018) by Max Lucado**  
**February 21-May 23**



This updated edition of the popular New Testament series by Max Lucado will offer readers intriguing questions, inspirational storytelling, and profound reflections, and will bring God's Word to life for both individuals and small group members. Each session now includes a key passage of Scripture from both the NIV (formerly NCV) and the NKJV, and the guides have been updated to include content from Max's recent releases (2007-2016).

The study book is available from either Amazon or [christianbook.com](http://christianbook.com). There is also a Kindle version available through Amazon. Contact Jamee Thieme through RCB or the church office to join the group.

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### **Sanctity of Life**

Time is running out. If you didn't get a bottle yet, not to worry. You can still pick one up this weekend. But keep in mind that **February 27 is the last day** of the fundraiser. If you have filled your bottle, you do not have to wait until the 27th to turn it in; you can turn it in any time before then. In fact, if you filled one bottle, help yourself to a second. The boxes are on the tables for the bottle returns. You will recognize the box as it has a hole in the top. Also, keep in mind, if you are donating by check, the check should be made payable to Gateway Women's Care. You may return the check in the bottle, or you can place the check in the collection plate, but make sure it is made out to Gateway. Whether you are able to financially support this fundraiser or not, your prayers for the unborn and their parents would be greatly appreciated.

"You did not choose me but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last" (John 15:16)

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### **RLC Men's Basketball Pickup**

\*Currently on hiatus; player needed. Every Saturday morning (except when conflicting church events). All skill levels welcome, 9th Grade-Adult. Please contact [Eugene Yamamura](#) with interest.

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## RLC Men's Softball

Attention Men: Spring is just around the corner. Time to grab your glove and cleats and join your fellow church members in representing RLC in the Town of Cary's Church League. Games will be played Tuesday and Thursday nights late March through June. If you are interested in joining us for some exercise, fun, and fellowship, please see Adam Brake or send an email to [mens-softball@rlcary.org](mailto:mens-softball@rlcary.org). Practices will start the week of March 14. All sign-ups must be made by March 21.

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## Children and Family Ministry

**Beginning Bibles** will be given to young children (toddlers-7 years) during all services, **February 26/27**. They will be handed out and connected to the Children's Message. Any young children that have not yet received one is welcome to come forward for a Bible. If you have any questions, please let me know.

### Mark Your Calendars for Vacation Bible School (VBS)!

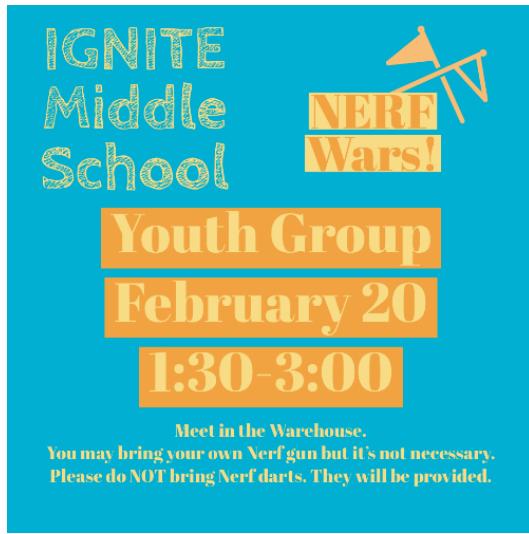
VBS will be held in-person the week of June 13-17. Early registration will open on March 1 with a discounted cost. More details to come. If you are interested in joining the team in any capacity, please reach out to me.

To learn more, [rlcary.org/ministries/children-and-family-ministry](http://rlcary.org/ministries/children-and-family-ministry).

Contact [MaryAnn Unger](#), Director of Children and Family Ministry, with any questions.

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## Student Ministry



Ignite, this Sunday is our Nerf War! Always a favorite, even for me. Your youth can bring their own Nerf guns, however any darts brought on to campus will be considered a donation.

