

First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022



Pastor's Corner for March 6-12

Jesus' Victory—Our Strength (Lent 1: Psalm 91:1-13)

The appointed Psalm for this Sunday, Psalm 91, is sometimes referred to as “the Warrior’s Psalm.” It’s an especially appropriate psalm to read at the beginning of Lent. It admits, right up front, that the life of faith is not a walk in the park. There are trials. There are temptations. There is a kind of war to be fought.

One of the images from this past week that sticks with me today is an interview with a young mother who was on her way from her hometown in Ukraine to some place outside the city. She was holding a toddler who’s sweet and trusting face was peeking out from an abundance of winter clothes and snow cap. This mom was telling the reporter how just a week before, she and her family were living at peace. Now their home could no longer be considered safe. That heartbreaking picture of a family feeling helpless in the midst of war evokes the questions behind the words of the Psalmist. Where is there a safe place? Who will come to our rescue?

Jesus does not banish hardship from the world. Yet He has inhabited this world with us in the same human flesh we wear and proved Himself faithful in

confronting and overcoming Evil. He demonstrated that victory in the wilderness but fulfilled it once-and-for-all on Calvary's cross. Where is there a safe place? Who will come to our rescue? As the Psalmist writes, "You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust'" (91:1-2). The Scriptures do not promise us worldly peace and security, but this season of Lent begins with a brand of peace the world cannot give: Jesus' victory over Evil during His time of testing in the wilderness. It's a victory forever fulfilled at the cross.

That victory —Jesus' victory— is our strength. We begin this year's journey to the cross in Him.

Most Recent Mask Recommendation at RLC Discontinued, Starting March 5

Starting this weekend, Saturday March 5, our current mask recommendation ("masks strongly urged") will be lifted. Though masks are still recommended for at-risk individuals desiring to take part in worship or other church activities, we believe that current conditions in our county warrant a change.

- The daily average of new confirmed COVID cases in Wake County for every 100,000 people currently stands at 25, the lowest number since December 8, '21. This was well before the "masks strongly urged" recommendation begun December 24.
- The infection rate for Wake County currently stands at .61%, the lowest it has ever been since the beginning of the pandemic.
- Hospitalizations in Wake County due to COVID are now the lowest they have been since late December.
- Vaccines for those most at risk from COVID have been readily available for some time.
- Treatments for those contracting COVID have greatly improved.

Reserved seating in the sanctuary and Family Life Center for those wishing to maintain social distance will be continued, and masks will still be readily available at the entrance to both locations for those desiring access to them. We continue to encourage anyone wishing to receive Holy Communion privately to contact the church office. [For the latest detailed information regarding in-person worship,](#)

[please see our church website by clicking here.](#)

Human Care Offerings for Midweek Lenten Services

RLC members are generous with their time, talent, and treasure! Many thanks for your winter donations to Gateway Women's Care! I wanted to let everyone know that offerings received during Midweek Lenten services this year will go to support two entities: [Hearts for Jesus](#) and Lutheran World Relief. Hearts for Jesus provides solar-powered audio devices with the Bible in the native language of the people who receive them. Contributions to LWR will give special support to folks in need in Ukraine, providing food, shelter, mission quilts and kits for families who fled their homes, as well as medicine and supplies for clinics. If you would like to donate directly to LWR before March 15 and take advantage of having your contribution doubled, [I invite you to go directly to this link](#) to make your donation.

Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan

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*Prayers
of the Church*

Worship Bulletins

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Jesus' Victory, Our Strength

Jesus' journey (ministry) begins with the temptation in the wilderness. Throughout His entire journey, He always knew He was going to His death. Along the way, Jesus continued to show us the way to be in relationship with Him. Dependability on the protection of the Son, the gift of repentance and reception of forgiveness, the undeserved and unending generosity of the Father, and the finality of the death of our Savior which is for the decimation of our sins. During this Lenten season, we will journey with Jesus to the cross where His victory became our strength.



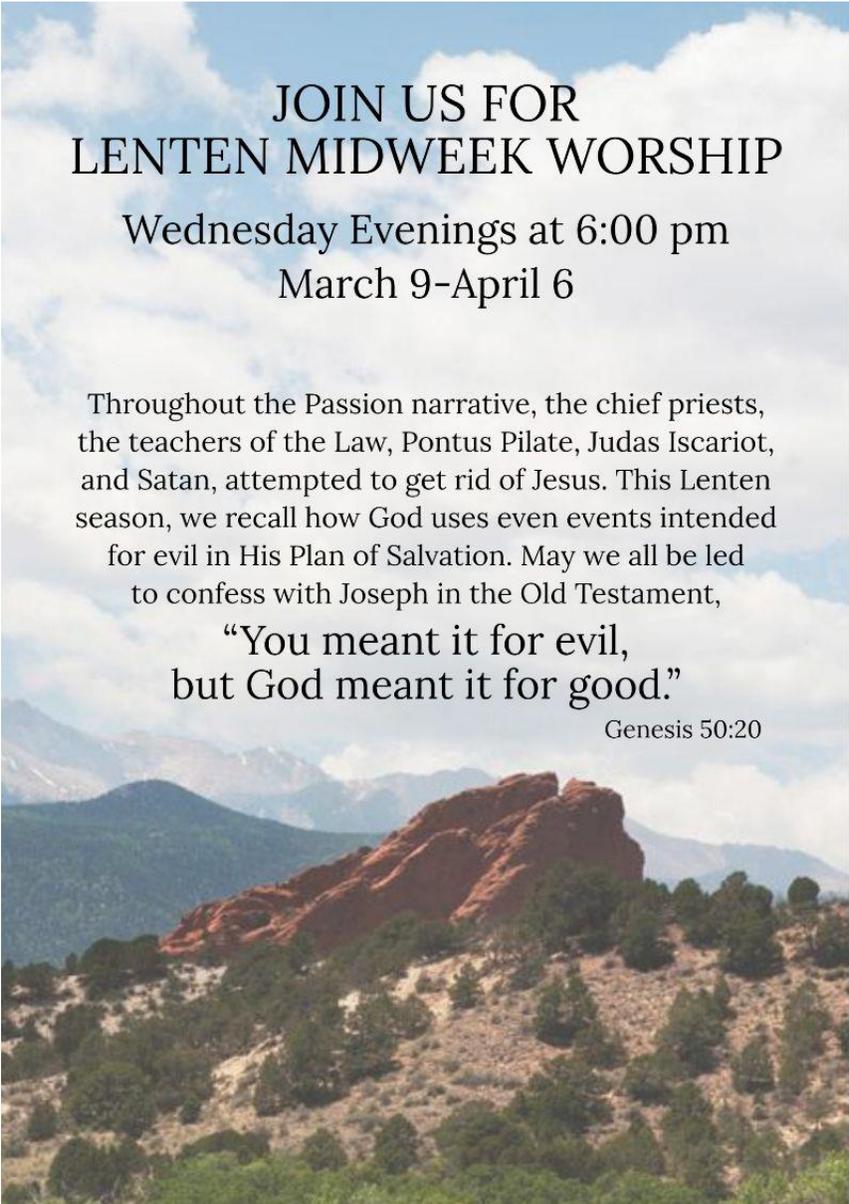
Sunday, March 6 ~ No Doubt ~ Luke 4:1-13

Jesus tempted by the devil in the wilderness. In the midst of utter loneliness, hunger, and thirst, Christ uses all that He has in defense against the temptations of the devil. He goes to Scripture, the gift that He must use to defend Himself against the ways of the devil. The power of Scripture is enough to withstand even the temptations of Satan himself. This powerful weapon has been given to us for this same purpose.