Also, Wednesday Warehouse for Middle School continues this week and next, then we begin our Lenten season. 6:00 pm the Warehouse opens, and youth have the opportunity to play and connect before Confirmation class. Even if your youth has never attended, just come the door is open.



### **National Youth Gathering Calendar Fundraiser**

On the weekends of March 12/13 and 19/20, our National Youth Gathering youth group will be outside of all services asking for sponsorships or even a free will donation, if you prefer, to support their trip to Houston, Texas for NYG on July 8-14, 2022.

The Gathering is an opportunity for youth, 9th-graduating seniors, to share and express their faith through service opportunities, group activities, Bible studies, concerts, worship services all amongst teenagers from the LCMS from all around the US and world. It really is a once in a lifetime experience that costs a lot. We want as many youth as possible to have this opportunity. You can donate with cash, check, or even electronically if you are already doing that (just earmark it as NYG). We are so thankful for your prayers and support. THANK YOU, RLC FAMILY!

For more information regarding Student Ministry, including event calendars for Ignite (middle school youth group) and Breakaway (high school youth group), [rlcary.org/ministries/student-ministry](http://rlcary.org/ministries/student-ministry).  
Contact [Jenny Piontek](#), Youth Director, with any questions.

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## Resurrection Lutheran Preschool



at RLP

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will be offering summer camps for:

#### **3-year-olds**

(children currently attending our 2-yr-old classes are eligible)  
**(MUST** be toilet-trained)

#### **to rising kindergarteners**

**June 6 - 9**

**June 20 - 23**

**June 27 - 30**

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

*Brochures and Registration forms available soon.*

email- [Office@rlpcary.org](mailto:Office@rlpcary.org)

call- **919-851-7270**

## Resurrection Lutheran School



**rlscary.org**

Junior Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

RLS will host a **classroom visit for prospective students entering Kindergarten on February 23** from 9:30-10:30 am. Student Shadow Days can be arranged for older students by contacting Rosie Creasy, Admissions Director, at [admissions@rlscary.org](mailto:admissions@rlscary.org).

**Current RLS Lion's Tale**

*In-Person Services*

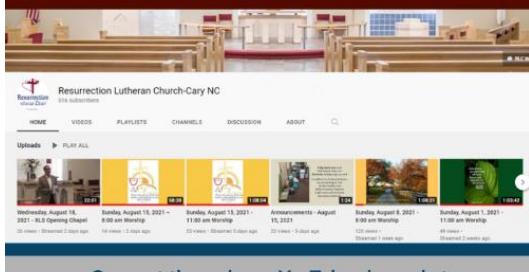


**Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**  
**Saturday, 6:00 pm**  
**Sunday, 8:00 am and 9:30 am**

**Praise Worship  
in the Family Life Center**  
**Sunday, 11:00 am**

*Live Stream Worship*

**Sundays at 8:00 am, 11:00 am**



Resurrection Lutheran Church-Cary NC

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).

## Visual Faith for February 20

## Attendance and Giving

## Church Calendar



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## **Prayers of the Church – February 20, 2022**

*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, \*Eve Sommers, \*David Brooks, \*Anne Altieri, \*Charlotte Raines, \*Eric Hambergren, \*Anita Moore, \*John Shaeffer, \*Vern Ebert, \*Aaron, \*Marcus, \*Malcolm, \*Sandy Nigg, Henry Otten, Michael Flannery, \*Helen Campbell, \*Lena Licciardi, Paul Batt, Peter and Esther Kuo, Marc and Elizabeth Langefeld's Baby Adoption, \*Geoffrey Wiggins, Caitlyn, Mark Zimmerman, Justus Nicolai

### **Ongoing Cancer Treatments**

\*Mike Allen, Anne Price, \*Gary Ferro, Angie Price, Alison Ziegelmeyer, Carol Diliberto, Roseanne Candiello, Jackie, Linda H., Kathy Siemon, Joe Kupsky, Scott Brinkley, \*Bill Xenakis, Chris McLaughlin, Linda, Mark Raines, Jimmy Ketner, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman, Javed, Sue, Kathy