Permanent Camera Installation Fundraiser

The RLC Council members are speaking briefly at all services this week to celebrate with you the gift of technology, and how God has used it to draw us together and around Christ. For the last two years, RLC has used a temporary system of live streaming that has allowed us to serve the homebound members of our church community, to reach out to newcomers and Christian seekers in our area who are looking for a church home, and to introduce Jesus through music and other activities here to unchurched folks visiting us on [our church's YouTube channel](#). Now, what has been a temporary system, RLC members approved last year to make more permanent! Thanks to your generous support of this project, we have already raised over \$70,000 for a system of permanent cameras and accompanying hardware for the main sanctuary and Family Life Center. We still need \$40,000 to

gather the funds necessary to make this plan a reality. If you haven't already done so, we invite you to join us as at RLC in supporting the upgrade to our present live streaming equipment. Please prayerfully consider and use the envelope distributed at worship or the [online giving webpage](#) (please indicate live stream) to make a donation to this project. Thank you!



JOIN US FOR
LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 pm
March 9-April 6

Throughout the Passion narrative, the chief priests, the teachers of the Law, Pontus Pilate, Judas Iscariot, and Satan, attempted to get rid of Jesus. This Lenten season, we recall how God uses even events intended for evil in His Plan of Salvation. May we all be led to confess with Joseph in the Old Testament,

**“You meant it for evil,
but God meant it for good.”**

Genesis 50:20

Sanctity of Life

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Our journey is completed. Our fundraiser for Gateway Women's Care has reached a successful conclusion and there are many to thank for that success. I will list some and pray that I don't forget anyone as there were so many involved. I start with Pastor Jonathan for his guidance and support. And Pastors Zach and Alan for their support. Thanks go to John and Virginia Heilman for collecting the bottles at the Saturday services. Special thanks to MaryAnn Unger who informed us that Resurrection Lutheran School had taken part in this fundraiser in the past, which prompted us to approach Bob Unger about the possibility of the school taking part. And we thank Bob and the staff and faculty at the school for their involvement and support. Dara Linn is thanked for the wonderful calligraphy she displayed in making up posters for the collections. We thank the office staff, especially Margaret Hyatt for her guidance and help. And I do want to thank Susan Moore for her patience in waiting for the weekly articles the Committee prepared. Special kudos to Garrett Nigg for setting up and taking down and providing the needed information on what was done in the past. And special thanks to all of you who participated with prayer and donations. EVERY PENNY HELPS towards helping the unborn and their parents. Because of all your help and support, we raised \$8,387.54.

Thanks to all from Kathy, Fran and Bill.

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



Veterans Lunch Crew

**Wednesday, March 9
at 12:00 pm**

IHOP
1301 Kildaire Farm Road, Cary

RSVP through RCB

**New Sunday Morning
Adult Christian Education Class**

**The Path To The Cross
Sundays, 10:45-11:45 am
Beginning March 20**

Thy Kingdom Come. Thy Will Be Done. God's story continues in this Faith Lessons with Ray Vander Laan with the intense devotion of his people. Discover how their passionate faith prepares the way for Jesus and his ultimate act of obedience and sacrifice at the cross. Then, be challenged in your own life to live as they did—by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Join us beginning March 20 from 10:45-11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall, led by Mindy Stephani.

**New Sunday Morning
Adult Christian Education Class**

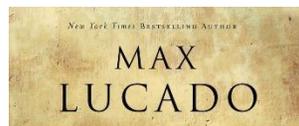
**Nurturing Your Faith
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am
Beginning March 27**

What has God called you to do? Well, we've been called by God to live out our faith in this world. But what does that look like? This is a question all Christians struggle with throughout our faith lives. How does my faith grow? How do I live out my faith? In this upcoming Bible study, we will take a deeper look at how God continues to work in our lives and encourages us to participate with Him in His gifts. As we have been called by God to live in a relationship with Him, we also follow His guidance in how to live out that faith through forgiveness and prayer, two actions that we see Jesus take part in throughout His ministry.

Join us beginning March 27 from 9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall, for this fun and strengthening study team led by Pastor Jonathan and Pastor Zach!

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

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



LIFE LESSONS *from*
ACTS



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. There is also a Kindle version available through Amazon. Contact Jamee Thieme through RCB or the church office to join the group.

20th Year - Coffeehouse - Friday, March 11

The Coffeehouse will happen for March - Friday, March 11 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center!

We are looking for lots of volunteers to make our guests feel welcome. The Coffeehouse guests are special needs adults. And we have light food and music - this time a favorite, *Old Play*, will play for us! We need setter uppers (for FLC room and food), servers, greeters, minglers, and cleaner uppers. We are setting up as early as 5:00 pm. Please come to help! It is so much fun! Sign

Up: <https://bit.ly/3kqoHGN>

Questions? Contact Brenda Peterson or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

Easter Flowers

Easter flowers will be used for the Easter services. Choose from 6" Lily (\$15), 6" Hydrangea (\$20), and 8" Azalea (\$25). Order forms are available in the Narthex and Family Life Center. All orders and payment need to be **received by Sunday, March 20**. Place in Linda Merrill/Office mailbox. Please make checks payable to RLC. You may pick up your plants to take home after the last Easter Service on April 17. The plants will be provided by Fairview Garden Center.

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. Practices will start the week of March 14. All sign-ups must be made by March 21.

Children and Family Ministry

Our next **K.I.C.K.S. (Kids In Christ Keep Shining) Event will be Friday, March 18** from 6:00-7:15 pm in the Gym, Family Life Center. This month's event is March Madness! We will play some basketball - fun for even non-basketball players. We will also have a Lent devotion and talk about some of the madness that exists in our world, how prayer is important and something we can do together, with our family, or even alone. Hope to see lots of 3rd-5th graders! Wear comfortable clothes and gym shoes would be very helpful. Please RSVP to MaryAnn Unger at maryann.unger@rlcary.org or text me (cell number in RCB).

Sunday School

Just a reminder that on **Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am**, there are classes available for older 2-year-olds through 8th grade in the Family Life Center. We are very blessed and grateful to have dedicated, loving, and caring teachers. We are always welcome for anyone wanting to fill in as a substitute when needed, or to be an extra adult in the classrooms. It would be a great way for you to see what we do in Sunday School and the teachers would benefit from your assistance. During the season of Lent, the Sunday School kids will have the opportunity to do some craft projects. This would be another area that extra hands would be appreciated. Students in this age range are welcome to join us at any time! It is okay if you want to start as soon as this week or even next month.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Monday, June 13-Friday, June 17
9:00 am-12:00 pm

We are so excited to be meeting in person again for Vacation Bible School this summer! This year, we will go on an epic railway adventure that encounters Jesus' power! Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

All children ages 3 through rising 5th grade are invited to climb aboard for this year's amazing week in God's Word. **Registration is open!** Please use online form at rlcary.org/ministries/vacation-bible-school.

To learn more about these programs, rlcary.org/ministries/children-and-family-ministry. Contact MaryAnn Unger, Director of Children and Family Ministry, at maryann.unger@rlcary.org with any questions.

Student Ministry

I love this time of year that is filled with the promise of so many new and wonderful opportunities. It's so easy to see the amazing way our God blesses us daily with new growth, new hope, and the beautiful sunshine. So we continue to spring ahead into all the upcoming events!

No Wednesday Warehouse for Middle School during the season of Lent. There is a midweek service at 6:00 pm, hope to see you there!

Connection Cafe (Sunday School for High School) is at 9:30am on Sunday mornings in The Warehouse, Room 253 of the Family Life Center. It's never too late to start! We just started our Harry Potter series.

Breakaway
High School Youth Ministry

**CELEBRATING
CREATION!** 

**Sunday, March 6th
@ 6:30pm - 8:00pm**

 *Created from dust and
to dust we shall return.*

**IGNITE
Middle School**

Sunday School
Sundays @ 9:30am

YOUTH GROUP
Sunday, March 20th
2:00 - 3:30pm

 NO Wednesday Warehouse! Hope to see
you in the Lenten services! 

**BREAKAWAY
March Events:**

HS Youth Group:
Sundays @ 6:30pm - 8:00pm

March 6 Creation
March 13 NO BREAKAWAY
March 20 Volleyball/Open Gym
March 27 TBD

 Open Leadership
Meeting!
Come check us out
and be part of the
change!
Sunday, March 20th
@ 5:15pm

**Spirit Sunday
March 13th!**
@ 9:30am

**NYG: March 13
6:30 - 8:00pm**

*Connection
Cafe
Sundays
@ 9:30am!*

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. Contact [Jenny Piontek](#), Youth Director, with any questions.