### **For Expectant Moms**

Kate, Amy, Lynn, Molly

*Please pray for the success of the Gateway Baby Bottle Fundraiser,  
but more importantly, let us continue praying for the unborn and their parents.*

### **Those Prayed for on February 13, 2022**

### **Thanking God Today**

- Sanctity of Life Baby Bottle Campaign for Gateway Women's Care
- \*Nathaniel Ilsley, Parents \*John and \*Sarah
- Birthdays and Anniversaries
- Safe Travels
- Family Visits
- Good Health
- Julia, Surgery and Recovery
- Our Many Blessings

### **For Healing**

- All with COVID
- \*Marty and \*Mindy, Right Knee Pain
- \*Becky Berger
- \*Marcia, Fall

- Turner Moss
- Randi, Skylar, Ken, Harold, Herman, Donald, Gavin, Maureen, Dave, Carol, Connie, Ann, Eric

#### **For Those Recovering from Surgeries and/or Procedures**

- \*Randi
- Gary Martin
- Ursula

#### **For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance**

- All Caregivers, Especially Those Caring for Persons with Dementia & Alzheimer's, Sid, Sophia Caregiver; Steve Meyer, Bonnie Caregiver
- RLS and RLP Leadership, Staff, and Families
- For Work of Call Committee for Principal, Wisdom for Next Steps in Process
- Living with Challenges of Life During COVID
- \*Pam Dickson
- Richard Johnson, In Hospice
- Mattie Corbett and Family
- Connie
- RLC Coffeehouse, Decisions About Reopening in March
- \*Daisy, Waiting for Surgery, Scheduled for April
- Sara Wagner, \*Dawn and Family, As They Mourn, and Thanksgiving for Sara's Pastor Gene
- \*Mindy, Sunday Classes and What to Offer
- Niece Undergoing Tests
- Uganda Lutheran Church
- Persecuted Christians
- College Students
- Young Man Under Stress
- For Funds Caught Up in Belarus by the Russian Troops on Their Border with Ukraine

#### **For the Lord's Wisdom, Guidance, Strength for the Health and Well-Being of the People They Serve**

- Pastor Jonathan and Juli, Associate Pastor Zack and Kelsey, Assistant Pastor Alan, Faith and Family, and Area Pastors
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Staff, Youth Leaders

#### **For Our Missionaries**

- \*Mark and Megan Mantey, Uganda
- Shauen and Krista Trump, Kenya
- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia

*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.*

## **Attendance and Giving – February 20, 2022**

### **In-Person Worship Attendance**

#### **Saturday, February 12**

6:00 pm - 48

#### **Sunday, February 13**

8:00 am - 65; 9:30 am - 96; 11:00 am - 70

**Total In-Person Worship: 279**

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

#### **Sunday, February 13**

8:00 am - 125 views              11:00 am - 41 views

**Total Online Views: 166 views**

### **General Fund Giving and Spending - January 2022**

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 81,479.30	\$ 786,198.89
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 109,813.35</u>	<u>\$ 736,146.91</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -28,334.05	\$ 50,051.98

Last Week's Offerings: \$21,472.86

Average Weekly Giving for 2020/21: \$25,361.25

Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2020/21: \$25,735.58

We are grateful for all who are able to maintain financial contributions to our congregation!

There are four ways to make your offering:

- Place in offering plate as you exit the in-person worship service
- Mail to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary, NC 27518
- Online Giving through our church website at [rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving](http://rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving)
- Download the Vanco Mobile app, search for Resurrection Lutheran Church, transfer funds from your checking or savings account to RLC  
(Vanco Mobile replaced GivePlus Mobile on January 31. If you use mobile giving, please refer to this [guide](#) to update to Vanco Mobile.)

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

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