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Resurrection Lutheran Preschool



Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

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

call- **919-851-7270**

Resurrection Lutheran School



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Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

MathCounts (6th-8th Grade)

Competition math returned to RLS Middle School in January. Our 2022 MathCounts team has been busy learning to tackle HARD math word problems while having fun with games, puzzles, and a few treats. The Raleigh area chapter competition was held online on February 17. **Congratulations to Jonah Robison, RLS' top scorer in that event!** The MathCounts team will continue to meet through the spring, finishing up the season with a school competition in May. Middle School parents, stay tuned for details on a Pi Day (March 14) lunch fundraiser to raise money for the MathCounts foundation. We are proud of all eight of our mathletes, who are living proof that math can be fun!

[Current RLS Lion's Tale](#)

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars now for the **Camp Agape Golf Outing on Monday, April 25** at

the Lochmere Golf Club. All are welcome! Lots of fun and fellowship, and a great fundraiser for Camp Agape!

More details to come. Contact Brenda Peterson or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

In-Person Services

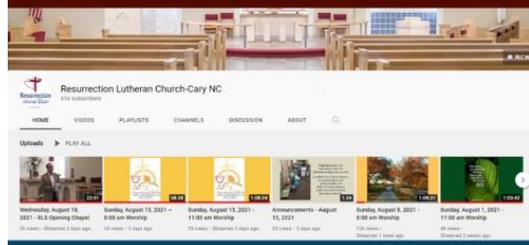


Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
Saturday, 6:00 pm
Sunday, 8:00 am and 9:30 am

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

Live Stream Worship

Sundays at 8:00 am, 11:00 am



Connect through our YouTube channel at youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC
or through our website at rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship.

Visual Faith for March 6

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – March 13, 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 Hammergren, *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 Zieglmeier, Carol Diliberto, Roseanne Candiello, Jackie, Linda H., Kathy Siemon, Joe Kupsky, Scott Brinkley, *Bill Xenakis, Chris McLaughlin, Linda, Jimmy Ketner, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman, Javed, Sue, Kathy

For Expectant Moms

Kate, Amy, Lynn, Molly

Those Prayed for on March 13, 2022

Thanking God Today

- The Coffeehouse, March 11th
- Birthdays and Anniversaries
- Safe Travels
- Our RLC Family
- *Bob Unger, Especially His Interim School Leadership of RLS
- Barry, Successful Surgery
- Our Many Blessings
- Amy, Donating Stem Cells

For Healing

- Adam, Surgery for Tumor Removal
- *Becky Berger
- *Mindy, Upcoming Back Procedure in March
- *Joe and *Sandy Parks
- Randi, Justice, Red, Brian, Tim, Dave, Mark, Timmy, Carlton, Carol, Anne, Anna, Ann Marie (Hospice), Skylar, William, Jane, Gavin, Don, Ken, Linda, Eric, Dennis

For Comfort

- Family of Martin Thieme, Cousin of *Jamee Thieme
- Family of Ron, Father of *Michael Lubak

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- People of Ukraine
- For Work of Call Committee for RLS Principal, Interviews with Potential Candidates
- *Randi and Barry Munns
- Mattie Corbett
- Bev, In Nursing Home (*Dawn's Aunt)
- Children in School, Especially Balancing Academics and Activities
- Persecuted Christians
- Billy and Susan, Loss of Loved One
- Loren and Family
- Peaceful Resolution to the Conflict in Europe
- Our Deployed Military Along the Ukraine Border

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 – March 13, 2022

In-Person Worship Attendance

Ash Wednesday, March 2

8:45 am - 98; 7:00 pm - 150

Saturday, March 5

6:00 pm - 46

Sunday, March 6

8:00 am - 92; 9:30 am - 97; 11:00 am - 83

Total In-Person Worship: 566

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Ash Wednesday, March 2

8:45 am - 91 views

Sunday, March 6

8:00 am - 119 views 11:00 am - 49 views

Total Online Views: 259 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: \$26,643.38

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
- 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.

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